



Trust Council Committee of the Whole

Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: November 17, 2025

Location: Electronic Meeting

**Executive Members
Present:**

1. Laura Patrick, Chair, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area
2. Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Island Local Trust Area
3. David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Island Local Trust Area
4. Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area

Members Present:

5. Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
6. Judith Gedye, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
7. Sam Borthwick, Denman Island Local Trust Area
8. David Graham, Denman Island Local Trust Area
9. Susan Yates, Gabriola Island Local Trust Area
10. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Island Local Trust Area
11. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Local Trust Area
12. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Local Trust Area
13. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area
14. Kristina Evans, South Pender Island Local Trust Area
15. Dag Falck, South Pender Island Local Trust Area
16. Ken Hunter, Thetis Island Local Trust Area

Members Regrets:

17. Alex Allen, Hornby Island Local Trust Area
18. Grant Scott, Hornby Island Local Trust Area
19. Lee Middleton, Saturna Island Local Trust Area
20. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area

Members Absent:

21. Ben Mabberley, Galiano Island Local Trust Area
22. Joe Bernardo, Gambier Island Local Trust Area
23. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Island Local Trust Area
24. Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trust Area
25. Mairead Boland, Saturna Island Local Trust Area
26. Peter Luckham, Thetis Island Local Trust Area

Staff Present:

Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer
Stefan Cermak, Director of Planning Services
Clare Frater, Director of Trust Area Services
David Marlор, Director, Legislative and Information Services
Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

Others Present:

There were no members of the public present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Patrick 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 July 9, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

By general consent the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of July 9, 2025 were adopted.

5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST

There were no items on the Committee of the Whole Follow Up Action List.

6. CODE OF CONDUCT WORKSHOP - SESSION OUTLINE

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the purpose of the meeting, noted that the BC Provincial Government had announced its intent to introduce legislative changes to codes of conduct for local government in the spring, and indicated Committee of the Whole might choose to wait for details on the legislative changes prior to completing updates on Islands Trust Standards of Conduct policy.

7. CLOSED MEETING

TC-COW-041

It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott, that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:06 a.m. and reopened at 10:44 a.m.

Trustee Falck left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

8. RISE AND REPORT

Chair Patrick noted there was nothing to rise and report.

9. BUSINESS

9.1 Code of Conduct - Discussion

Committee of the Whole discussed next steps regarding recommendations to revise the Islands Trust Standards of Conduct.

Staff noted that the Province has indicated it plans to bring in new legislation in relation to the Code of Conduct in 2026.

Trustee Gauvreau left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

TC-COW-2025-042

It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,

that Committee of the Whole recommend that Executive Committee engage with the Province on Islands Trust inclusion in potential legislation on Code of Conduct, and opportunities for engagement on content.

CARRIED

TC-COW-2025-043

It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,

that Committee of the Whole recommend that Executive Committee request staff monitor provincial legislation and, if new code of conduct legislation is not proposed, or if Islands Trust is not included in the legislation, that an updated draft Code of Conduct policy be advanced for consideration of Trust Council in September 2026.

CARRIED

TC-COW-2025-044

It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,

that Committee of the Whole recommend that Executive Committee request staff to consider amendments to the Standards of Conduct Policy to address the involvement of the Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Committee in the review panel procedures.

CARRIED

10. NEW BUSINESS - none

11. NEXT MEETING

There are no upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings scheduled.

12. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator