



Islands Trust Conservancy Board Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: Friday, January 30, 2026
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Electronic Meeting

Board Members Present Lisa Gauvreau, Chair
Tanner Timothy | nənqəm, Vice Chair
Tobi Elliott, Trustee
Jeannine Georgeson, Trustee
Risa Smith, Trustee

Regrets Susan Yates, Trustee

Staff Present Wendy Tyrrell, Manager, Islands Trust Conservancy
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Jill Allan, Acting Administrative Assistant, Recorder
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor
Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Gauvreau acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territories of the Coast Salish First Nations and initiated introductions.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Introduction of New Items

3.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

4. RISE AND REPORT DECISIONS

None

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Items for Approval

6.1.1 Islands Trust Policy Statement (Bylaw No. TC 183) Request For Decision

ADOPTED

Manager Tyrrell presented the Request for Decision. Discussion ensued:

- Discussion and editing of response recommendations from staff;
- Scope of the ITC Board's area of interest to comment on, what lens to consider from;
- Islands Trust Conservancy as an arm of the Islands Trust responsible for commenting in relations to its responsibilities for acquiring, managing and disposing of lands and properties, according to the Islands Trust Act and those items impacting the conservation of biodiversity; and
- Acknowledging Trust Council and staff for all the work put into the draft Policy Statement.

ITC-2026-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy Board indicate to the Islands Trust Council that it recommends approval of Islands Trust Council Draft Bylaw 183, Islands Trust Policy Statement with the following recommendations to consider:

1. That Part 1: Islands Trust Act (page 4) include the following paragraph:
"The Islands Trust Conservancy was established by the British Columbia provincial government in 1990 as a regional land trust and the conservation arm of the Islands Trust. The work of the Islands Trust Conservancy Board is guided by the Islands Trust Conservancy Five-year Plan, which is approved by the Minister of Municipal Housing and Affairs under Section 44 of the Islands Trust Act."
2. That section 2.3.1 - Cooperation Principles (page 10) be revised as suggested:
"To collaborate closely with the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, and be informed by, local Indigenous knowledge, science-based conservation planning, ecosystem mapping, identification of core conservation areas, protected area networks, and protection of species and ecosystems at risk, including critical habitat."
3. That terms and phrases be clarified relating to the concepts of biology, ecology, climate change, habitat restoration, habitat fragmentation, environment and sustainable communities looking to definitions used in BC statutes and regulations as examples (e.g., Environmental Management Act, Water Sustainability Act, etc.): these Acts include statutory definitions for environmental terms.

CARRIED

ITC-2026-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy Board indicate to the Islands Trust Council that it recommends approval of Islands Trust Council Draft Bylaw 183, Islands Trust Policy Statement with the following additional recommendations to consider:

1. A new General Guiding Principle on climate change adaptation and mitigation should be added.

ADOPTED

2. That wording in Goal 3 should include the health of natural ecosystems as a high priority.
3. The importance of protecting a minimum of 30% of the land and water in the Trust Area should appear in an appropriate section in the Policy Statement.
4. That Directive Policy 3.4.1 Sustainable Development include consideration of the ecological integrity of each island and the ability of the natural ecosystems to support particular developments.
5. Consider adding a new section, such as a commitment of Trust Council, which includes long-standing advocacy positions such as: no fixed links between Vancouver Island and the islands in the Trust Area (i.e. a no bridge policy), the elimination of clear-cut logging of old growth forests, opposition to large vessel anchorages in the Salish Seas and stronger tools for the protection of biodiversity.
6. That Advisory Policy 3.5.6 on Freshwater Use be made a Directive Policy.
7. That Directive Policy 3.4.3 Impacts of Development be amended to read: Consider the impacts on ecosystem services provided by the natural environment, aesthetic, environmental, and social impacts of development.

CARRIED

ITC-2026-013

It is MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy considers that policies and principles relating to Trust Council's reconciliation commitments and working towards collaborative governance with Indigenous Governing Bodies [Guiding Principles 2.1.1, 2.1.2, Reconciliation Principles, and Cooperation Principle 2.3.3] are well within the Islands Trust's mandate, jurisdiction and the interest of Islands Trust Conservancy to advance.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Islands Trust Conservancy's 2026-27 Budget Review Request - FPC

Manager Tyrrell presented the Budget Review Request briefing from the Financial Planning Committee (FPC). Discussion ensued:

- Discussion on staff-recommended cuts;
- Concerns about delaying the proposed part-time permanent Indigenous Relations Advisor position just when Five-year Plan engagement is getting underway;
- Implications of using the Property Management Fund to offset taxation; and
- Any cut to the budget would have implications and will affect the Conservancy's work.

ITC-2026-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board request staff to reduce ITC's 2026-27 Proposed Budget by:

ADOPTED

- a. Delaying the start date of the proposed Indigenous Relations Advisor position from June 1, 2026 to October 1, 2026 providing an approximate reduction to the budget of \$32, 661.

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ITC-2026-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board request staff to reduce ITC's 2026-27 Proposed Budget by:

- b. Reducing in-person ITC Board meetings from two to one, providing an approximate reduction to the budget of \$2,200.

CARRIED

ITC-2026-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board request staff to reduce ITC's 2026-27 Proposed Budget by

- c. Reducing the Professional Services budget line (56100-210) by approximately \$3,000.

CARRIED

ITC-2026-017

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board request staff to reduce ITC's 2026-27 Proposed Budget by:

- d. Allocating 12% of ITC's Property Management Fund to offset the Protected Areas Management Operations budget line (61300-210) by \$21,347.83.

CARRIED

ITC-2026-018

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Islands Trust Conservancy Board approve the revised proposed 2026/27 ITC Budget as amended and direct staff to provide it to the Director of Administrative Services and the Director of Trust Area Services for inclusion in the Islands Trust draft 2026/27 budget.

CARRIED

6.2 Correspondence

None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DELGATIONS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Lisa Gauvreau added a new item: To have the Islands Trust Conservancy send a letter to Trust Council in support of funding for a Registered Biologist on staff.

ITC-2026-019

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Islands Trust Conservancy Board requests the Chair to send a letter to Trust

ADOPTED

Council expressing support for the funding of a full-time Registered Professional Biologist position in the 2026/2027 budget.

CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026.

10. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Lisa Gauvreau, Chair

Certified Correct:

Wendy Tyrrell/Manager, Islands Trust Conservancy