



## Islands Trust Council Minutes of a Regular Meeting

**Date:** March 10 to March 12, 2026  
**Location:** Khowutzun Heritage Centre, Comeakin Hall  
200 Cowichan Way, Duncan, BC, V9L 6V2

**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 (electronic attendance)
9. Susan Yates, Gabriola Island Local Trust Area
10. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Island Local Trust Area
11. Ben Mabberley, Galiano Island Local Trust Area
12. Joe Bernardo, Gambier Island Local Trust Area
13. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Local Trust Area
14. Alex Allen, Hornby Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
15. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
16. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
17. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
18. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
19. Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
20. Mairead Boland, Saturna Island Local Trust Area (electronic attendance)
21. Lee Middleton, Saturna Island Local Trust Area
22. Kristina Evans, South Pender Island Local Trust Area
23. Dag Falck, South Pender Island Local Trust Area
24. Ken Hunter, Thetis Island Local Trust Area
25. Peter Luckham, Thetis Island Local Trust Area

**Members Regrets:** 26. Grant Scott, Hornby Island Local Trust Area

**Staff Present:**

Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer  
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services  
Julia Mobbs, Director, Financial and Employee Services  
Joshua Bard, Information Systems Specialist  
Warren Dingman, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Manager  
Tedd Drummond, Information Technology Manager  
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor  
Chris Hutton, Regional Planning Manager  
Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager  
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

**Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator**  
**Morgana van Niekerk, Communications Specialist**  
**Erica Wheeler, Species at Risk Program Coordinator**  
**Patricia Woodruff, Biologist**  
**Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor**  
**Sage Dyck, Technician, Pacific Audio**

**Guests Present:** **Risa Smith, Provincially Appointed Islands Trust Conservancy Board Member**  
**Paul Murray, Brentwood Advisory Group**

**Others Present:** **There were up to 17 members of the public in attendance.**

## **TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2026**

The in-person meeting was recorded, livestreamed, and made available for electronic attendance.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Patrick acknowledged the meeting was being held in the territory of Cowichan Tribes and referenced that in February 2026 Cowichan Valley leaders had issued a [joint statement](#) condemning growing anti-Indigenous racism. Chair Patrick indicated that Islands Trust shares that condemnation. All trustees and staff stood up to signal that they stand with Indigenous Peoples and Cowichan Valley leaders in recognizing that the wellbeing of communities depends on the ability to stand together as humans and neighbours who respect, support, and care for one another.

Chair Patrick introduced Cowichan Tribes Chief Sulsulxumaat Cindy Daniels.

Chief Daniels and Council member Chris Alphonse welcomed Trust Council to the Cowichan Tribes traditional territory and Khowutzun Heritage Cultural Centre.

Trustees introduced themselves and acknowledged the traditional First Nation territory in which area they are elected.

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **3.1 Review of the Agenda**

The following items were added to the agenda by addendum:

- 5.5 2026-02-27 K Watson - 2025 Bowen Island Requisition
- 5.6 2026-03-03 D Wallinger - A Science-based Call for Decisive Deer Population Reduction to Restore Island Ecosystems
- 5.7 2026-03-05 Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust - Urgent Request – Budget Approval for Potential Reimbursement of Application Fee
- 5.8 2026-03-06 L Gauvreau - Request for Reconsideration of Permanent Biologist Position - Islands Trust Conservancy Board

- 7.1.3 Meeting Streaming and Recording – Briefing
- 7.2.5 Ratification of Accessibility Committee Appointments - Request for Decision
- 12.2.1 Request for Trust Council Sponsorship of Temporary Use Permit Application Fee - Request for Decision. Items 12.2.1 and 12.2.2 were subsequently renumbered to 12.2.2 and 12.2.3.

### 3.2 Approval of the Agenda

**By general consent** the agenda and addendum were approved as presented.

## 4. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

### 4.1 Consent Agenda Items

#### 4.1.1 Draft December 2-5, 2025 Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes

THAT Islands Trust Council adopt the minutes as presented.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 4.1.1.

#### 4.1.2 Resolution without Meeting Report

No resolution without meetings have been conducted since the December, 2025 Islands Trust Council Quarterly meeting.

#### 4.1.3 Islands Trust Active Priorities Chart

Received for information.

Each Council Committee Chair provided an update on the work program of their respective committees.

##### 4.1.3.1 Executive Committee Work Program Report

THAT Islands Trust Council approve the Executive Committee Work Program Report as presented.

##### 4.1.3.2 Governance Committee Work Program Report

THAT Islands Trust Council approve the Governance Committee Work Program Report as presented.

##### 4.1.3.3 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report

THAT Islands Trust Council approve the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report as presented.

##### 4.1.3.4 Regional Planning Committee Work Program Report

THAT Islands Trust Council approve the Regional Planning Committee Work Program Report as presented.

4.1.3.5 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report  
THAT Islands Trust Council approve the Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report as presented.

4.1.3.6 Accessibility Committee

4.1.3.7 Islands Trust Conservancy Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 4.1.3 - 4.1.3.5 and 4.1.3.7.

Trustee Dodds arrived to the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

**5.1 2026-02-09 B Granger - Proposed Increase in Bowen Island Tariff Islands Trust Budget 2026**

Received for information.

