Islands Trust Council
Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting

Date:	**June 16 to June 18, 2026**
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. 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** **15. Grant Scott, Hornby Island Local Trust Area** **16. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Local Trust Area** **17. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Island Local Trust Area** **18. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** **19. Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trust Area** **20. Mairead Boland, Saturna Island Local Trust Area** **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. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area**
Staff Present:	**Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer** **Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services** **Derek Cockburn, Acting Director, Financial and Employee Services** **Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services** **David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services** **Tedd Drummond, Information Technology Manager** **Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor** **Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder** **Chloe Straw, Programs Coordinator** **Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator** **Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor**
Others Present:	**There were up to 6 members of the public in attendance electronically.**

TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Patrick acknowledged the meeting was being held in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations and introduced K'ómoks Elder Donna Mitchell.

Elder Mitchell welcomed Islands Trust Council, spoke to her heritage, and recognized the 215 children buried at a former British Columbia residential school.

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

Trustee Harris left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Trustee Scott arrived to the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Review of the Agenda

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

17.1 Implications and Advocacy Regarding Bill 15 and Potential for Streamlining Infrastructure Projects in the Trust Area

Trustee Hunter left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

TC-2026-050
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,
that the new business item "Implications and Advocacy re: Bill 15 and Streamlining Infrastructure Projects in the Trust Area" be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

3.2 Approval of the Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved, as amended.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Consent Agenda Items

4.1.1 Draft March 10-12, 2026 Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes

The following amendment to the minutes was presented for consideration:

Item 11.2.1.7.3.1 on page 12 of the minutes: Correct LYB to LUB.

By general consent the March 10-12, 2026 Islands Trust Quarterly Meeting minutes were adopted, as amended.

4.1.2 Resolution without Meeting Report

Received for information.

4.1.3 Islands Trust Active Priorities Chart

Receive for information.

A Trustee asked that the Active Priorities Chart be corrected to reflect that the South Pender Local Trust Committee has no active projects.

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 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

Receive for information.

4.1.3.7 Accessibility Committee

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

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 4.1.3 through 4.1.3.7.

4.1.3.8 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation Committee

Chair Judi Gedye provided a verbal update.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 2026-03-25 BC Geographical Names Office - Name Change NE Point of Tumbo Island

Received for information.

5.2 2026-03-27 My Sea to Sky - Initial comments on FortisBC's application to amend waste discharge permit PE-110163

Discussion ensued and the correspondence will be actioned at item18.

5.3 2026-05-28 Island Coastal Economic Trust - Letter of Support

Discussion ensued and the correspondence will be actioned at item 18.

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 through 6.1.3.

6.1.4 Draft Candidate Information and New Council Orientation Program – Briefing

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 6.1.4.

6.1.5 Options for Consideration by the Incoming Trust Council to Improve the Existing Trust Council Committee Structure – Briefing

The Chief Administrative Officer summarized the briefing.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Option 2 in the briefing excludes the Financial Planning Committee from inclusion in the realignment; however, the Committee anticipates implementing the corporate plan by aligning expenditures with strategic objectives and this might change how the Committee operates; therefore, the Committee should be included among those considered for realignment;
- Working groups operating with a specific focus or narrowed terms of reference might be considered in lieu of the current committee structure;
- The way in which a committee is formed, either through election or appointment, should be clearly stated.

TC-2026-051

It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,
that Islands Trust Council request staff forward the briefing "Options for Consideration by the Incoming Islands Trust Council to Improve the Existing Islands Trust Council Committee Structure" to Governance Committee to consider options for a request for decision to be brought forward to Island Trust Council in September.

CARRIED

6.2 Discussion / Decision Items - None

7. LEGISLATIVE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

7.1 Consent Agenda Items

7.1.1 Director of Legislative and Information Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 7.1.1.

7.1.2 Legislative Monitoring Report – Briefing

Discussion ensued and it was requested that the report be made available on the website or WebDAV for ease of access for trustees.

Trustee Graham left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

TC-2026-052
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council requests staff to collate the legislative monitoring reports from the current term for current and incoming trustees and staff to access and reference.

TC-2026-053
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
to amend the motion to remove the words "from the current term".

CARRIED

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

that Islands Trust Council request staff to collate the legislative monitoring reports for current and incoming trustees and staff to access and reference.

CARRIED

7.2 Discussion / Decision Items

7.2.1 Amendment to Trust Council Election Procedures Bylaw, 2008 - Request for Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

Trustee Graham returned to the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

TC-2026-054
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 208, cited as "Islands Trust Council Election Procedures Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No.1, 2026", be read a First time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-055
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 208, cited as "Islands Trust Council Election Procedures Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No.1, 2026", be read a Second time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-056
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 208, cited as "Islands Trust Council Election Procedures Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No.1, 2026", be read a Third time.

CARRIED

7.2.2 2026 Elections Agreements with Regional Districts - Request for Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-057
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,
that the Islands Trust Council agree to enter into service contracts with the Boards of the Regional District of Nanaimo, Comox Valley Regional District, Cowichan Valley Regional District, qathet Regional District, Sunshine Coast Regional District, and Capital Regional District for the purpose of sharing the costs of conducting elections.

CARRIED

TC-2026-058
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council authorize the Chair and Director of Legislative and Information Services to sign the service agreements on behalf of Council that will be substantially similar to the attached template.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Amendment to Trust Council Meeting Procedure Bylaw 101 Regarding First Meeting of New Term - Request for Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-059
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 200, cited as "Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025", be read a First time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-060
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 200, cited as "Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025", be read a Second time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-061
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 200, cited as "Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025", be read a Third time.

CARRIED

7.2.4 Islands Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued regarding the merits of using newspaper as a means of notification versus exclusive use of electronic methods.

TC-2026-062
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council request staff amend bylaw 206, cited as "Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw", Section 2(ii) by replacing the words "electronically by posting the notice on Islands Trust's social media platform" with the "words "in a publication that circulates at least monthly in the Islands Trust Area".

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

TC-2026-063
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,

that Islands Trust Council considers that the notification methods in draft Bylaw 206 as amended are reliable, suitable and accessible for the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

TC-2026-064
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 206, cited as "Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw" be read a First time, as amended.

CARRIED

TC-2026-065
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 206, cited as "Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw" be read a Second time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-066
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 206, cited as "Trust Council Public Notification Bylaw" be read a Third time.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Islands Trust Council Policy 2.1.15 Secretariat Services - Update - Request For Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

Trustee Fast left the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

TC-2026-067
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council replace the current Policy 2.1.15 Secretariat Services with the draft updated Policy 2.1.15 Secretariat Services dated January 23, 2026 for reference.

CARRIED

Trustee Fast returned to the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

The agenda was reordered and item 12.1.1 was heard following item 7.2.5.

Trustee Scott left the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

12.1 Consent Agenda Items

12.1.1 Director of Planning Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

- Allocation of Planning staff time related to project planning, current applications, and administrative work;
- Work on resolving software issues with City View and the Bylaw Enforcement Portal applications;
- Cost discrepancies between costs related to the application process versus application fees.

Discussion on item 12.1.1 was paused to start item 8 on schedule.

8. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION

8.1 Delegations

8.1.1 Paul Petrie

The delegate spoke to Islands Trust mandate to limit growth and protect the unique amenities and environment of the Trust Area and noted Minister Kahlon's April 2025 letter to Islands Trust Council affirmed this mandate; however, they believed the Islands Trust Council subsequently reaffirmed its position that unique amenities also include housing, livelihoods, infrastructure, and tourism. They requested the current Islands Trust Council should allow a newly elected council to review the public responses and determine if the draft Trust Policy Statement accurately reflects the ecological mandate of the *Islands Trust Act*. The delegate then spoke to development application fees which cover less than 15% of the processing costs, noted the importance of an in-house biologist position, and referenced the Trust's obligation to support Canada's commitment to protect 30% of its lands by 2030. They urged Islands Trust Council to increase development application fees to cover the cost of applications, identify savings in the budget to fund the professional biologist position, and identify steps to meet the 30% by 2030 commitment.

8.1.2 Rural Islands Economic Partnership

The delegation provided a presentation and spoke to the Rural Islands Economic Partnership flagship Forum event which brings stakeholders together to discuss common challenges and determine potential solutions and strengthen partnerships with focus on knowledge sharing across communities. They requested Islands Trust Council consider a $2000 sponsorship for the Fall 2026/27 Forum.

8.2 Public Comments

A member of the public spoke to removal of funding for the biologist position and stated that they believe that land use decisions are being made with insufficient or no information on potential environmental impacts. They noted good land use decisions need to be made within the lens of climate change and, while the budget must be restrained to reduce the burden on taxpayers, the proposed biologist position should not have been cut.

A member of public spoke to development application fees covering only a small percent of costs and stated objection to paying taxes to subsidize development costs.

A member of the public stated Gabriola Island's freshwater footprint map shows the quality and quantity of water is being stressed to exhaustion and suggested Development Permit Areas accompany Official Community Plans yet the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee has been informed there is no funding available to draft new ones. They requested growth limits be established based on water availability, that new Development Permit Areas be created, and that Islands Trust return to it's environmental mandate.

A member of the public spoke to the proposed professional biologist position not being funded and stated the position is necessary for consideration of land use bylaws as staff and trustees are not required to have science-based knowledge of the environment. They noted Islands Trust Council added two new staff positions related to reconciliation but did not fund the biologist position and this is an indication that environmental protection is not a priority.

A member of the public supported Paul Petrie's comments, stated Islands Trust Council is not taking a strong stand on growth and indicated that while affordable housing is needed, they believe that schemes are being presented to increase market housing without affordability requirements. They stated opposition to the draft Trust Policy Statement language that they believe supports development and urged Islands Trust Council protect the Trust Area from overdeveloped and implement growth limits.

Discussion on item 12.1.1 and 12.2.2 resumed.

12.1.1 Director of Planning Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

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

12.2 Discussion / Decision Items

12.2.1 First Nations Referral Procedures Update – First Nations Referral Work Plan - Request for Decision

The Director of Planning Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion on the item was deferred to the following day.

Trustee Evans left the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and did not return.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:30 p.m.

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

Trustees Campbell, Evans, Falck, Lironi, Luckham, Mabberley, Middleton, and Scott were not present.

9. CLOSED MEETING

TC-2026-068
It was MOVED by Trustee Maude, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,

that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(b) and (c) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an Islands Trust award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the Islands Trust on condition of anonymity; and labour relations or other employee relations; and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

10. RISE AND REPORT

Chair Patrick reported the recipients of the Community Stewardship awards included: Dan Rogers and Sheila Harrington in the Individual Category, Bowen Island Conservancy and Breaking Bannock; an initiative through the Gabriola Arts Council in the Organization Category, and Dr. Wendy Palen/Dr. Tom Sisk (leadership in biodiversity protection) and Douglas Leatherdale (enduring achievement) in the Other Category.

Trustee Boland left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Trustee Stamford left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and did not return.

Trustees Falck and Scott joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Trust Council dissolved into Committee of the Whole at 10:45 a.m. and the agenda was reordered with items 13.1.5 ad 13.1.6 discussed by Committee of the Whole.

13.1.5 Policy Statement Companion Handbook - Briefing

13.1.6 Policy Statement Implementation Planning - Briefing

TC-2026-069
It was MOVED by Trustee Maude, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Policy Statement Companion Handbook and Policy Statement Implementation Planning.

CARRIED

The Senior Policy Advisory summarized the Companion Handbook and Implementation Planning briefings.

Trustee Allen left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Trustee Boland returned to the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Trustee Luckham arrived to the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

A Trustee roundtable was undertaken and Trustees provided comment on the Trust Policy Statement Companion document and implementation planning.

The Senior Policy Advisory summarized the comments received which indicated the Companion Handbook was well received as a product to assist trustees in their work and as a resource for incoming trustees. They noted that work on the handbook and implementation plan would continue unless direction was given otherwise.

TC-2026-070
It was MOVED by Trustee Maude, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Committee of the Whole moves to Rise and Report back to Trust Council.

CARRIED

Committee of the Whole rose and reported back to Trust Council with no recommendations at 12:06 p.m.

