



## Trust Council Committee of the Whole Minutes of a Regular Meeting

**Date:** February 21, 2025  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Executive Members Present:**

1. Peter Luckham, Trust Council Chair, Thetis Trustee
2. Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee
3. David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
4. Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee

**Members Present:**

5. Kristina Evans, Acting-Chair, South Pender Trustee
6. Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Municipal Trustee
7. Sam Borthwick, Denman Trustee
8. David Graham, Denman Trustee
9. Kate Louise Stamford, Gambier Trustee
10. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Trustee
11. Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee
12. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Trustee
13. Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Trustee
14. Mairead Boland, Saturna Trustee

**Members Regrets:**

15. Judith Gedye, Bowen Municipal Trustee
16. Susan Yates, Gabriola Trustee
17. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Trustee
18. Ben Maberley, Galiano Trustee
19. Joe Bernardo, Gambier Trustee
20. Alex Allen, Hornby Trustee
21. Grant Scott, Hornby Trustee
22. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Trustee
23. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Trustee
24. Lee Middleton, Saturna Trustee
25. Dag Falck, South Pender Trustee
26. Ken Hunter, Thetis Trustee

**Staff Present:**

Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services  
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Policy Advisor  
Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor  
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk  
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

**Others Present:** There was one member of the public in attendance.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Acting Chair Evans acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**By general consent** the agenda was approved as presented.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Draft Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024**

**By general consent** the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2024 were adopted.

**4.2 Draft Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025**

**By general consent** the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025 were adopted.

**4.3 Draft Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025**

Adoption of the February 6, 2025 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 1:29 p.m. which resulted in the number of participants being less than quorum.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was suspended at 1:29 p.m.

Committee of the Whole quorum was reestablished and the meeting resumed at 1:55 p.m.

**5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST**

**5.1 Committee of the Whole Follow Up Action List**

Received for information.

**6. TRUST AREA SERVICES**

**6.1 Hazard Risk Mitigation and Management Policy - Request for Decision**

Item 6.1 was addressed at the February 6, 2025 meeting.

**6.2 Draft new Policy Statement Redline version - For Discussion**

Discussion ensued on the redline version of the Draft Policy Statement and the following comments were noted:

**3.4.16 – Road Systems**

- Local trust committees and island municipalities often include current and future trail networks, bus routes and roads on maps in their Official Community Plans to facilitate

zoning decisions and support grant applications, yet local trust committees do not have authority over the construction or establishment of highways;

- Moving roads away from shorelines due to ocean rise and storm damage, which can mitigate sloughing into the ocean, might be contemplated;
- Island road loops encourage people to drive onto and around an island and then drive off and this impacts small rural communities; therefore, consideration of designing road systems for residents while minimizing ease of vehicle tourism could be considered;
- The Policy Statement might reflect a general principle about how roadways are established; and
- The jurisdictional inability of Islands Trust to establish speed limits was noted.

Discussion moved to item 3.4.14 – Public and Active Transportation Networks and the following comments were recorded:

- Policy that solely directs movement to electric vehicles is not necessarily desirable;
- In future, there may be alternative forms of transportation that are not fossil fuel dependent;
- Desire is to encourage alternative, environmentally, friendly vehicles; and
- The main issues are carbon dioxide emissions; and encouragement of low emission or zero emission methods of transportation.

**TC-COW-018**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott,** that Committee of the Whole request Trust Council amend draft Trust Policy Statement Item No. 3.4.14 by replacing the term “electric vehicles” with term “zero emission modes of transportation”.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Luckham and Trustee Elliott left the meeting at 2:14 p.m. which resulted in the number of participants being less than quorum.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was suspended at 2:14 p.m.

Committee of the Whole quorum was reestablished and the meeting resumed at 2:23 p.m.

Trustee Peterson left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Discussion continued on item 3.4.16 – Road Systems and it was determined to ask staff to come back with further information for future consideration.

**TC-COW-019**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,** that Committee of the Whole request Executive Committee request staff come back with policy options regarding identification of parts of the local transportation network at risk of damage, degradation, deterioration, and erosion and options for their mitigation or relocation.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Peterson returned to the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

**Directive Policies - Waste**

Committee of the Whole identified the following issues:

- Waste has to be removed from the islands;
- There is a need for transfer and recycling stations as well as safe disposal of hazardous and toxic household materials;
- Many associated islands are not served by ferries and some Land Use Bylaws require residents manage their own disposal, which creates gaps in waste removal;
- Large items such as derelict vehicles, boats, and trailers need to be removed from islands without ferry service by barge and some islands do not have suitable barge landings;
- Policy Statement could encourage the maintenance and replacement of aged out septic systems;
- Waste water and storm drain outflow cause ocean pollution;
- Waste, including polystyrene foam and derelict boat debris, accumulates on beaches;
- Jurisdictional confusion exists because household waste is managed by regional districts, hazardous waste is the responsibility of the individual with the hazard, and sewerage is within the purview of health authorities; and
- Siting of septic systems and directing where gray water goes is part of land use planning and consideration of broadening the term septic system to waste management systems could provide policy flexibility.

Trustee Luckham left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

The goals of the waste policies were discussed and the following points were brought forth:

- The policies should establish facilities that align with provincial health and safety regulations and uphold the Islands Trust mandate; and
- Focus should be on regulations based on best practices through siting.

#### **3.4.17 – Disposal of Waste**

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- A local trust committee is unlikely to zone for waste transfer stations on islands without vehicle ferry service;
- Specificity of vehicle ferry service within the policy language should be removed because barge services can be used to remove waste;
- Waste transfer stations might not be practical on some smaller associated islands; and
- Identifying appropriate potential locations of transfer stations needs to be considered within Official Community Plans.

Trustee Patrick left the meeting at 3:16 p.m. which resulted in the number of participants being less than quorum.

The Committee of the Whole meeting was suspended at 3:16 p.m. and quorum was not reestablished.

**6. CLOSED MEETING** - None

**7. RISE AND REPORT** - None

**8. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled to be held electronically on March 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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**Kristina Evans, Acting Chair**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder**