



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: May 6, 2024
Location: Judith Fisher Centre
#1 China Cloud Bay Road
Lasqueti Island, BC

Members Present: Tobi Elliott, Chair
Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee
Mikaila Lironi, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Stephen Baugh, Island Planner
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator / Recorder (by Zoom)

Others Present: There were approximately 8 members of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

"Please note, the order of agenda items may be modified during the meeting. Times are provided for convenience only and are subject to change."

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She also acknowledged that May 5, 2024 was the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Two-Spirit Persons, and she requested a moment of silence for reflection on the losses and grief experienced within First Nations communities.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Lironi reported that the Lasqueti Island Advisory Planning Commission recently met to discuss a recommendation on the definition of a community benefit as it relates to a fees bylaw reduction.

Trustee Peterson reported the following:

- He attended a meeting with the Vancouver Island District Manager for the Ministry of Transport which provided an opportunity to begin communications with local Trustees and senior staff within the Ministry regarding road issues;
- He attended a workshop hosted by the Capital Regional District pertaining to marine matters and specifically the proliferation of mooring buoys in the southern Gulf Islands. He noted that the regulation of private mooring buoys is multi jurisdictional and the cost of enforcement can be problematic. He indicated that the meeting was a first step in a collaborative effort to work together on this issue;
- The Islands Trust policy statement will be released soon and a committee of the whole meeting is scheduled at the end of May for the purpose of discussion;
- The CAO hiring committee is continuing to meet and is planning to appoint an executive search committee; and
- There will be a protocol signing event held at the Snaw-naw-as Health Centre at the end of May.

3.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported the following:

- She attended a Regional Planning Committee meeting during which the planning related recommendations outlined in the 2002 Governance Report were considered and prioritized;
- She observed a meeting between Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; and
- She attended the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities conference and participated in two sessions including Building Wildfire Resiliency and Shoreline Mapping.

3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report - none

4. TOWN HALL

Prior to commencing the Town Hall, Chair Elliott stated that she had an update on the matter of the recording of meetings by members of the public and read a statement as follows:

- A member of the public can record meetings, but the Chair of the meeting must be informed before recording is begun;
- The Chair will inform everyone present at the meeting that it will be personally recorded;
- If a member of the public is uncomfortable being recorded while they are speaking, the Chair may require that the person recording temporarily stop the recording;
- The meetings are recorded by Islands Trust staff and can be viewed on the meeting page on the website; and
- The criminal code does state that anybody is able to record another member of the public and that individual does not necessarily have a choice about it, however the criminal code does not override any bylaws or meeting procedures established for the safe and orderly operation of a meeting.

A member of the public objected and Chair Elliott reiterated that if the individual disagreed with what was just stated about recording meetings, then, they have the choice to either abide by the rules or leave the meeting.

Chair Elliott opened the Town Hall.

A member of the public asked if the Advisory Planning Commission had come up with a definition of 'community benefit' as it would seem that any legal business providing a service is supplying a community benefit.

The Trustee replied that a recommendation for the definition of 'community benefit' had not been received yet.

A member of the public made the following comments:

- Canada is a one party consent ruled country and BC is a one party consent law province, which means that if any individual wants to record any conversation they are taking part in, then, that one person has given their consent, so recording is legal;
- He will not tell the Chair if he is recording, and he will not stop recording if he is asked to do so;
- If the Chair wants to exclude him from the meeting then the Chair can do so because she has control of the meeting,
- He has legally protected rights to record the meeting and he does not require permission; and
- The Chair can ignore his statement, retract her illegal statement, or remove him from the meeting.

The Chair noted that Islands Trust has given specific direction on this matter as previously stated. She indicated that every member of the public has the equal right to participate in a public meeting and if someone recording is preventing an individual from exercising that right the Chair can ask the recording be stopped. She informed the member of the public that if he did not want to abide by this direction, then, he was being asked to leave the meeting.

The member of the public continued to repeat their position and left the meeting

The meeting was recessed at 11:35 a.m., and reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

A member of the public stated that the illegal docks issue had caused a lot of division in the community and he proposed a solution as follows:

- Developers can receive an exemption from bylaws by providing a public benefit such as a parcel of land, money, or infrastructure improvements;
- If Mr. Carey were to build a public dock with public access the dock could be legalized; and
- This would require cooperation between various government agencies, an amendment to the Official Community Plan, and the creation of a loading zone and parking area, but would result in the public getting a dock and the owner getting to keep his dock.

A member of the public stated that they had been a member of the Lasqueti Community Association during a previous Official Community Plan review and one of the considerations was what type of community the residents wanted. The question was not debated at that time and she wondered if it would be considered as part of the current review.

Trustee Peterson noted that there had been a committee working on that specific piece and that individuals could get together to do that work independently.

A member of the public asked how much it was going to cost to contract an executive search firm to hire a new CEO and why the existing hiring committee is not doing that work.

Chair Elliott indicated that it is being done to ensure an unbiased hiring process, that the committee will participate in the CEO interview and hiring stages but they do not have the expertise to recruit an executive at this level. She noted that up to \$75,000 (seventy five thousand dollars) was put aside in the current budget for this process.

A member of the public asked for clarification on the following:

- Why have four advocacy policies regarding the qathet Regional District been removed from the Official Community Plan draft section 4.3;
- Why part of the last paragraph on page 67 has been deleted; and
- Did section 5.1.5 got moved elsewhere in the document?

The Planner replied as follows:

- The policies were removed by the Local Trust Committee because the Local Government Act requires advocacy policies to be less directive;
- The track changes shows them to be removed; however, they have been reworded into a different, less restrictive, policy;
- The information on page 67 was moved to a different section; and
- The final item referred to was removed by the Local Trust Committee.

The same speaker referred to the Local Trust Committee meeting expense report and asked why the Local Trust Committee had doubled its budget for the year.

Chair Elliott replied that an evaluation of anticipated meeting expenses was done for the last fiscal period with the understanding that a full-time Meeting Administrator would be hired and that expense would not be attributed to the meeting budgets. The position was not filled during the fiscal period and therefore the expense of contracted minute-takers was allocated at year-end, causing the expenditure to be higher than the budget. Trustee Peterson clarified that the Meeting Administrator position was not filled for a year so every budget was reduced on that basis as the funds allocated for the position came from a different area of the overall budget.

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated March 4, 2024 - for adoption

The minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of March 4, 2024 were adopted.

5.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - none

5.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Follow-up Action List dated April 29, 2024

The Planner provided an update on item 3.1 dated January, 2023 regarding the need to provide accommodation for persons with disabilities to attend public meetings. He stated that the Local Trust Committee is required to accommodate those with disabilities and that Islands Trust is establishing an Accessibility Committee to develop an accessibility plan.

7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - none

8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

8.1 Minor Project: Official Community Plan Review - Staff Report

The Planner summarized the staff report and noted that additions to the project charter have been made based on a previous resolution and timelines have been updated.

Trustee Peterson made the following comments:

- The Local Trust Committee was asked to scale back the project charter in order to keep it as a minor project and prevent it from moving to a major project;
- They were told to reduce the scope of the project;
- There are Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw issues that still need to be dealt with;
- There are items on the future projects list that he would like to see completed this term;
- There were items that are now out of scope entirely due to budgetary issues; and
- He does not wish to be put in a position where they are forced to reduce the scope of the project because they did not get sufficient notice to prepare a business case in time for budget approval.

Discussion ensued.

LA-2024-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee direct staff to prepare a business case for the 2025/26 budget that includes:

1. Completion of any unfinished items from the OCP/LUB Review Project - Charter version 6.1, dated May 2024
2. Items 2, 3, and 4 from the Future Projects Report, dated April 29, 2024
3. Land Use Bylaw review and potential revisions arising from OCP amendments.
4. An updated community vision statement.

CARRIED

LA-2024-006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee approve the Project Charter version 6.1, for the Lasqueti Island OCP Review Project.

CARRIED

8.2 Minor Project: Official Community Plan Review – Memorandum

The memorandum was received for information

9. DELEGATIONS - none

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)

11. NEW BUSINESS - none

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 2023/24 Annual Report - Approval of Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee's Section - Request for Decision

Discussion ensued and the Local Trust Committee requested to amend the last sentence in the second to last paragraph to include that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee has participated in meetings with the leadership of the Snaw-naw-as First Nation as part of the Official Community Plan review project, and contributed towards the development of the protocol agreement between the Snaw-naw-as First Nation and Islands Trust.

LA-2024-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee approves the attached text for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs as amended.

CARRIED

12.2 Trust Conservancy Report

Received for information.

12.3 Applications Report dated April 29, 2024

Received for information

12.4 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated February, 2024

Received for information.

12.5 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information

12.6 First Nations Relationship Building Update

No update at this time.

12.7 Local Trust Committee Webpage

No changes at this time.

13. WORK PROGRAM

13.1 Active Projects Report dated April 29, 2024

Received for information.

13.2 Future Projects Report dated April 29, 2024

Received for information.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2024 at 11:00 am at Judith Fisher Centre, #1 China Cloud Bay Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

15. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm

Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Recorder