**5.2 2026-02-09 W Quinn - Islands Trust - A Perspective**

Received for information.

**5.3 2026-02-13 MP Elizabeth May - Financial Support for Southern Gulf Islands Forum**

Received for information.

**5.4 2026-02-17 Lidstone & Company - Draft Trust Policy Statement**

Received for information.

**5.5 2026-02-27 K Watson - 2025 Bowen Island Requisition**

Received for information.

**5.6 2026-03-03 D Wallinger - A Science-based Call for Decisive Deer Population Reduction to Restore Island Ecosystems**

Received for information.

**5.7 2026-03-05 Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust - Urgent Request - Budget Approval for Potential Reimbursement of Application Fee**

Received for information.

**5.8 2026-03-06 L Gauvreau - Request for Reconsideration of Permanent Biologist Position - Islands Trust Conservancy Board**

Received for information.

## 6. EXECUTIVE

## 6.1 Consent Agenda Items

### 6.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

### 6.1.2 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

### 6.1.3 Continuous Learning Plan

Receive for information.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 6.1.1, 6.1.2 and 6.1.3.

## 7. LEGISLATIVE & INFORMATION SERVICES

### 7.1 Consent Agenda Items

#### 7.1.1 Director of Legislative and Information Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

#### 7.1.2 Legislative Monitoring Report

Receive for information.

#### 7.1.3 Meeting Streaming and Recording – Briefing

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 7.1.1, 7.1.2 and 7.1.3.

Trustee Middleton arrived to the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

### 7.2 Discussion / Decision Items

#### 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration Policy Amendments and Bylaw Repeal - Request for Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Brentwood Advisory Group consultant Paul Murray undertook a review of trustee remuneration and provided a presentation summarizing the findings.

Trustees participated in a roundtable discussion and the following general comments were noted:

- Increased remuneration can alleviate barriers to entry based on financial considerations and attract more diverse representation;
- The impact to the budget, and consequent tax increase, is substantial and not supported;
- Consideration of phasing in should be taken due to impacts to budget;
- Reductions for missing meetings should take into account the addition of special meetings and the times that meetings are scheduled.

**TC-2026-001**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend draft amended Policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration second Section 5.2, dated March 10, 2026, by replacing the word “may” with the word “will”.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-002**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend draft amended Policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration Section 5.3, dated March 10, 2026, by replacing it in its entirety with “The review will be conducted in accordance with the principles and methodology identified in this Policy.”

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-003**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration by removing the words “or special” from the second Section 6.3.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-004**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council request that Policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration 6.3 be amended by changing the values \$375 to \$400, and \$750 to \$800.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-005**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council adopt the amended Policy 7.2.1 Trustee Remuneration dated and amended March 10, 2026.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Campbell, Dodds, Falck, Harris, Hunter, Mabblerley, and Middleton opposed.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 3:36 p.m. and reconvened at 3:51 p.m.

Trustee Campbell left the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

**TC-2026-006**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council requests staff to provide options and implications to Trust Council early in the budget deliberation cycle

for 2027-28, on the implications of implementing new Trustee Remuneration rates effective April 1, 2027, using 2026 published remuneration, population and folio data, and of phasing in changes to Trustee Remuneration rates over two or three years.

**DEFEATED**

Trustee Campbell returned to the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

**TC-2026-007**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Benardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to implement new Trustee Remuneration rates effective April 1, 2027, using 2026 published remuneration, population and folio data.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell, Harris, Hunter, Falck, and Maberley opposed.

**TC-2026-008**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,** that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 207, cited as the “Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Repeal Bylaw”, be Read a First Time.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Campbell, Harris, and Falck opposed.

**TC-2026-009**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 207, cited as the “Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Repeal Bylaw”, be Read a Second Time.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Campbell and Harris opposed.

**TC-2026-010**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 207, cited as the “Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Repeal Bylaw”, be Read a Third Time.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Campbell and Harris opposed.

**7.2.2 Enhancing Mental Health Benefits for Trustees - Request for Decision**

The Director of Financial and Employee Services summarized the Request for Decision and answered questions for clarification.

Trustee Borthwick left the meeting at 4:20 p.m. and returned at 4:25 p.m.

**TC-2026-011**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council approve enhancing the trustee benefit plan to include coverage for Clinical Counsellors, and to increase the health coverage limit to \$1,000 annually, aligning the coverage and annual dollar limit with provisions provided to staff and that the change be implemented April 1, 2027 in alignment with changes to Trustee Remuneration.

**CARRIED**

The agenda was reordered and item 8 was heard following item 7.2.2.

Trustee Allen left the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

## **8. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION**

### **8.1 Delegations**

#### **8.1.1 Transition Salt Spring Society**

Transition Salt Spring Society Director Brian Young spoke to the draft Trust Policy Statement and the following points were noted:

- Climate change is the governing condition under which Islands Trust's mandate to preserve and protect must be interpreted;
- The draft Trust Policy Statement makes progress in the areas of Indigenous rights and reconciliation and growth management; however, climate change is framed as one factor and not an overall guiding principle;
- They recommend a new guiding principle be added which incorporates climate change as a risk considered in all land-use planning and decision making;
- A robust implementation plan for the Trust Policy Statement needs to be put into place to ensure Local Trust Committees interpret and apply the policy consistently and evenly;
- They ask that Trust Council develop and maintain publicly available climate risk information and tools and establish ecosystem health indicators with regular reporting.

### **8.2 Public Comments**

A member of the public spoke to Bylaw 206 Public Notification Bylaw and stated the proposal to post public notices on Facebook instead of newspapers is a set back as social media platforms are divisive and do not meet the public notice guidelines of reliability, suitability, and accessibility. They asked Trust Council to continue to use local newspaper for notifications.

A member of the public stated disappointment that the salary and benefits discussion occurred prior to the public comment period and the resultant level of tax increase will inspire many people to run against current trustees in the upcoming election. They indicated Islands Trust has one mandate and suggests that all other activity be ceased with focus put on land use planning only. They asked

that Trust Council decrease the budget and not move forward with the draft Trust Policy Statement.

A member of the public noted that a major component of public engagement on the Trust Policy Statement was a survey and the survey did not seek opinion on growth limits, floor area ratio, or densification that introduces housing without a housing agreement. They spoke to a legal opinion that refers to the Trust Policy Statement not complying with the mandate and they asked who designed the survey.

A member of the public spoke in support of the Lidstone legal opinion which indicated Trust Council has strayed from its mandate by including infrastructure, tourism, and livelihoods within the Trust Policy Statement. The letter also asserted that government must use words that are defined in the dictionary of which infrastructure and tourism are not, nor are these areas of responsibility within the jurisdiction of Islands Trust. They urged Trust Council to follow the mandate to protect the islands, ecosystem, and rural character in light of climate change.

A member of the public spoke against the June and September Trust Council meetings being held electronically when changes to the Trust Policy Statement and Official Community Plans will be discussed and noted the only Trust wide Town Hall on the Trust Policy Statement was held online during which only a few dozen people took part. They requested that the false interpretation of the Islands Trust object be withdrawn and the Trust Policy Statement be redone during which time Official Community Plan amendments should not be undertaken.

A member of the public spoke to Trust Council's ability to sponsor fees for rezoning applications made by non-profit organizations, noted there is no budget allocation for the upcoming fiscal year for fee sponsorship, and asked that Trust Council reinstate this funding to enable volunteer organizations to carry out projects that benefit the community.

A member of the public spoke to the Lidstone legal opinion and noted the letter affirms what is meant by unique amenities and environment in relation to the Object of Islands Trust. They stated the draft Trust Policy Statement reflects Trust Council's interpretation of unique amenities as including housing, infrastructure, and tourism which prioritizes development over protecting and preserving the unique natural amenities and environment of the Trust area. They iterated the language in the draft Trust Policy Statement fails to consider ecological limits of the islands, does not account for the dwellings that already exist, and weakens the protection of ecosystems and they asked Trust Council amend the draft Trust Policy Statement.

A member of the public spoke to Galiano Island residents' response to the draft Trust Policy Statement noting most of the surveys and letters residents submitted asked that stronger emphasis be given to environmental protections and to preserve and protect the islands from overdevelopment.

A member of the public spoke in support of capacity funding for First Nations to enable reconciliation and engagement and spoke to the positive changes being considered in the Gabriola Official Community Plan review and the draft Trust Policy Statement.

A member of the public stated support for integration of First Nations reconciliation and engagement throughout the draft Trust Policy Statement as the current Policy does not speak to First Nations reconciliation nor does it reflect needed changes that would allow for making room for people to live on the islands. They are in favour of the two new permanent positions being proposed in the budget including the Indigenous Relations Manager and the Engagement and Communications Lead.

A member of the public spoke to the public engagement process for the draft Trust Policy Statement and noted the 2025 revisions largely overlook the 2021 What We Heard Report which called for stronger environmental protections. The stated the survey structure was flawed, there was limited in-person dialogue, and there was a lack of clarity that a side-by-side comparison of the current and proposed policies would have provided.

A member of the public stated that the Galiano Local Trust Committee asked the Galiano Advisory Planning Commission to comment on the draft Trust Policy Statement and a detailed report was submitted; however the Galiano Local Trust Committee declined to submit a Trust Policy Statement referral response which effectively silenced the recommendations of the Galiano Advisory Planning Commission and they believe it is the responsibility of trustees to ensure concerns of their community are reflected in the deliberations of Trust Council.

A member of the public stated appreciation for the assurance of cultural safety stated in the Chair's opening remarks, commended Islands Trust for identifying the cultural heritage of the islands as being significant, noted support for the new position of Indigenous Relations Manager, and stated there remains need for greater inclusivity and genuine input from First Nations governments to ensure commitment to an evolving Trust Council is not just tokenism.

Several of the speakers spoke in support of maintaining the use of local newspapers for public notification purposes.

Discussion on item 7.2.3 continued following item 8.

7.2.3 Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw - Request for Decision

The Director of Information and Legislative Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued.

Further discussion on item 7.2.3 was deferred to the June, 2026 Trust Council meeting.