Trustee Harris left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

11. LEGISLATIVE AND INFORMATION SERVICES (continued) - None

12. PLANNING SERVICES

12.1 Consent Agenda Items

12.1.1 Director of Planning Services Quarterly Report

The agenda was reordered and item 12.1.1 was heard following item 7.2.5.

12.2 Discussion / Decision Items

12.2.1 First Nations Referral Procedures Update – First Nations Referral Work Plan - Request for Decision

The Director of Planning services recapped the Request for Decision which was introduced the previous day following item 8.

Discussion ensued on the First Nations Referral Work Plan and endorsement of the plan was deferred to follow item 16.

13. TRUST AREA SERVICES

13.1 Consent Agenda Items

13.1.1 Director of Trust Area Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

13.1.2 March 31, 2026 Audited Financial Statements of the Islands Trust Conservancy - Briefing

Receive for information.

13.1.3 2026/27 Communications Strategy - Briefing

Receive for information.

13.1.4 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards 2026 - Briefing

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 13.1.1 through 13.1.4.

13.1.5 Policy Statement Companion Handbook - Briefing

Receive for information.

13.1.6 Policy Statement Implementation Planning - Briefing

Receive for information.

Discussion on the merits of moving the work on the Companion Handbook and Implementation Plan forward, or pausing the work until a new Council is formed, was undertaken.

TC-2026-071
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,
that Islands Trust Council request staff defer any further work on the Trust Policy Handbook and Implementation Plan until Trust Council has given second reading to a new Trust Policy Statement.

DEFEATED

A trustee requested a recount on the vote. Following clarification on the difference between a recount and a roll call vote, a trustee requested a roll call vote. The question on the motion was then called by roll call.

9 trustees in favour: Trustees Bernardo, Boland, Borthwick, Dodds, Falck, Hunter, Maude, Middleton, and Morrison.

9 trustees opposed: Trustees Elliott, Fast, Gauvreau, Gedye, Graham, Patrick, Peterson, Scott, and Yates.

Trustee Luckham stated he had stepped away at the time the vote was taken and had not participated.

The Director of Legislative Services stated there were 18 trustees present with 9 in favour and 9 opposed and the motion failed on a tied vote.

Trustees Harris joined the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

Discussion on the following motion was undertaken and a trustee requested the vote be made by roll call.

TC-2026-072
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,

that Islands Trust Council requests staff to continue refining the Policy Statement Companion Handbook, and undertake internal review and analysis with planning services staff.

DEFEATED

The question on the vote was called by roll call.

10 trustees in favour: Trustees Borthwick, Elliott, Fast, Gedye, Graham, Luckham, Patrick, Peterson, Scott, and Yates.

10 trustees opposed: Trustees Bernardo, Boland, Dodds, Falck, Gauvreau, Harris, Hunter, Maude, Middleton, and Morrison.

Trustee Campbell arrived to the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Discussion resumed on the continuation of work on the draft Trust Policy Statement. The Director of Trust Area Services noted that meetings are scheduled with First Nations and information obtained from these meetings will assist the incoming Council with the work going forward.

TC-2026-073
It was MOVED by Trustee Middleton, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,
that Islands Trust Council requests staff to suspend work on all plans and drafts of and relating to the Trust Policy Statement Review until such time as the newly elected Council take on this work under a project plan of their design.

TC-2026-074
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,
to amend the motion by deleting the period after "design" and putting in a comma and then inserting the following text "except for staff's related ongoing engagement with Indigenous Governing Bodies and other governments."

CARRIED

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

that Islands Trust Council requests staff to suspend work on all plans and drafts of and relating to the Trust Policy Statement Review until such time as the newly elected Council take on this work under a project plan of their design, except for staffs related ongoing engagement with Indigenous Governing Bodies and other governments.

DEFEATED

The meeting was recessed for break at 2:44 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

Trustees Morrison and Scott left the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Trustees Campbell, Harris, and Luckham left the meeting at 2:44 p.m. and did not return.

13.2 Discussion / Decision Items

13.2.1 Project Update – Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP) - Request for Decision

The Senior Policy Advisor summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- The Project Charter amendment is being brought forward in order to update the timelines to more accurately reflect the time required for remaining referral responses to be received, incorporate amendments based on the referral responses, communicate the project status to the public, and allow staff to plan to orientate the new Council on the work;
- If a revised version of the Project Charter is not advanced staff would continue the work using the current version;
- The current Council will need to determine if they wish to continue to work on the project during the remainder of the term.

Trustee Morrison returned to the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

TC-2026-075
It was MOVED by Trustee Middleton, and SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,
that Islands Trust Council requests staff amend Project Plan v 13 to add a bullet at the start of the final adoption section which reads 'Gain Islands Trust Council endorsement and incorporate any revisions to charter, March 2027".

CARRIED

TC-2026-076
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council endorse Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter V13 shown in Attachment 1, as amended.

CARRIED

13.2.2 Policy Statement Amendment Policy 1.2.1 - Request for Decision

The Senior Policy Advisor summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- The updated policy lays out expectations to each Council to consider if amendments are required and provides a topic inventory;
- There is statutory requirement to refer the document to Bowen Island Municipality but referral to local trust committees is not mandatory;
- The referral to local trust committees allows the Trust Policy Statement to be put on local agendas and facilitates community input;
- Islands Trust Council can request staff to add engagement with communities directly versus a referral to the local trust committee and

local trust committees can add engagement onto their agenda if they wish;

- Staff will provide the policy to the incoming Council as a signal of what to expect in future terms and the policy is written on the assumption that there is no instream work occurring.

Trustee Dodds returned to the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

TC-2026-077
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,
that Islands Trust Council requests that proposed amendments to Islands Trust Council Policy 1.2.1, maintains "local trust committees" in the policy sec 5.6 (formerly 4.6) and associated policies.

DEFEATED

TC-2026-078
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,
that Islands Trust Council replace the current Policy 1.2.1 [Policy Statement Amendment] with the draft updated Policy 1.2.1 shown in Attachment 1 to the Request for Decision dated May 21, 2026.

CARRIED

13.2.3 Budget Process Policy Amendment - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions.

TC-2026-079
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Maude,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend the Budget Process Policy 6.3.1 in attachment 1 by replacing the word "in" with "by" in section 2.3.

CARRIED

TC-2026-080
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council replace Policy 6.3.1 Budget Process dated June 19, 2024 with the revised Policy 6.3.1 Budget Process shown in Attachment 1 as amended to the Request for Decision dated April 29, 2026.

CARRIED

13.2.4 Administration of Community Stewardship Awards Program Policy Amendment - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and it was clarified that the award amount is being increased from $100 to $150 per award and the difference will be accommodated from the communications budget.

TC-2026-081
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council replace Policy 2.1.11 Administration of the Community Stewardship Awards Program dated December 2, 2021 with the revised Policy 2.1.11 Administration of the Community Stewardship Awards Program dated May 7, 2026.

CARRIED

13.2.5 Secretariat Services to Coordination Groups in the Trust Area (new requests) - Request for Decision

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

Trustee Gedye declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Trustee Borthwick left the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The merits of funding each organization's work were discussed.

TC-2026-082
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,
that Islands Trust Council allocate the following amounts under Secretariat Services for fiscal year 2026/27 $430.50 to support the coordination of the Baynes Sound Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum Society.

CARRIED

TC-2026-088
It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council allocate $2000 under Secretariat Services for fiscal year 2026/27 to support the coordination of the Rural Islands Economic Partnership.

CARRIED

TC-2026-084
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council allocate the following amounts under Secretariat Services for fiscal year 2026/27 $3000 to support the coordination of the Coastal Douglas Fir Conservation Partnership.

CARRIED

Trustee Gedye returned to the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

13.2.6 Update of Islands Trust Agreement Register - Request for Decision

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

Discussion was deferred to Thursday, June 18.

The agenda was reordered and items 13.2.7 to 13.2.10 were discussed on Thursday, June 18.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

Trustees Allen, Bernardo, Campbell, Evans, Harris, Lironi, Luckham, Mabberley, Morrison, Scott, and Stamford were not present.

14. FINANCE AND EMPLOYEE SERVICES

14.1 Consent Agenda Items

14.1.1 Director of Financial and Employee Services Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

14.1.2 Islands Trust March 31, 2026 Financial Results - Briefing

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 14.1.1 and 14.1.2.

14.2 Discussion / Decision Items

14.2.1 March 31, 2026 Islands Trust Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report - Request For Decision

The Acting Director of Financial and Employee Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-085
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council approve the Islands Trust audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026, and forward them to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

Trustee Bernardo joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

14.2.2 Draft 2027/28 Budget Assumptions, Principles, and Guidelines (BAPG) - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and the following comments and suggestions were noted:

- Incorporate full project life cycle costs into business case cost totals;
- Monitor time spent on applications to determine a more accurate return on fees;
- Determine a strategy for the unrestricted provincial grant separate from other grants;

- Analyse costs of seeking increased grant funding sources versus return;
- The guideline for requesting additional operating budgets to only be considered where critical capacity issues can be demonstrated or where upfront investment will result in long-term savings should continue to be applied;
- An election costs reserve should be established and costs spread out over the entire term instead of having a one year spike each election year;
- Develop a formula or calculation to determine the discrepancy between the residential tax base and inflation to aid in making a case for to the Province for increased funding;
- It will be necessary to show the Province evidence of managing and decreasing costs internally prior to requesting increased funding;
- It is critical to aim for 100% fee recovery;
- Consider use of a reserve fund for larger, multi-year, projects.

TC-2026-086
It was MOVED by Trustee Graham, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council approve Financial Planning Committee's recommended draft Budget Assumptions, Principles, and Guidelines (BAPG) as presented.

CARRIED

15. FLEX TIME

Items 13.2.6 through 13.2.9 were discussed during the period designated Flex Time.

13.2.6 Update of Islands Trust Agreement Register - Request for Decision

The Director of Legislative and Information Services recapped the summary the provided the previous day and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-087
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Hunter,
that Islands Trust Council request rescinds the Letter of Understanding (2003) held with BC Hydro and request staff to remove it from the Islands Trust Agreement Register.

CARRIED

TC-2026-088
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council request rescinds the Protocol Agreement (1996) held with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs outlining the Provincial financial assistance for the adoption of new Official Community Plans, and request staff to remove it from the Islands Trust Agreement Register.

CARRIED

13.2.7 2025/26 Draft Annual Report - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-089
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council approves the 2025/26 Annual Report for submission to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

13.2.8 Walker NAPTEP Certificate - Salt Spring Island - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-090
It was MOVED by Trustee Gauvreau, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that the Islands Trust Council requests the Secretary to issue a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate for the covenanted portion of the property described as PID: 009-805-991, Lot A, Section 72, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 46279, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program.

CARRIED

13.2.9 Indigenous Relations Action Plan 2026-2028 - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision and the revisions made to the draft document at the direction of Islands Trust Council following the presentation of the Action Plan at the March Islands Trust Council meeting.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Local trust committees would like leadership to leadership (government to government) relationship development incorporated;
- Rescinding local trust committee standing resolutions related to reconciliation actions might send an unintentional message;
- Some standing resolutions are too ambitious and challenging to meet and might not lead to strong relationship building, there is no intention to walk back commitment and if rescinded would look at accompanying communication and rationale.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

TC-2026-091
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,
that Islands Trust council requests staff to replace the word “rescinding” on page 23 of the draft Indigenous Relations Action Plan with the word “updating” in the last action item.

CARRIED

TC-2026-092
It was MOVED by Trustee Gauvreau, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council approve the Islands Trust Indigenous Relations Action Plan 2026-2028.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Trustee Mabberley arrived to the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

16. BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL MARINE STRATEGY PRESENTATION

Charlie Short, Executive Director of the Coastal Marine Stewardship and Fisheries Branch in the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and Kristin Worsley, Director of Coastal Marine Policy for the Branch provided a presentation and the following highlights were noted:

- The Coastal Marine Strategy is BC's first coast-wide plan for stewarding coastal waters, was shaped through collaboration with many First Nations, and sets out a 20-year vision;
- While implementation funding for the Coastal Marine Strategy has not been allocated, staff continue to advance the work and seek additional funding sources;
- Nine priorities were identified including monitoring coastal health, improving salmon survival, preventing marine pollution, improving understanding of climate change, supporting First Nations climate action, nurturing coastal wealth and health, supporting commercial harvesters, helping restore First Nations seafood systems, and modernizing policies and procedures;

Trustees asked questions and commented on marine issues in their Local Trust Areas.

Trustee Middleton joined the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Trustee Dodds returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

The agenda was reordered and discussion on item 12.2.1 continued.

12.2.1 First Nations Referral Procedures Update – First Nations Referral Work Plan - Request for Decision

The Director of Planning Services recapped the Request or Decision.

A trustee requested that a strong suite of communication tools be provided to provide information about changes to the referral processes.

TC-2026-093
It was MOVED by Trustee Gauvreau, and SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,
that Islands Trust Council endorse the First Nations Referral Work Plan as attached in Attachment A.

CARRIED

The agenda was reordered and item 13.2.10 was discussed next.

13.2.10 British Columbia Coastal Marine Strategy - Request for Decision

The Director of Trust Area Services summarized the Request for Decision and there were no questions or comments.

TC-2026-094
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council write a letter to the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship advocating that the British Columbia Coastal Marine Strategy be enshrined into law.

CARRIED

17. NEW BUSINESS

Trustees discussed attendance at Islands Trust Council meetings.

17.1 Implications and Advocacy re: Bill 15 and Streamlining Infrastructure Projects in the Trust Area

Trustee Elliott introduced the subject and noted the following:

- Federal Bill C5 will allow the government to streamline federal approval process for major projects and Provincial Bill 15 includes several parts that relate to requests to vary requirements to enable expeditious completion of designated projects and conduct consultations for removal of constraints;
- It is unknown what regulations and environmental checks proponents might be exempt from, what types of projects could be expedited or fast-tracked to the British Columbia coast, what the implications of said projects might be on the coastline, and how they might require local governments with planning authorities in coastal areas to expedite their processes.

The Chief Administrative Officer noted that there has been no indication that the Province would not engage with Islands Trust and has signalled the focus would be on building infrastructure but has left capacity open for other projects.

TC-2026-095
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council requests staff to engage the Province about the *Infrastructure Projects Act* to clarify the implications in the Trust Area and intentions to respect the provincial Islands Trust mandate.

CARRIED

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

18. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees put forward motions in response to topics addressed by members of the public.

TC-2026-096
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,
that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the BC Energy Regulator expressing strong concern about, and seeking an update regarding FortisBC's

reported extended non-compliance with its Waste Discharge Permit for the Eagle Mountain Pipeline and associated impacts to Howe Sound.

CARRIED

TC-2026-097
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott and SECONDED by Trustee Yates
that the Islands Trust Council requests the Chair of Trust Council work with staff on a letter of support calling on the Province to modernize the Island Coastal Economic Trust with strategic investment, and the legislative framework being developed to support co-governance with First Nations.

TC-2026-098
It was MOVED by Trustee Middleton, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,
to amend the motion to strike the word "strategic".

CARRIED

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

that the Islands Trust Council requests the Chair of Trust Council work with staff on a letter of support calling on the Province to modernize the Island Coastal Economic Trust with investment, and the legislative framework being developed to support co-governance with First Nations.

CARRIED

19. TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE - None

20. ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP ACTION LIST

Received for information.

Trustee Mabberley left the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

21. TRUSTEE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION REPORTING

Written updates on items 21.1 through 21.3 were provided for information only.

21.1 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention 2026

21.2 Saanich Inlet Protection Society Roundtable - May 2026

21.3 Cross Border Bio-Regional Forum

22. TRUSTEE UPDATES - Community Committee Participation

Written updates were provided for information only, verbal updates were not provided.

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

22.2 Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region

22.3 Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum

22.4 Freighter Anchorages/Oceans Protection Plan (OPP)

22.5 Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region

Trustee Peterson noted he attended the Round Table on behalf of Chair Patrick and will submit a report.

22.6 Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SF AMAC)

22.7 Southern Gulf Islands Forum

22.8 Transportation/Ferry Group

23. NEXT MEETING

The next Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting is scheduled to be held electronically Wednesday, September 9 - Friday, September 11, 2026.

23.1 Proposed Upcoming Trust Council Program

Received for information.

24. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder