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Islands Trust Council
Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 9 to September 11, 2026
Location: Electronic Meeting

Executive Members Present:
1. **Laura Patrick, Chair, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** (Victoria Boardroom)
2. **Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Island Local Trust Area** (Victoria Boardroom)
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. **Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area**
17. **Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island Local Trust Area**
18. **Aaron Campbell, North Pender Island Local Trust Area**
19. **Jamie Harris, Salt Spring 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** (Victoria Boardroom)
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. **Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trust Area**

Staff Present:
Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer (Victoria Boardroom)
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 (Victoria Boardroom)
Warren Dingman, Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Manager
Tedd Drummond, Information Technology Manager
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder (Victoria Boardroom)
Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator (Victoria Boardroom)
Mary Storzer, Regional Planning Manager

Others Present: **There were up to 6 members of the public in attendance electronically.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

There was a quorum of 22 trustees with Trustees Hunter, Mabberley, Middleton and Morrison not present.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Patrick acknowledged the meeting was being held in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations and introduced Tla'amin Nation Culture and Heritage Technician Scott Galligos.

Tla'amin Nation member Chileneh Scott Galligos spoke to the importance of the preservation of First Nations culture and heritage and thanked attendees for their work.

Trustee Middleton joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Review of the Agenda

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

- 16.3 Forecasted Budget Over Expenditure

TC-2026-099
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye, that Island Trust Council add "Forecasted Budget Over Expenditure" to the agenda.

CARRIED

3.2 Approval of the Agenda

3.2.1 Agenda Context Notes

3.2.1.1 Additional Context Notes

By general consent the agenda was approved, as amended.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Consent Agenda Items

4.1.1 Draft June 16-18, 2026 Islands Trust Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes

THAT Islands Trust Council adopt the minutes as presented.

4.1.2 Resolution without Meeting Report

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

4.1.3 Islands Trust Active Priorities Chart

Receive for information.

Trustee Middleton left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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 Work Program Report

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 to 4.1.3.7.

4.1.3.8 Chief Administrative Officer Performance Evaluation Committee

Committee Chair Gedye provided a verbal update.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 2026-05-22 BC Geographical Names Office - Two Geographical Names on Bowen Island

Received for information.

5.2 2026-07-14 S Brands - Land Transfers

Received for information.

5.3 2026-07-28 San Juan County - Letter to Governor Ferguson re Oil Transportation

This correspondence will be actioned at item 16.

5.4 2026-07-28 J Gedye - Committee of the Whole Quorum

This correspondence will be actioned at item 16.

5.5 2026-07-30 J Spalding - Shoreline Construction Zoning

Received for information.

5.6 2026-08-10 Friends of the Gulf Islands - Infrastructures Projects Act

Received for information.

5.7 2026-08-14 P Petrie - Submission to Trust Council Re Policy 1.3.1

Received for information.

5.8 2026-08-14 M Reiss - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.9 2026-08-14 D Miller - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.10 2026-08-15 J Mitchell - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.11 2026-08-15 S Evans - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.12 2026-08-15 E White - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.13 2026-08-15 J Moore - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.14 2026-08-15 P Vernon - Infrastructure Projects Act

Received for information.

5.15 2026-08-15 L Raymond – Trust

Received for information.

5.16 2026-08-15 C Kahn - Bill 15

Received for information.

5.17 2026-08-15 N Wigen - BC Bill 15

Received for information.

5.18 2026-08-16 P Brain - Bill 15 - Request to Remove the Islands Trust from this Legislation

Received for information.

5.19 2026-08-17 E Robertson - Infrastructure Project Act

Received for information.

5.20 2026-08-17 P Lamb - Bill 15

Received for information.

5.21 2026-08-17 J Gelwicks - Bill 15

Received for information.

5.22 2026-08-18 E Poole - Infrastructure Project Act

Received for information.

5.23 2026-08-18 R Wright - Infrastructure Projects Act & the Islands Trust

Received for information.

5.24 2026-08-18 K Barclay - Infrastructure Project ACT: A Dangerous Provincial Act

Received for information.