7.2.4 Trust Council Policy 2.1.15 Secretariat Services - Update - Request For Decision

Discussion on item 7.2.4 was deferred to the June, 2026 Trust Council meeting.

The agenda was reordered and item 7.2.5 was deferred to Thursday, March 12.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:55 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

Chair Patrick reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Trustee Lironi arrived to the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

#### **9. CLOSED MEETING**

##### **TC-2026-012**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Maude,** that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c)(f) and (g) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to labour relations or other employee relations; law enforcement, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment; and litigation or potential litigation affecting the Islands Trust; and that staff attend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public 9:07 a.m. and reopened at 10:47 a.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

#### **10. RISE AND REPORT**

Chair Patrick rose and reported adoption of the December, 2025 in-camera meeting minutes.

#### **11. FINANCIAL AND EMPLOYEE SERVICES**

##### **11.1 Consent Agenda Items**

###### **11.1.1 Director of Financial and Employee Services Quarterly Report**

Receive for information.

###### **11.1.2 December 31, 2025 Financial Report - Request For Decision**

THAT Trust Council approve the December 31, 2025 Financial Report.

###### **11.1.3 December 31, 2025 Financial Forecast - Briefing**

Receive for information.

###### **11.1.4 Forecasted Overspending by General Ledger Budget Line - Briefing**

Receive for information.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 11.1.1, 11.1.2, 11.1.3 and 11.1.4.

##### **11.2 Discussion / Decision Items**

###### **11.2.1 2026/27 Budget: Draft 2, Version 3**

- 11.2.1.1 Budget Session Outline
- 11.2.1.2 Budget Discussion Support Materials  
For information only.
- 11.2.1.3 2026/27 Budget Guidelines Assessment  
For information only.
- 11.2.1.4 2026/27 Budget Reduction Options - Briefing
- 11.2.1.5 Draft 2026/27 Budget Changes Since December 2025
  - 11.2.1.5.1 Islands Trust Conservancy Board Results of Budget Request Review - Briefing
  - 11.2.1.5.2 Committee of the Whole Reductions to Draft 2026/27 Budget - Briefing
  - 11.2.1.5.3 Changes in Draft 2026/27 Budget Since Trust Council's Review - Briefing
- 11.2.1.6 2026/27 Draft Budget Overview – Briefing
- 11.2.1.7 Funding Requests
  - 11.2.1.7.1 Strategic Plan Projects
    - 11.2.1.7.1.1 Policy Statement Amendment Project
    - 11.2.1.7.1.2 Policy Review – Continuation from FY26
    - 11.2.1.7.1.3 Freshwater Sustainability Strategy Review and Implementation
  - 11.2.1.7.2 ITC Board Projects
    - 11.2.1.7.2.1 ITC Five-Year Plan: First Nations Engagement Project
    - 11.2.1.7.2.2 Protected Area Management Software Project
  - 11.2.1.7.3 Local Trust Committee Projects
    - 11.2.1.7.3.1 Denman Housing Review (for OCP and LUB Amendments), Stage 2- Phase 2 Project (Year 4 of 4)  
  
Updated since Trust Council's December review.
    - 11.2.1.7.3.2 Gabriola: OCP and LUB Review, Major Project (Year 4 of 5)  
  
Updated since Trust Council's December review.

- 11.2.1.7.3.3 Gambier: OCP and LUB Amendments Implementation Project – Final Phase
- 11.2.1.7.3.4 Hornby: Comprehensive OCP and LUB Review Project  
Updated since Trust Council's December review.
- 11.2.1.7.3.5 Lasqueti: OCP Review, Major Project (Year 1 of 3)
- 11.2.1.7.3.6 Salt Spring: Major Amendment to OCP and LUB
- 11.2.1.7.3.7 Planning Services: Projects Feasibility Assessment - Briefing  
Updated since Trust Council's December review.
- 11.2.1.7.4 Operational Projects
  - 11.2.1.7.4.1 TC Onboarding Training – Business Case
  - 11.2.1.7.4.2 Trustee Laptops – Business Case
  - 11.2.1.7.4.3 Accessibility Plan Development – Business Case
- 11.2.1.7.5 Staffing Requests
  - 11.2.1.7.5.1 Manager of Indigenous Relations - New
  - 11.2.1.7.5.2 Communications and Engagement Lead - New
  - 11.2.1.7.5.3 Temporary Senior Policy Advisor 1.0FTE - Extension
  - 11.2.1.7.5.4 Permanent ITC Indigenous Relations Advisor 0.5FTE - New
  - 11.2.1.7.5.5 Temporary Species at Risk Coordinator - Extension
  - 11.2.1.7.5.6 GIS Co-op Student (Level 1) 0.3FTE
  - 11.2.1.7.5.7 Planning Services Co-op Student 0.3FTE
- 11.2.1.7.6 Other Funding Request Reports
  - 11.2.1.7.6.1 ITC Board Budget Request - Briefing

Updated since Trust Council's December review.

