



Islands Trust Conservancy

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Electronic Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present Kate-Louise Stamford, Chair
Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair
Doug Fenton
Linda Adams

Board Members Regrets Donald Clarke

Staff Present Kate Emmings, Islands Trust Conservancy Manager
Carla Funk, Acting Fundraising Specialist
Corlynn Strachan, Administrative Assistant/Recorder
Devin Hentschel, Conservation Technician
Kathryn Martell, Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Wendy Tyrrell, Species at Risk Program Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stamford called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the territory of many Coast Salish peoples and noted it is import to speak to the devastating yet sadly unsurprising news that 160 undocumented and unmarked graves have been discovered on the grounds of the old Kuper Island residential school, on what is now Penelakut Island. I hope we can find ways as an organization and as part of our island communities to acknowledge the effect of the ongoing trauma that the residential school system has had on our friends, neighbours, staff and community members who are First Nations. May we never become immune to these atrocious discoveries.

1.1 Staff Updates

The Islands Trust Conservancy Manager welcomed Wendy Tyrrell as the new Species at Risk Program Coordinator.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.1 Resolution to Call a Special Meeting
- 3.2.1 Board Appointment Update

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

3. MINUTES/COORDINATION

3.1 Minutes of Meetings/Resolutions without Meetings

3.1.1 Approval of the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following amendment to the minutes was presented for consideration:

Item 1.0 Call to Order - change unseeded to unceded

By general consent, the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.2 Follow-up Action List

The Islands Trust Conservancy Manager advised there is a revised Follow-up Action List due to a glitch in the database, and provided verbal updates on the following items:

- The Islands Trust Conservancy Chair signed the lease agreement for Saturnina Island and staff are waiting for confirmation of registration.
- The Sidney Island Ecological Restoration Plan is delayed until August.
- The annual report text went through and staff received a draft mock up from the designer. We are waiting the audit report, as the auditor was not able to complete for today, main driver of special meeting required.
- Request to Trust Council for sponsorship policy of NAPTEP applications, for NAPTEP fees, to be presented at September Trust Council meeting.

3.2.1 Board Appointment Update

Staff provided the required documents to the Crown Agency and Board Resourcing Office. The Minister decided on two of three appointees, and for the third, elected to put out a posting for someone with First Nations expertise. We hope to have two appointed Board members by the end of August.

4. RISE AND REPORT

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board reported on the following items:

4.1 ITC-IC-2021-022 Saturnina Island

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board entered into a lease agreement with the BC Parks Foundation for Saturnina Island.

5. AUDIT REPORT APPROVAL

The Islands Trust Conservancy Manager noted the audit has been delayed and as a result, a special meeting is required to approve the audit document.

5.1 Resolution to Call a Special Meeting

ITC-2021-026

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Islands Trust Conservancy Board direct staff to schedule a Special Meeting of the Islands Trust Conservancy Board for August 24th, 2021.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Items for Approval

None

6.2 Items for Discussion/Direction

6.2.1 Islands Trust Conservancy - Executive Committee Liaison Meeting

Board members reviewed the agenda and noted the following items for discussion during the round table:

- Update on Howe Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve nomination - discussion of a plan for public relations announcements and statements of support, and how we would like forward those, through the Conservancy or the Trust as a whole. Passed stage five of the process and there is one more step of a formal declaration. There will be a Howe Sound Community Forum held on Bowen Island September 22nd.
- Sensitive Ecosystems Mapping – Metro Vancouver
- Island Trust Policy Statement Amendment – how ITC will be reflected and perceived in engagement process

6.2.2 Saturnina Island Update

Chair Stamford briefed Board members on attendance of a recent Saturnina Island event hosted by BC Parks Foundation, noting the Islands Trust Conservancy were guests and highlighting the event was well attended by press, students, and donors.

Board members and staff discussed the role of the Islands Trust Conservancy partnership with BC Parks Foundation, potential for land securement and support of land management, consideration of debriefing to discuss how to improve, inclusion of Snuneymuxh First Nations in process, and suggested sending thank you cards to students and the Wilson Five Foundation.

6.3 Correspondence

6.3.1 Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy Crown Land Letter, dated July 6, 2021

The Board received the correspondence for information and directed staff to provide further guidance on a response at a future Islands Trust Conservancy meeting.

ITC-IC-2021-027

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Islands Trust Conservancy Board direct staff to provide a briefing on the status of the Crown Land Acquisition Program.

CARRIED

6.4 Updates for Information

6.4.1 Public Acquisitions Report

The Ecosystem Protection Specialist provided an update on the Crystal Mountain file, noting a recent site visit to look at lot changes and the pagoda.

6.4.2 Public Covenants Report

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board reviewed the Public Covenants Report for information.

6.4.3 Regional Conservation Plan Progress Report

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board reviewed the Regional Conservation Plan Progress Report for information.

Board members discussed possible impacts of the recent “heat dome” on forage fish in the Islands Trust area and the Salish Sea, and suggested the “heat dome” event could be listed as an event and indicator to monitoring.

6.4.4 Budget Report

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board reviewed the Budget Report for information.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DELGATIONS

There were no public comments or delegations.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

10. CLOSED MEETING

10.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

ITC-2021-028

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4 Division 3, section: 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Islands Trust Conservancy board; and that staff be invited to remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.

Kate-Louise Stamford, Chair

Certified Correct:

Corlynn Strachan, Recorder

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