5.25 2026-08-18 J Gedye - Elbows Up for Climate

This correspondence will be actioned at item 16.

5.26 2026-08-19 P Bahr - Bill 15

Received for information.

5.27 The Seven Sisters on the Salish Sea: Our Sacred Duty

Received for information.

Trustee Scott left the meeting at 1:44 p.m. and did not return.

6. EXECUTIVE

6.1 Consent Agenda Items

6.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Receive for information.

6.1.2 Strategic Plan Quarterly Report

Receive for information.

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

6.1.3 Continuous Learning Plan

Receive for information.

A trustee suggested that the Continuous Leaning Plan document be reordered sequentially with current learning items listed first.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 6.1.3.

Trustee Harris left the meeting at 1:52 p.m. and did not return.

6.1.4 Implications of the Provincial Infrastructure Projects Act – Briefing

Receive for information.

The Chief Administrative Officer summarized the Briefing.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of requesting the Trust Area be exempt from the legislation even though Royal Assent has been given.

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

6.2 Discussion / Decision Items

6.2.1 New Corporate Planning Process - Request for Decision

The Chief Administrative Officer summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Trust Council identified strategic priorities could be reduced to a maximum of three;
- A feasibility assessment will look at options for the best way to implement the work prior to amending the Corporate Plan.

It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council approve the new Islands Trust Corporate Planning Process and direct staff to initiate the planning process for the next Council term.

Trustee Borthwick left the meting at 2:29 p.m.

TC-2026-100
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,

to table the motion.

CARRIED

Trustee Borthwick returned to the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

TC-2026-101
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to amend the strategic priorities in the corporate planning document be reduced from five to three.

CARRIED

TC-2026-102
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott,
to move the motion from the table.

CARRIED

TC-2026-103
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that the motion be amended by adding the words as amended at the end of the sentence.

CARRIED

TC-2026-104
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council approve the new Islands Trust Corporate Planning Process and direct staff to initiate the planning process for the next Council term as amended.

CARRIED

Trustee Graham left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

6.2.2 Council Committee Structure Recommendation - Request for Decision

The Chief Administrative Officer summarized the Request for Decision and the Chair of the Governance Committee provided background context.

It was clarified that the Executive Committee appoints trustees to committees and Islands Trust Council votes to approve said appointments, and the content of the motions are recommendations to a future Trust Council for that body to consider.

Trustee Graham returned to the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council recommend the incoming Council:

- amend the existing committee structure to replace some standing committees with select committees to support

priorities identified by Council in its strategic planning process
- amend policy to have membership of the Governance Committee appointed in the same manner as other standing committees

and that staff prepare a briefing for the incoming Council to support these recommendations.

TC-2026-105
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,
to sever the portion of the motion "amend policy to have membership of the Governance Committee appointed in the same manner as other standing committees" from the motion.

CARRIED

TC-2026-106
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council recommend the incoming Council amend the existing committee structure to replace some standing committees with select committees to support priorities identified by Council in its strategic planning process.

CARRIED

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Trustee Middleton returned to the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

TC-2026-107
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council recommend the incoming Council amend policy to have membership of the Governance Committee appointed in the same manner as other standing committees and that staff prepare a briefing for the incoming Council to support these recommendations.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 3:32 p.m. and reconvened at 3:47 p.m.

Trustee Dodds returned to the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Discussion on item 15 began following item 6.2.2.

15. TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustees Yates, Peterson, Patrick, Middleton, Maude, Luckham, Lironi, Graham, Gedye, Gauvreau, Fast, and Falck provided an update on the work of their respective local trust committees.

7. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION

7.1 Delegations

7.1.1 Georgia Strait Alliance

Beatrice Frank, Executive Director of the Georgia Strait Alliance spoke to the potential implications and risks associated with the advancement of the proposed West Coast Oil Pipeline including increased marine traffic, dredging, contaminants, and anchorage in the Salish Sea negatively affecting food sources and marine habitat. The delegate noted the importance of understanding details of each specific project prior to permitting fast tracking.

Trustee Bernardo left the meeting for the day at 4:45 p.m.

7.1.2 Raincoast Conservation Foundation

Misty MacDuffee, biologist with the Raincoast Conservation foundation spoke in support of Islands Trust advocacy related to the proposed West Coast Oil Pipeline and resultant marine shipping in the Salish Sea noting the potential negative impacts associated with oil spills and increased marine traffic and noise on marine life, whales, salmon, herring, migratory birds, and the ecological health of the ocean, Fraser River, and surrounding lands.

7.2 Public Comments

A member of the public, representing the Friends of the Gulf Islands Society, spoke to their concern that the *Infrastructure Projects Act* does not exempt the Trust Area, will reduce environmental review timelines, decrease mandatory public comment periods, and result in a loss of local autonomy should a local trust committee not reach agreement with a developer to remove policies that constrain a designated project. They called on Islands Trust Council to request to be removed from the *Infrastructure Projects Act*.

A member of the public, representing the Friends of the Gulf Island Society, referenced the State of the Islands report and spoke to the importance of protecting native species as part of the overall health of the natural environment. They noted their belief that the information in the report is not necessarily available to local trustees when decisions are being made regarding setback variances to water bodies and how said variances could harm, or not harm, ecosystems and the best source for relevant information would be best provided by a full-time staff biologist. They urged the biologist position be funded and that Trust Council support the staff recommendation to retain ongoing biologist expertise.

A member of the public spoke to a recent Islands Trust survey which asked respondents to identify priorities to inform the 2027/28 budget and 74% of respondents indicated the top priority was to protect the natural environment, 60% wanted to see growth managed in a sustainable way, and 33% identified the importance of affordability and responsible spending. They requested that the survey results be regarded as a strong message that is consistent with Islands Trust's mandate and that results be considered when strategic priorities are identified.

A member of public, representing Climate Caucus, requested Trust Council endorse the contents of the joint statement issued by the Elbows Up for Climate Summit of June, 2026 which calls on the federal government to prioritize and invest in economic opportunities that protect communities from climate impacts while building a prosperous economy.

A member of the public requested Trust Council considers the impacts of budget increases that are paid by workers and retirees through taxation.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

There was a quorum of 19 trustees with Trustees Borthwick, Evans, Harris, Hunter, Morrison, Scott and Stamford not present.

8. CLOSED MEETING

TC-2026-108
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,
that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c)(f)(g) and (i) 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; litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Trustees Borthwick and Evans joined the meeting during the in-camera portion.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 9:38 a.m. during the in-camera portion.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

9. RISE AND REPORT

Chair Patrick reported adoption of the June 17, 2026 in-camera meeting minutes.

10. LEGISLATIVE AND INFORMATION SERVICES

10.1 Consent Agenda Items

10.1.1 Director of Legislative and Information Services Report

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 10.1.1.

Trustee Gedye left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10.2 Discussion / Decision Items

10.2.1 Harmonization of Resolution Without Meeting Process - Request for Decision

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

TC-2026-109
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 210, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a First Time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-110
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 210, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a Second Time.

CARRIED

TC-2026-111
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 210, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a Third Time.

CARRIED

The Director of Legislative and Information Services stated the agenda contained an error in the citation for Bylaw 211 and should be read as "cited as Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 197, 2024 Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026".

TC-2026-112
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott, that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 211, cited as "Local Trust Committees Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 197, 2024 Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a First Time.

CARRIED
by 2/3 majority vote

TC-2026-113
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 211, cited as "Local Trust Committees Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 197, 2024 Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a Second Time.

CARRIED
by 2/3 majority vote

TC-2026-114
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council Bylaw 211, cited as "Local Trust Committees Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 197, 2024 Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2026", be read a Third Time.

CARRIED
by 2/3 majority vote

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

TC-2026-115
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council forward the Briefing "Model Amendment Bylaw to Incorporate Standard Resolutions Without Meeting Procedures into Islands Trust Conservancy Bylaw No. 2" to the Islands Trust Conservancy Board.