11.2.1.7.6.2 EC Budget Request - Briefing

11.2.1.8 Operating Budgets Increase Justifications

11.2.1.8.1 TC Dedicated Chair Travel Budget Justification Form

11.2.1.8.2 EC Operating Increases Justification Form – UBCM/AVICC

11.2.1.8.3 TAS Operating Budget Increase Justification Form

11.2.1.8.4 FES Operating Increases Justification Form

11.2.1.8.5 Information Services Operating Increase Justification Form

Updated since Trust Council's December review.

11.2.1.8.6 Planning Services Operating Budget Training Increase Justification Form

11.2.1.8.7 Planning Services Operating Budget Contractor Increase Justification Form

11.2.1.8.8 ITC Land Securement and Conservation Planning Increase Justification

11.2.1.8.9 ITC Protected Areas Management Operations and Planning Increase Justification

Updated since Trust Council's December review.

11.2.1.9 Unfunded Requests

11.2.1.9.1 Secretariat Services - Business Case

Funding for this work removed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.2 Climate Education Program - Business Case

Funding for this work removed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.3 Salt Spring: Watershed Protection Plan 2022-2032 Coordination (SSIWPA)

Funding for this work removed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.4 Salt Spring: Groundwater Sustainability (Well-Monitoring)

Funding for this work removed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.5 Trust Area Resilience Assessment Initiative - Briefing

Funding for this work removed by Financial Planning Committee. Removal endorsed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.6 Electronic Document Management Solution - Business Case

Funding for this work removed by Financial Planning Committee. Removal endorsed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.7 Galiano: Targeted OCP Review Project

Funding for this work removed by Financial Planning Committee. Removal endorsed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.8 Registered Professional Biologist 1.0FTE - Make Permanent

Funding for this staff position removed by Trust Council.

11.2.1.9.9 Permanent GIS Analyst 1.0FTE - New

Funding for this staff position removed by Trust Council.

The Director of Employee and Financial Services introduced the budget session and noted the anticipated tax increased based on current budgeted revenues and expenses.

**TC-2026-013**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Middleton,**

that Islands Trust Council not fund the new staff position in the 2026/27 budget, being the permanent Manager of Indigenous Relations.

**DEFEATED**

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

**TC-2026-014**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Falck,**

that Islands Trust Council not fund the new staff position in the 2026/27 budget being, the permanent Engagement and Communications Lead.

**DEFEATED**

**TC-2026-015**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Middleton,**

that Islands Trust Council not fund the new staff position in the 2026/27 budget, being the permanent Islands Trust Conservancy First Nations Advisor.

**DEFEATED**

**TC-2026-016**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Stamford, and SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,**

that Trust Council add \$7,125 to the proposed 2026-27 budget for the purpose of reinstating a portion of the Secretariat funding that supports essential funding for Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Community Forum, the Southern Gulf Islands Forum and the Coastal Communities Climate Action Leadership Plan Steering Committee.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-017**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Middleton, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council reduce the Contracted Temporary Staffing services line item in the draft 2026/27 budget by \$5,000.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-018**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**

that Islands Trust Council request a roll call.

**CARRIED**

The Chair requested each trustee state how they voted on the previous motion.

12 trustees in favour: Trustees Allen, Boland, Borthwick, Campbell, Falck, Graham, Harris, Hunter, Lironi, Maberley, Middleton, and Morrison.

12 trustees opposed: Trustees Dodds, Elliott, Evans, Fast, Gauvreau, Gedye, Luckham, Maude, Patrick, Peterson, Stamford, and Yates.

1 trustee abstained: Trustee Bernardo

1 trustee absent: Trustee Scott

In response to a council member question, the Director of Legislative and Information Services clarified the rules of a roll call vote.

Trustees Bernardo and Luckham left the meeting at 2:08 p.m. and returned at 2:10 p.m.  
Trustee Yates left the meeting at 2:09 p.m. and returned at 2:13 p.m.

**TC-2026-019**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and  
SECONDED by Trustee Campbell,**

that Islands Trust Council reduce the total  
2026/27 Islands Trust Conservancy budget by  
\$130,000.

Discussion on the motion ensued.

**TC-2026-020**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and  
SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**

that the vote be conducted as a roll call.

**CARRIED**

Discussion on the motion continued.

The question on the following motion was then called  
by roll call.

6 trustees in favour: Trustees Allen, Boland,  
Campbell, Harris, Hunter, and Middleton.

15 trustees opposed: Trustees Borthwick, Dodds,  
Elliott, Evans, Fast, Gauvreau, Gedye, Graham,  
Lironi, Luckham, Maude, Patrick, Peterson, Stamford,  
and Yates.

5 trustees abstained: Trustees Bernardo, Falck,  
Mabberley, and Morrison.

1 trustee absent: Trustee Scott

that Islands Trust Council reduce the total  
2026/27 Islands Trust Conservancy budget by  
\$130,000.

**DEFEATED**

Trustee Harris left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Discussion continued on the budget to determine if  
there were further considerations to put forward.

Trustee Luckham and Middleton left the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 3:01 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

Trustee Luckham returned to the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Trustee Middleton returned to the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that under the *Islands Trust Act*, Trust Council is required, by law, to pass a budget by March 31 of each year and it is incumbent on Trust Council to reach a point of negotiation where a majority of members can support and approve the budget by deadline.

Trustees spoke to issues of concern and challenges of passing a budget relative to the absence of provincial funding.

Trustee Graham left the meeting at 3:50 p.m. and returned at 3:53 p.m.

The Chair requested several times if Trust Council had further motions or discussion on the budget, and there were none.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

#### 11.2.2 Allocation of First Nations Engagement Grant - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued.

##### **TC-2026-021**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council approve allocation of the First Nation engagement grant as presented in the March 10, 2026 “Allocation of provincial grant for engagement with First Nations” briefing.

**CARRIED**

## **12. PLANNING SERVICES**

### **12.1 Consent Agenda Items**

#### 12.1.1 Director of Planning Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

Trustee Boland left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

#### 12.1.2 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Statistical Reports - Briefing

Receive for information.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 12.1.1 and 12.1.2.

Trustee Boland returned to the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

**TC-2026-022**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that Islands Trust Council requests Planning Services provide a report on the evaluation and changes of the referral process to consult with First Nations, to both improve communication and further reconciliation, and report back at a future Trust Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**12.2 Discussion / Decision Items**

The agenda was reordered and item 12.2.1 was deferred to Thursday March 12.

**12.2.2 Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement Policy Review - Draft Policy 5.5.1 and Manual - Request for Decision**

The Director of Planning Services summarized the Request for Decision and answered questions put forth by trustees.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

**TC-2026-023**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Falck,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend Policy 5.5.1 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Section 6.1.6 by replacing the word "involves" with "poses a significant risk to" so that it reads:

6.1.6 If the Officer has facilitated a mediated solution between the parties that satisfactorily addresses the concerns, even if a contravention may remain, except in cases where the contravention poses a significant risk to health, safety, or the environment.

**CARRIED**

The agenda was reordered and discussion on item 12.2.2 was paused for item 12.2.3 to be heard.

Trustee Allen left the meeting at 4:32 p.m. and did not return on March 12.

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

**12.2.3 Species at Risk Presentations and Discussion - Session Outline**

Patricia Woodruff, Planning Services Biologist provided a presentation summarizing work done during their grant term at Islands Trust and highlighted the following:

- Details of the *Species at Risk Act* of Canada;
- Identification of 16 species at risk with disappearing populations within the Trust area that have not been protected;
- Identification of species at risk with stable populations;
- Information that can be missing from qualified professional reports that are used to guide land planning;

- The need to develop terms of reference and checklists for information required in qualified professional reports.

Erica Wheeler, Islands Trust Conservancy Species at Risk Program Coordinator provided a presentation on work of the Islands Trust Conservancy which featured the following:

- Documentation of occurrences of species at risk sitings using various methods;
- Habitat restoration and enhancement that is been undertaken,
- Educational outreach program update;
- Ongoing collaborative partnership building.

Trustee Boland, Falck and Fast left the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Trustee Boland and Fast returned to the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 5:28 p.m. and returned at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion on item 12.2.2 continued following item 12.2.3.

**TC-2026-024**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Best Practices Manual, page 7, by updating the reference and replacing bullet 2 as shown below so it reads:

As listed in Trust Council Policy 5.5.1, Section 7, this system gives priority to those bylaw infractions of greatest concern to island communities:

1. When directed by a local trust committee
2. Significant health and safety issues...
3. ...
4. ...

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-025**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Best Practices Manual, page 7, by adding the word "significant: to the first bullet concerning starting an investigation without a compliant so it reads:

- Contraventions may cause significant health or safety risks.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-026**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Falck,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend Policy 5.5.1 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement by:

- adding “or” to the end of the sentences contained in bulleted sections: 3.13.2, 3.15.3, and 6.1.6
- removing “or” from Policy 6.1.3".

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-027**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Mabberley,**

that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend Policy 5.5.1 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement by:

- moving Policy 6.1.6 to follow 6.1.4 and
- moving Policy 6.1.5 to 6.2 and renumbering Policy 6.2 and 6.3 accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-028**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council approve the:

- Revised Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Policy 5.5.1;
- Revised Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Best Practices Manual; and
- The Bylaw Compliance & Enforcement Policy Review and Portal Implementation Plan,

As attached to the Request for Decision dated February 13, 2026 as amended.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:49 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

Chair Patrick reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was reordered and items 7.2.5 and 12.2.1 were discussed prior to item 13.

**7.2.5 Ratification of Accessibility Committee Appointments - Request for Decision**

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision.

**TC-2026-029**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Gauvreau, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council ratify the February 25, 2026 Executive Committee appointments to the Accessibility Committee.

**CARRIED**

**12.2.1. Request for Trust Council Sponsorship of Temporary Use Permit Application Fee - Request for Decision**

The Director of Planning Services summarized the Request for Decision.

**TC-2026-030**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Mabberley, and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott,**

that Islands Trust Council approve financial sponsorship of \$2,282.00 for Temporary Use Permit application MA-PL-TUP-2026-0035.

**CARRIED**

Trustees Borthwick and Gedye arrived to the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

**13. TRUST AREA SERVICES**

**13.1 Consent Agenda Items**

**13.1.1 Director of Trust Area Services Quarterly Report**

Receive for information.