CARRIED

Trustee Gedye returned to the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

10.2.2 Information Systems Five-year Plan - Request for Decision

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the discussion and the Director of Legislative and Information Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and it was suggested the Information Systems Five-year Plan be laid out in the chart on a year-to-year basis and that the plan be communicated to the public with associated cost information included.

Trustee Mabberley left the meeting for the day at 11:11 a.m.

TC-2026-116
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,
that Islands Trust Council approve the Information Systems Five-year Plan dated September 9, 2026.

CARRIED

11. FINANCE 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 June 30, 2026 Quarterly Financial Report

Receive for information.

11.1.3 2025/26 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) - Request for Decision

THAT Islands Trust Council approve the 2025/26 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) and authorize Islands Trust staff to upload the SOFI to the Islands Trust website, and to submit the SOFI to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 11.1.1 to 11.1.3.

Trustee Borthwick left the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

11.2 Discussion / Decision Items

11.2.1 Pay Transparency Report - Request for Decision

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

Trustee Graham left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Discussion ensued and clarification on the reasons for pay transparency legislation were provided.

TC-2026-117
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,
that Islands Trust Council approve the inaugural Islands Trust Pay Transparency Report and authorize Islands Trust staff to upload the Pay Transparency report to the Islands Trust website.

CARRIED

Trustee Graham returned to the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

11.2.2 Investment Policy - Request for Decision

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

TC-2026-118
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council approve a new Investment policy (6.5.5).

CARRIED

Trustee Borthwick returned to the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

11.2.3 Draft Amended Procurement Policy - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Appendix a, b, and c have not been included in the document at the direction of the Financial Programs Committee because the appendices detail procedural directions to staff on how the policy is implemented and trustees do not review operational procedures;
- The Procurement Policy does not identity the policy relates to expenses over $50,000 and while the policy applies to all procurement activities there are different operational procedures for procurement over and under $50,000;
- Guidelines for provincial procurement are more comprehensive and the draft amended policy, as presented, is brief and lacks detail.

TC-2026-119
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Islands Trust Council refer the draft amended Procurement policy back to Financial Planning Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

12. HYPERABUNDANT DEER PRESENTATION

Dr. Tara Martin, Liber Ero Chair in Conservation, Faculty of Forestry and Ecosystem Stewardship, Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences, University of British Columbia, presented research on the impacts of hyperabundant deer, and strategies for managing hyperabundant deer to restore keystone places in the Gulf Islands.

13. TRUST AREA SERVICES

13.1 Consent Agenda Items

13.1.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

Receive for information.

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

13.1.2 Request to Trust Council in Regards to the use of Artificial Intelligence - Briefing

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- It was suggested that staff reports, briefings, and requests for decision disclose if they were prepared using artificial intelligence;
- While artificial intelligence generated content contains inaccuracies, staff are accountable for accuracy, completeness, and veracity of work produced and there is concern that there will be an assumption that said content is less reliable;
- Time spent checking the accuracy of artificial intelligence generated content should be considered.

TC-2026-120
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to report back with options, and implications, on the Islands Trust Conservancy Board request to identify if Generative Artificial Intelligence has been used in the generation of briefings, discussion notes or requests for decisions.

CARRIED

13.1.3 2026 Strategic Priorities Survey - Briefing

Receive for information.

13.1.4 Advocacy Overview (2022-2026 Trust Council Term) - Briefing

Receive for information.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in items 13.1.3 and 13.1.4.

13.2 Discussion / Decision Items

13.2.1 Policy 2.1.17 Grants Provided by Trust Council - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and implications on sponsorships were clarified.

TC-2026-121
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council approve Grants provided by Trust Council Policy (2.1.17).

CARRIED

TC-2026-122
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,
that Islands Trust Council rescind:

- History and Heritage Grants-in-Aid Policy (2.1.14);
- Guidelines for Executive Committee Sponsored or Islands Trust Conservancy Initiated Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) Applications (Policy 2.1.6); and
- Guidelines for Executive Committee Sponsored or Local Trust Committee Initiated Development Applications (Policy 4.1.13).

CARRIED

13.2.2 Chair Letter re Provincial Action on Recommendations in Drought Ready Report - Request for Decision

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

Trustees spoke in support of advocacy on the matter and a request to include Trust Area specific observations was made.

TC-2026-123
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans, that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Premier of British Columbia encouraging action on the recommendations in the POLIS Drought Ready report.

CARRIED

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

13.2.3 Marine Shipping Advocacy - Request for Decision

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

Trustee Dodds returned to the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Discussion ensued and trustees noted support for advocacy related to risk mitigation due to increased marine traffic and spill preparedness.

Trustee Maude left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

TC-2026-124
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Falck, that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Major Projects Office by September 18, 2026 expressing Trust Council's:

a. opposition to the proposed West Coast Oil Pipeline being designated a project of national interest under the *Building Canada Act* until full details of the project are known and formal impact assessments are completed given scientific studies about potential risks to species and communities in the Salish Sea may deliver results that demonstrate the project should not proceed, and;
b. interest in being kept informed of, and involved in, any consultations or initiatives related to consideration of proposed industrial projects in the Salish Sea that would result in cumulative risks to the socio-economic and environmental and cultural uniqueness of the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

TC-2026-125
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to organize a meeting of interested organizations, First Nations and community leaders regarding impacts of the projected increase in marine shipping traffic in the Salish Sea.

CARRIED

TC-2026-126
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,
that Islands Trust Council approve expenditure of up to $1,545 in funds held by the Islands Trust from previous Transport Canada Community Participation Program grants and request staff apply for a grant from the Transport Canada Community Participation Program to support a meeting of interested organizations, First Nations and community leaders regarding impacts of projected marine shipping traffic in the Salish Sea.

CARRIED

TC-2026-127
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to develop an advocacy strategy for Islands Trust Council consideration regarding the projected cumulative impacts and risks of increased marine shipping traffic in the Salish Sea.

CARRIED

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

13.2.4 Communications Policy Amendments for Document Library Management - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and the following clarifications and suggestions were noted:

- The types of documents that are posted for public interest that will be removed from the website include minutes and agendas which will still be made available by request;
- The repository for documents is the records management system not the website;
- Removal of older documents will improve speed and access on the backend of the website;
- Long term active projects that span over more than the last two terms will be reviewed and will remain on the website.

Trustee Maude returned to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Trustee Dodds returned to the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

TC-2026-128
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,
that Islands Trust Council approve the amendments to Policy 6.10.2 [Communications] that establishes a routine schedule for retaining and removing website documents over time to keep the website Document Library current and functional.

CARRIED

Trustee Hunter arrived to the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

TC-2026-129
It was MOVED by Trustee Boland, and SECONDED by Trustee Bernardo,
that Islands Trust Council request that approved minutes of local committee meetings and other committees are placed in WebDAV going forward.

CARRIED

13.2.5 Chair Letter re New Regulation Encouraging More Food Processing in Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) - Request for Decision

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

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- The Agricultural Land Commission sets the baseline for regulations that must be met and Islands Trust can implement land use regulations for land within the Agricultural Land Reserve;
- The proposed regulatory change would allow food processors to host food processing operations on areas of Class 5-7 soil in the Agricultural Land Reserve, provided at least 5% of the food being processed is grown or raised in BC.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:12 p.m.

Trustee Luckham left the meeting at 5:12 p.m. and did not return.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

There was a quorum of 19 trustees with Trustees Allen, Evans, Harris, Luckham, Middleton, Morrison and Scott not present.

Discussion continued on item 13.2.5.

- A trustee circulated a letter from Organic BC regarding the proposed regulation.

TC-2026-130
It was MOVED by Trustee Borthwick, and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,
that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Minister of Agriculture and Food echoing Union of BC Municipalities' concerns with a proposed new regulation encouraging more food processing on Agricultural Land Reserve lands with Class 5-7 soils.

CARRIED

13.2.6 Allocation of Provincial Grant for Engagement with First Nations - Request for Decision

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

TC-2026-131
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council approve allocation of the First Nation engagement grant as presented in the September 9, 2026 "Allocation of provincial grant for engagement with First Nations" briefing.

CARRIED

14. PLANNING SERVICES

14.1 Consent Agenda Items

14.1.1 Director of Planning Services Report

Receive for information.

14.1.2 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Statistical Reports - Briefing

Receive for information.

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

14.1.3 Major Project Work and the Regional Planning Team, and Minor Project Work Criteria - Briefing

Receive for information.

The Regional Planning Manager and the Director of Planning Services spoke to the briefing and clarified the criteria listed to initiate a minor project are guidelines that should be assessed in terms of allocating resources; however, the local trust committee ultimately determines their minor project.

Trustee Allen joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Trustee Middleton joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

By general consent Islands Trust Council adopted the recommendation as presented in item 14.1.3.

14.2 Discussion / Decision Items

14.2.1 Letter of Understanding Between Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and Capital Regional District – Salt Spring Local Community Commission - Request for Decision

The Director of Planning Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and it was clarified a letter of understanding is administrative in nature and a protocol agreement is in place with the Capital Regional District.

TC-2026-132
It was MOVED by Trustee Yates, and SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,
that Islands Trust Council approve the Proposed Letter of Understanding between the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and the Capital Regional District Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign on the Islands Trust behalf.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

14.2.2 Monitoring Progress on Ecosystem Protection in Land Use Planning – Initiative3.2.4 Update - Request for Decision

The Director of Planning Services summarized the Request for Decision.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- A trustee requested the draft Species at Risk – State of the Islands report be sent to local conservancies for comment;
- The model Development Permit Area bylaw is provided as a template for local trust committees; however, the designation section in the model refers to "all lands within the boundaries of the Islands Trust Area" and this will be corrected;
- Each local trust committee has the ability to implement, edit, or decline to establish the model Development Permit Area.

Trustee Evans joined the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

- The Land Information Screening Tool is not fully developed and presents potential data accuracy challenges;
- There remains need for Trust Council to endorse the Housing Options Tool Kit.

TC-2026-133
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council receive the Draft Species at Risk – State of the Islands report.

CARRIED

TC-2026-134
It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,
that Islands Trust Council endorse staff use of the Species at Risk – State of the Islands report as an operational technical input when advising Local Trust Committees and preparing bylaw updates.

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell left the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

TC-2026-135
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,
that Islands Trust Council amend the model natural environment Development Permit Area, by amending the Designation section to clarify that the Development Permit Area would not apply to the entire Trust Area, but would instead by available for individual local trust committees to consider for adoption.

CARRIED

TC-2026-136
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to bring the draft model natural environment Development Permit Area back to Trust Council for consideration, once amended.

CARRIED

TC-2026-137
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott
that Islands Trust Council endorse staff use of the Terms of Reference for Professional Environmental Assessment Reports as a staff operational standard.

CARRIED

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Trustee Campbell returned to the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

TC-2026-138
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to prepare an internal communications policy to improve how the methodology and rationale behind the Land Information Screening Tool are communicated in staff reports, presentations, and related projects.

CARRIED

TC-2026-139
It was MOVED by Trustee Allen, and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to expand and refine the Land Information Screening Tool content in the Housing Options Toolkit by adding a more technical summary of the tool's methodology, rationale, and intended use to complement the current plain-language version posted online as Tool 4 – Land Information Screening Tool.

CARRIED

The agenda was reordered and item 16 to item 20 were discussed following item 14.

16. NEW BUSINESS

16.1 Advocacy for Long-term Federal Operational Support for BC Ferries - Request for Decision

Trustee Peterson summarized the trustee sponsored Request for Decision.

Trustee Mabberley left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Trustee Falck left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

TC-2026-140
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen, that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Minister of Transport, Minister of Finance and National Revenue for Canada, and The Prime Minister of Canada, supporting parliamentary Motion M-35 Federal operational support for BC Ferries, with copies to Members of Parliament in the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

Trustees Dodds and Falck returned to the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

16.2 Trust Council Endorsement of Elbows Up For Climate Joint Statement - Request for Decision

Trustee Gedye summarized the trustee sponsored Request for Decision.

TC-2026-141
It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,

- That Islands Trust Council endorse the contents of the Joint Statement issued
  by the "Elbows Up For Climate" summit of June 2026;
- That Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of Parliament representing the Trust Area explaining that Island Trust Council has endorsed a June 4, 2026 Joint Statement issued by municipal leaders following an "Elbows Up For Climate" summit and requesting that they support the call for immediate federal action on the five key demands in the Statement, and send a copy of the letter to the First Nations Climate Leadership Council; and
- That Islands Trust Council request staff to issue a news release about Trust Council's endorsement of the "Elbows Up For Climate" Joint Statement.

CARRIED

Trustee Stamford left the meting at 12:19 p.m.

16.3 Forecasted Budget Over Expenditure

The Chief Administrative Officer spoke to the forecasted budget over expenditure and highlighted the following:

- Staff are required to report any budgeted over expenditure greater than $20,000;

- Costs for the November, 2026 and December, 2026 Islands Trust Council meetings may be higher than anticipated and may result in an over expenditure of $26,000;
- If there is less than full attendance at said meetings the costs will be reduced;
- Staff have identified potential cost saving options including moving the March, 2027 Trust Council meeting to Salt Spring from Galiano or changing the meeting to electronic format.

Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of electronic meetings.

Trustees Campbell and Falck left the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

TC-2026-142
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to change the location of the March, 2027 Quarterly Meeting to an electronic meeting.

DEFEATED

TC-2026-143
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to change the location of the March, 2027 Quarterly meeting to Salt Spring Island.

DEFEATED

Trustee Hunter left the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Trustee Falck returned to the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

17. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT & CORRESPONDENCE

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

TC-2026-144
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that Islands Trust Council requests staff report back on advocacy options to

- request that the Province of BC take bold action to amend hunting regulations for the Gulf Islands to support management of the hyperabundance of deer, which represent an increasing threat to biodiversity loss in the Trust Area, and
- identify partners in the Province, First Nations, non profit organizations and other stakeholder groups in the region, with which Islands Trust can cooperate toward the management of hyperabundance of deer.

CARRIED

TC-2026-145
It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,

that Islands Trust Council recommends to the incoming Trust Council that it set a strategic priority of protecting biodiversity in the Trust Area with a key initiative being advocacy regarding hyperabundance of deer in the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

Trustee Mabberley returned to the meting at 1:08 p.m.

TC-2026-146
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write a letter to the Province asking that legislation be amended to exempt Islands Trust from the Provincial *Infrastructure Projects Act* in recognition of the mandate of Islands Trust and the Provincially recognized unique environmental value of the Trust Area.

CARRIED

18. ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP ACTION LIST

Received for information.

19. TRUSTEE CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION REPORTING - None

20. TRUSTEE UPDATES - Community Committee Participation

Written updates were provided for information only.

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

20.2 Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Region

20.3 Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel Ecosystem Forum

20.4 Freighter Anchorages/Oceans Protection Plan (OPP)

20.5 Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Roundtable

TC-2026-147
It was MOVED by Trustee Peterson, and SECONDED by Trustee Fast,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to investigate participation in the Mid Island Stewardship Caucus, and report back.

CARRIED

20.6 Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee

20.7 Southern Gulf Islands Forum

20.8 Transportation/Ferry Group

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

The agenda was reordered and item 15 was discussed following item 20.

15. TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

The trustee roundtable was picked up from the previous day and Trustees Evans, Elliott, Borthwick, Boland, Bernardo, Allen, and Mabberley provided an update on the work of their respective local trust committees.

21. NEXT MEETING

The next Islands Trust Council Quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held in-person in Victoria November 12-14, 2026.

TC-2026-148
It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Islands Trust Council request staff change the start time of the November Islands Trust Council meeting to 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 13, 2026.

CARRIED

TC-2026-149
It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,
that Islands Trust Council request staff to cancel the October 7, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED

21.1 Proposed Upcoming Trust Council Program

21.1.1 Draft November Islands Trust Council Meeting Schedules (Day 1 - Open House & Inauguration and Days 2&3 - Islands Trust Council Meeting)

Received for information.

22. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

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