**By general consent** Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 13.1.1.

**13.2 Discussion / Decision Items**

**13.2.1 Indigenous Relations Action Plan 2026-2028 - Request for Decision**

The Director of Trust Area Services introduced the draft Indigenous Relations Action Plan and noted that it is a living document / workplan being presented for discussion and input.

The Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor indicated the Indigenous Relations Action Plan is the effort of teamwork and stated the priority moving forward will be building a respectful relationship and working with First Nations and Indigenous Governing Bodies to define what reconciliation means to the Nations.

Trustee Harris arrived to the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Discussion ensued and the following comments and clarifications were noted:

- Internal coordination of information, better retention of what is being shared, and providing referral information in a way in which a Nation prefers to receive it have been identified as areas needing improvement;
- There is responsibility for all levels of government to advance reconciliation, the Minister has indicated a need for deeper levels of engagement, and Islands Trust made a Declaration of Reconciliation in March, 2019 which all point to jurisdictional appropriateness of the work;
- The goal is to define reconciliation in partnership with First Nations;
- The role of trustees is not defined, leadership to leadership opportunities need to be a larger part of the relationship going forward, and trustees would like to be an active strategic element in engagement;

- It is important that trustees, as leaders, receive feedback on communications and the work being done by staff;
- The document is about institutional coherence in government-to-government relationship and if Trustees want direction on how to engage with First Nations leaders that should be captured in a separate document;
- Trustee onboarding should include information about the First Nations in their local trust area and the work that has been done with them;

Trustee Morrison left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

- It is important to communicate clearly to the public what the Reconciliation Action Plan is about to facilitate public understanding.

**TC-2026-031**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,** that Islands Trust Council endorse the draft Islands Trust Indigenous Relations Action Plan 2026-2028 and request that staff undertake more internal engagement and return a revised version to Trust Council for approval in June 2026.

**CARRIED**

**13.2.2 Project Update - Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP) - Briefing**

The Director of Trust Area Services provided an update on the status of the project and noted a large amount of feedback will be compiled and brought back to Trust Council along with next steps in terms of amendments and work with Indigenous Governing Bodies on referral responses and feedback continues.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- It will be necessary for Trust Council to attend a series of special meetings and invest time to continue to work through the document to advance it;

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

- The document is complex and it might be necessary to rethink public strategy to ensure understanding;
- Assessment of whether the document requires amendments or a rewrite needs to be determined;
- Stakeholders do not feel like they have been engaged sufficiently and means of engagement were not adequate;
- A What We Heard report will summarize feedback from the recent round of engagement and be posted on the project website.

Trustee Morrison returned to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The agenda was reordered and item 14 was heard following item 13.2.2.

**14. FINANCIAL AND EMPLOYEE SERVICES**

## 14.1 Discussion/Decision Items

### 14.1.1 2026/27 Islands Trust Budget Adoption

#### 14.1.1.1 Financial Plan Bylaw 204 - Request for Decision

The Director of Financial and Employee Services summarized amendments made to the budget during the previous days discussion which result in a general tax increase in the Local Trust Area of 8.1% and a Bowen Island tax levy of 13.2%.

Discussion ensued regarding budgeting challenges related to limited Provincial funding.

#### **TC-2026-032**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 204, cited as the “Islands Trust Council Financial Plan Bylaw 2026-2027”, be Read a First Time.

#### **TC-2026-033**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Morrison, and SECONDED by Trustee Falck,**

that a roll call vote be taken.

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued about consequences should the budget not be adopted and the Director of Legislative and Information Services noted the *Islands Trust Act* states Trust Council must pass a budget and if a budget were not passed today a special meeting would be called prior to the end of March to consider a different budget.

The question on the motion as follows was then called by roll call.

16 trustees in favour: Trustees Bernardo, Borthwick, Dodds, Elliott, Evans, Fast, Gauvreau, Gedye, Graham, Lironi, Luckham, Maude, Patrick, Peterson, Stamford, and Yates.

8 trustees opposed: Trustees Boland, Campbell, Falck, Harris, Hunter, Maberley, Middleton, and Morrison.

2 trustees absent: Trustees Allen and Scott.

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 204, cited as the “Islands Trust Council Financial Plan Bylaw 2026-2027”, be Read a First Time.

**CARRIED**

#### **TC-2026-034**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**  
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 204, cited as the  
“Islands Trust Council Financial Plan Bylaw 2026-  
2027”, be Read a Second Time.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-035**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,**  
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 204, cited as the  
“Islands Trust Council Financial Plan Bylaw 2026-  
2027”, be Read a Third Time.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-036**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,**  
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 204, cited as the  
“Islands Trust Council Financial Plan Bylaw 2026-  
2027”, be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal  
Affairs for approval consideration.

**CARRIED**

- 14.1.1.1.1 Trust Council 2026/27 Budget Amendments Summary
- 14.1.1.1.2 5-Year Plan - Detailed Table to Inform Bylaw Schedule A
- 14.1.1.1.3 Revised Bylaw 204 Schedule A

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:22 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Trustees Morrison and Dodds left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

- 14.1.1.2 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 205 - Request For Decision

The Director of Financial and Employee Services summarized the Request for Decision.

**TC-2026-037**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**  
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 205, cited as “Islands Trust  
Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2026-27”, be  
Read a First Time.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-038**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 205, cited as “Islands Trust Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2026-27”, be Read a Second Time.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-039**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 205, cited as “Islands Trust Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2026-27”, be Read a Third Time.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-040**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 205, cited as “Islands Trust Council Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2026-27”, be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval consideration.

**CARRIED**

The agenda was reordered and items 13.2.3 to 13.2.6 were heard following item 14.

**13.2.3 Pre-Budget Public Engagement - Request for Decision**

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and there was preference to seek engagement from the public on the strategic direction which drives budget decisions.

Trustee Stamford left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Trustee Bernardo left the meeting for the day at 1:20 p.m.

**TC-2026-041**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council direct Executive Committee to undertake a strategic planning public engagement prior to development of the draft 2027/28 budget.

**CARRIED**

**13.2.4 Budget Process Policy Amendment - Request for Decision**

Item 13.2.4 was deferred to a future meeting.

**13.2.5 Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) – Hypothetical Tax Shift Analysis – Request for Decision**

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision.

**TC-2026-042**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council refer the report “Hypothetical Tax Shift Analysis: Projected Impacts of an Increased Property Tax Exemption Through the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP)” to the Islands Trust Conservancy Board to consider recommendations to Trust Council.

**CARRIED**

**13.2.6 Secretariat Services to Coordination Groups in the Trust Area - Request for Decision**

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Trustee Stamford returned to the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

**TC-2026-043**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,**

that Islands Trust Council allocate for fiscal year 2026/27:

1. \$4000 to support the coordination of the Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Community Forum,
2. \$3000 to support the coordination of the Southern Gulf Islands Forum, and
3. \$125 to Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Action Leadership Plan Steering Committee.

**CARRIED**

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

**15.1 Reporting Out on the Islands Trust 2026/27 Budget Adoption to the Minister – Discussion**

Discussion ensued.

**TC-2026-044**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Campbell,** that that the roll call vote, listing names and affiliations, and the numbers of votes in favor and opposed to the budget, are both sent to the Minister with the budget.

**DEFEATED**

Trustee Campbell left the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

**15.2 Potential for Partnership with UBC's Conservation Decisions Lab – Discussion**

**TC-2026-045**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,** that Islands Trust Council request staff to establish a partnership with UBC's Conservation Decisions Lab and explore opportunities for addressing priority needs in incorporating biology into decision making in land use planning and with the Conservancy.

Discussion on the motion was undertaken and the Director of Trust Area Services noted more information would be required before determining if work could be undertaken while the Director of Planning Services indicated the item is not on the current Planning Workplan and would be considered new work.

**TC-2026-046**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,**

that the motion be amended by removing words “and explore opportunities” and add the words on second line “staff to explore opportunities to establish” to read:

“That Islands Trust Council request staff to explore opportunities to establish a partnership with UBC’s Conservation Lab for addressing priority needs in incorporating biology into decision making in land use planning and with the Conservancy.”

**CARRIED**

The question on the following motion, as amended, was then called.

that Islands Trust Council request staff to explore opportunities to establish a partnership with UBC’s Conservation Lab for addressing priority needs in incorporating biology into decision making in land use planning and with the Conservancy.

**CARRIED**

**15.3 Joint Call: BC must recommit to meaningful implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act- Discussion**

**TC-2026-047**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,** that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to sign the Joint Call: BC must recommit to meaningful implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, led by West Coast Environmental Law, on behalf of Island Trust Council.

**CARRIED**

**16. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**TC-2026-048**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,** that Islands Trust Council approve reimbursement of application fees associated with PLRZ20260093 for registered charity Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust Society in the amount of \$4882.00.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2026-049**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,**

that Islands Trust Council requests staff invite Dr. Tara Martin be invited to attend a future Trust Council or Conservancy board meeting to present research on the impacts of hyperabundant deer, and strategies for managing hyperabundant deer to restore keystone places in the Gulf Islands.

**CARRIED**

**17. TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE**

Due to time constraints the trustee roundtable did not occur.

**18. TRUST COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP ACTION LIST**

Received for information.

**19. TRUSTEE UPDATES - Community Committee Participation**

Written updates received for information only.

**19.1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Climate Leadership Steering Committee (AVICC-CL)**

**19.2 Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region**

**19.3 Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum**

**19.4 Freighter Anchorages/Oceans Protection Plan (OPP)**

**19.5 Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region**

**19.6 Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SF AMAC)**

**19.7 Southern Gulf Islands Forum**

**19.8 Transportation/Ferry Group**

19.8.1 [2026-01-19 Gabriola Ferry Committee and Gabriola Island Transportation Society - Keeping Experience Cards Affordable](#)

19.8.2 [2026-02-23 S Yates - BC Ferries Electric Vehicle Transport Policy](#)

**20. NEXT MEETING**

The next Islands Trust Council Quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held electronically June 16-18, 2026.

**20.1 Proposed Upcoming Trust Council Program**

Received for information.

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

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**Laura Patrick, Chair**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder**