



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: May 6, 2024
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Judith Fisher Centre
#1 China Cloud Bay Road
Lasqueti Island, BC

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1. CALL TO ORDER	11:00 AM - 11:05 AM
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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
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15. **ADJOURNMENT** 12:45 PM - 12:45 PM



**Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Date: March 4, 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: Wil Cottingham, Administrator and Meeting Facilitator
 Sonja Zupanec, Senior Planner (by Zoom)
 Stephen Baugh, Island Planner
 Katherine Vogt, Recorder (by Zoom)

Others Present: There were approximately twenty (20) members of the public in attendance.

Regrets: Andrew Fall, Electoral Area Director for qathet Regional District

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She read out the names of fifteen First Nations that have territorial rights and interests in and around Lasqueti Island; and spoke on the ongoing shared governance efforts of the Islands Trust and First Nations. She introduced trustees, staff, and recorder; and welcomed members of the public. She expressed regret that long time Islands Trust Administrator Wil Cottingham would be retiring from her current position soon. She noted that the meeting would be livestreamed and recorded, and that the recording would be available at the Islands Trust website in approximately five days.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

- add item 11.3: Consideration of Dust n’ Bones Film Screening.

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Peterson reported on the following:

- The Financial Planning Committee of the Trust Council has been meeting to prepare for upcoming budget deliberations at the March 2024 Trust Council meeting, focusing on how to reduce tax increases.
- Meetings of the Hiring Committee for the new Chief Administrative Officer.

Trustee Lironi reported on the following:

- Reviewing the new Provincial short-term housing regulations has been interesting, especially that the usual legal non-conforming clauses are not contained in this legislation.

3.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported on the following:

- The Regional Planning Committee of the Islands Trust has a modest \$30,000 budget request to support the Housing Strategy Action.
- Staff are reviewing recent bylaw enforcement recommendations received by the Regional Planning Committee from the Ombudsman. Implementation of the recommendations, especially regarding the bylaw complaints communications process, will be happening over the next 18 months.
- The Province recently expanded their secondary suite incentive program, which offers up to a \$40,000.00 forgivable loan to build a new secondary suite in your house; the program includes previously excluded regional districts.
- A grant of \$127,000.00 from the Deputy Minister of Housing was received by the Islands Trust for conducting Housing Needs Assessments, which saves \$110,000.00 that would otherwise have come from the Trust budget.

3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

Chair Elliott reported for Director Andrew Fall that he sends regrets for not being able to attend the meeting; and conveys that there were no updates on the Wildfire Urban Interface Program.

4. TOWN HALL

Members of the public spoke on the following:

- The community, during its review of the Official Community Plan (OCP), clearly expressed desire to reduce its carbon footprint. Another private dock would increase vehicle traffic, so I am opposed to it.
- Islands Trust needs to be reminded that Lasqueti does not have a Bylaw Enforcement Notification Bylaw.
- The current OCP encourages communal docks. Private docks take away from available public foreshore area access.
- Are Freedom of Information (FOI) request documents publicly quotable at Local Trust Committee meetings, including emails sent by a Trustee?

- Chair Elliott responded that FOI information was considered public; but comments made at Local Trust Committee meetings should be directed toward the business of the Trust, be of a non-personal nature, and not be defamatory.
- My last name, Darwin, was incorrectly spelled in several places in the last meeting minutes. I support the private dock. In addition, more public input is needed to change the existing bylaw to allow private docks on the very few places where the terrain makes it physically possible. We have a private dock in Scotty Bay and are relieved by the addition of the Carey dock, which is very professionally constructed, unobtrusive, and more ecologically sound than mooring buoys. Scotty Bay is the safest harbor for wind and can provide a safe access point off the island in case of a fire or other emergency. Also, ferry unreliability necessitates more private docks.
- The Carey application was previously rejected by Trust staff in 2020, was moved forward in 2023; and now staff is recommending it be rejected and that 50% of the application fee be retained when the only way the applicants could stop the bylaw enforcement court process against them was to reapply. The entire situation may be a matter for the criminal code and there seems to have been no local trustee communication with the public about this application and its court proceedings. Also, is there any public consultation process for the upcoming Trust Council budget deliberations?
 - Chair Elliott responded that the previous years of public consultation were considered too expensive and unfeasible; however, the public is always welcome to write in their opinions.
- The member of the public commented that the last public consultation on record states that up to around 80% of Trust residents want little or no budget increases.
- I am a member of the local fire department, a local emergency coordinator, and a first responder and I strongly support the Carey dock as a valuable resource for medical evacuation for when the ferry, coast guard or helicopter is not running or available. Currently, the helicopter will be unable to land at the school site while it is being rebuilt.
- Empty existing local buildings should be made available for local housing, especially in the winter months.
- Could the Local Trust Committee (LTC) make a motion to refer the matter of private docks to the local Advisory Planning Commission (APC)? Also, how much email communication did the LTC receive on this dock application?
 - Chair Elliott responded that approximately 30 emails were received.
 - Trustee Peterson added that more emails had been received over the weekend.
 - The member of the public asked why emails were not considered in the agenda under Correspondence?
 - Planner responded that correspondence related to an application, unlike general correspondence to the LTC, is posted to the Current Applications location on the Lasqueti area of the website rather than included in the general agenda package, unless the LTC makes a resolution to include it.
- Why is there one early email correspondence letter regarding the dock application included in this agenda package when all other emails were not included?
 - Chair Elliott noted this inconsistency and that it was a mistake.

- The LTC should be basing their consideration of the dock on how much public support there is for it.
 - Chair Elliott noted that if the application went forward there would be a Public Hearing; and, that LTC decisions needed to balance between the public good and the constraints of the Islands Trust Policy Statement and the Lasqueti Official Community Plan (OCP).
- I support the dock; also, could the LTC support the appropriation of land for a new public Tucker Bay dock facility, which is desperately needed given that in bad weather it is the only place that is accessible?
- The current Carey dock is a highly professional installation. Before-pictures of the site would show it littered with unsightly junk, whereas now it is immaculately clean.
- I have written a letter opposing this application because it is unaligned with the current OCP, and it sets a dangerous precedent for future proliferation of docks.
- Why do we support mooring buoys over docks given that buoys may move through up to 100 feet, in contrast to the smaller footprint of a stationary dock?
- The Carey application is such a big issue that it cannot be managed by a single public hearing; it needs a series of community information meetings.
- The historical Tucker Bay first-wharf site is the only public access site to deep water, which the Lasqueti Ratepayers Association has worked to preserve through a 10-year ongoing court case with the property owner who is trying to block access to the site.
- Why was the original Carey dock application denied?
 - A Trustee responded that the application came in after the dock was built.
- The current LTC meeting budget is 4.5 times overspent.
 - Chair Elliott responded that the local meeting budget is consistent with previous years; and there have been increasing travel costs for Chairs.
 - The member of the public responded that it was the minute- taking that was inflating the budget.
 - Chair Elliott responded that the previous request to have a local minute-taker has been received and is being considered; and that the meeting expenses money budgeted for a full-time meeting facilitator that has yet to be filled came from operations rather than LTC local meeting expense budgets. Overall, the Trust is coming in underbudget for the last quarter.
- How could the Islands Trust afford a court case over the dock?
 - Chair Elliott responded that this took serious consideration.
- I record this meeting for my own use despite the chair saying I could not. Would the Chair be willing to modify this?
 - Chair Elliott clarified that there was no ruling, but that it had been encouraged as a courtesy to others being recorded to seek their permission and to convey how the recording will be used. The Director of Legislative Services is currently seeking further clarification on the recordings of meetings of elected officials.
- Where there is no road access a property owner is entitled to have a private dock. Also, if the public supports removing that portion of the OCP that says the community does not want private docks, then the private dock should be permitted.

- In recent years, we have had two private docks approved and built on Wolf Island and Johnson’s Lagoon without any problems.
- Previous OCP consideration of docks was made by residents who had no maritime or boating experience; so, this area of the OCP needs re-review.
- Why are there three vacant seats on the APC?
 - Chair Elliott offered that this could be reviewed.
- The LTC should initiate a property and shoreline review of Lasqueti to identify all areas suitable for docks.

By general consent the meeting was recessed at 1:26 pm and reconvened at 2:01 pm

5. MINUTES

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated December 11, 2023 - for adoption

The following changes to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- On page 3, bullet point 3, line 1, replace the word “foreign” with the term “off-island.”
- Correct the incorrect last name “Goodwin” to the proper last name “Darwin” in the following places: page 4, Item 5.1, paragraph 4, line 2; page 7, paragraph 8, line 1; page 7, paragraph 11, line 1; page 7, paragraph 12, line 1; page 7, paragraph 13, line 1; page 7, paragraph 14, line 1.

By general consent the minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of December 11, 2023 were adopted as amended.

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 February 26, 2024

Planner clarified that discussion between the Local Trust Committee (LTC) and Snaw-naw-as First Nation regarding the OCP Bylaw No. 98 could occur at an upcoming Working Group meeting.

Chair Elliot noted that the initiation of a Trust Accessibility Committee has been delayed.

7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

7.1 LA-RZ-2023.1 (Carey) - Staff Report

Planner presented the staff report that recommends that trustees do not proceed further with the Land Use Bylaw Amendment application LA-RZ-2023.1 that seeks the permitting of an existing private dock in the M2 Marine General (M2) zone, noting the following:

- The application is not supported by current Official Community Plan (OCP) conservation policies.
- There is a policy in the OCP that states that private docks may be considered on a site-specific basis and that environmental and social effects must be addressed.
- Approximately fifty (50) pieces of correspondence have been received regarding this application.
- One piece of correspondence related to the application is in the agenda package due to a previous Local Trust Committee (LTC) motion.

The applicants spoke on the following:

- The building of the dock was preceded by consultation with biologists, surveyors, other consultants, and all neighbours, to comply with the social and environmental effects section of the OCP.
- The dock can provide for alternate medical evacuation and the applicants are willing to provide easement through their property as an item on land title in perpetuity for emergency personnel access.
- The dock is a “general permission” dock, which means you must allow access for the public in and around the dock.
- The applicant has been allowing other residents to use the dock as needed on a per request basis.
- Applications for foreshore leases for “public” docks are not being granted currently, so the only avenue is to apply for a “general permission” dock.

Trustees considered the following:

- Public engagement on docks regarding their social and environmental effects being included in the current OCP review and occurring before the application is considered.
- The costs of specific application public hearings versus general issue community engagement processes.
- “Social effects,” not being clearly defined in the OCP and distinct from the term “community benefits,” could be referred to the APC.
- Bylaw compliance processes being applied in a fair way.
- Docks proliferation on other islands.
- Mapping of shoreline values intersecting with the docks siting issues undertakings of the Lasqueti Ratepayers Association.
- In perpetuity statutory right of way and insurance issues for access through a property for emergency personnel.
- The contrast between general permission guidelines and guidelines for public docks.
- The definition of ‘unique amenities’ being different for each island and each OCP.
- How to fairly gauge overall community support for, or opposition to, the Carey dock.
- The problem of divisive issues fraying the social fabric.
- That the Coast Guard will only come to False Bay for matters of life and death.
- First Nations access rights to shoreline areas.

- Site accessibility by public road has been determined by previous Lasqueti Ratepayers' review as being highly significant.

By general consent the meeting recessed at 1:26 pm and reconvened at 2:01 pm.

LA-LTC-2024-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee requests that the applicant for LA-RZ-2023.1 work with planning staff to provide the following prior to the Local Trust Committee considering first reading of draft bylaws:

- a. Information on how land and water access to the dock will be legally secured in perpetuity for emergency services;
- b. Confirmation from the provincial approving authority of the correct crown lease tenure for an emergency dock; and
- c. Confirmation that the dock is sufficient for all emergency service providers who are proposed to use the dock.

CARRIED

8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

8.1 Minor Project: Official Community Plan Review - Staff Report

Planner presented the staff report that recommends that trustees endorse proposed amendments to the proposed Bylaw No. 98: Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan, 2020 to better align the bylaw with the Islands Trust Policy Statement and with the Local Government Act, noting the following:

- Schedule B map was edited to include the location of the school and update the parks and protected areas. This is not shown in the track changes.
- Minimum "parcel" size for Subdivision District A has been amended to an even 10 acres. Staff seek clarity for amending Subdivision District B "Lot" size from the existing 19.77 acres to an even 20 acres, for consistency.

The following further suggested amendments to the proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) document were recommended and considered by the Local Trust Committee (LTC):

- Amend Subdivision District B lot size to 20 acres for consistency.
- Change spelling of "Kweh et ey" to the more commonly used "Xwe-etay."
- 4.2.1.(e): strike "local feral/heritage" and replace with "unowned, formerly domestic," to be consistent with previous provincial advice.
- 4.2.3.(b): strike "exotic" and "feral" and replace "feral" with "unowned, formerly domestic."
- 4.2.10.(e): add "including public accesses to the foreshore."
- 4.4.3.(a): re-include the word "promptly" in reference to the removing of derelict vehicles.

- Add new 4.4.3.(b): “In order to stem the growing population of vehicles on-island, residents are encouraged to arrange for the removal of a vehicle before barging a new or used vehicle onto the island.”
- 4.4.11.(b): amend the archaic telephone wire language to include the possibility of fibre optic cable.
- 5.4.5: replace references to “Land and Water BC” to use more general language.
- 4.2.12.(a): add “First Nations and” before the words “the responsible ministry.”
- 4.2.13(d): add “In partnership with and guided by First Nations,” at the beginning of the sentence.

LA-LTC-2024-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee endorse the proposed changes to Lasqueti island Official Community Plan, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED

LA-LTC-2024-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to amend the project charter to include as an in scope item a referral to the Lasqueti Island Advisory Planning Commission to consider private docks and their use, specifically towards defining how environmental and social effects should be addressed, as per Section 4.4.7 Boats and Maritime Vessel Policies.

CARRIED

9. DELEGATIONS - none

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Email dated October 20, 2023 from S. Morrison

Received for information.

10.2 Email dated February 13, 2024 from Snaw-Naw-As regarding Snaw Naw As Forest Stewardship Plan

Received for information.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Review of the New Provincial Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act for Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area – Memorandum

Planner Zupanec spoke on the memorandum, which provides an analysis of the implications for Lasqueti Island of the new Short Term Rental Accommodation Act, noting the following:

- There are no serious implications for the current Lasqueti Official Community (OCP) Plan with this act.
- The Province is setting up a recurring annual principal residence requirement for short-term vacation rentals local government opt in process with a March 31 deadline for a November of the same year enforcement of the requirement.

11.2 Housing Statute Changes to British Columbia Legislation – Memorandum

Received for information.

11.3 Consideration of Dust n’ Bones Film Screening

LA-LTC-2024-004

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti island local Trust Committee request staff to schedule a screening of Dust n Bones and/or one of the other films on the list and inquire about the feasibility of working with local First Nations to host a discussion on the film.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS

12.1 Trust Conservancy Report - none

12.2 Applications Report dated February 26, 2024

Received for information.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated December, 2023

Received for information.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

12.5 First Nations Report

None.

12.6 Local Trust Committee Webpage

13. WORK PROGRAM

13.1 Active Projects Report dated February 26, 2024

Received for information.

13.2 Future Projects Report dated February 26, 2024

Received for information.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, May 6, 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 3:43 p.m.

Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

Katherine Vogt, Recorder

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Follow Up Action Report

Lasqueti Island

11-Apr-2022

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
<p>1 Referral of FLNRORD comments on the OCP to the APC to make a recommendation as to whether the policies of concern should be retained, removed, or amended.</p> <p>UPDATE: As of September 23, 2022 no response has been received by FLNRORD</p> <p>UPDATE: As of January 23, 2023 the LTC is deferring a referral to APC on this matter until FN consultation is completed.</p>	Stephen Baugh		In Progress

23-Jan-2023

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
<p>1 The LTC request staff to clarify the LTCs responsibility to provide accommodation for persons with disabilities during public meetings.</p> <p><i>The LTC must accommodate people with disabilities by providing reasonable accessibility to their meetings. The Accessible British Columbia Act is the relevant legislation and Islands Trust is in the process of establishing an accessibility Committee under that Act. Following the establishment of that committee, an accessibility plan will be developed to address this issue.</i></p>	Renee Jamurat Stephen Baugh		Completed

08-May-2023

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
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Follow Up Action Report

Lasqueti Island

08-May-2023

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Schedule meeting between the LA LTC and Snaw-naw-as First Nation to discuss OCP Bylaw No. 98.	Stephen Baugh		Completed

23-Oct-2023

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Request staff to prepare revisions to the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems in consideration of adoption by including the language used in standing resolution LA-LTC-2023-027. Add this to the active projects list. LTC would like this project prioritized over the OCP/LUB review, only if the OCP project is at a place that it can be easily put on hold without any significant delays. Staff to determine project management and the best way forward.	Stephen Baugh		In Progress

04-Mar-2024

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
1 Schedule a screening of 'Dust and Bones' on Lasqueti Island and enquire with Local First Nations about the feasibility of holding a discussion on Lasqueti Island about the film.	Clare Frater		In Progress



Follow Up Action Report

Lasqueti Island

04-Mar-2024

Activity	Responsibility	Dates	Status
2 Amend the OCP project charter to include a referral to the APC on the topic of private docks and their use, and defining how environmental and social effects should be addressed with regards to 4.4.7 Boats and maritime vessels.	Stephen Baugh		In Progress



File No.: Lasqueti OCP/LUB Review Project

6500 LTC Work Program

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2024

TO: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Stephen Baugh, Island Planner
Northern Team

COPY: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Lasqueti OCP Review Project Charter

RECOMMENDATION

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

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to introduce a revised project charter and work plan for the Lasqueti OCP project for the LTC’s endorsement. The revised project charter adds two objectives to the project on the topics of private docks and the use of land for “community use.”

Including these two topics for policy changes will extend the timeline of this project which is reflected in the revised work plan. Staff do not anticipate additional costs associated with the scope increase since the only additional engagement work considered is one referral to the Advisory Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND

There are two LTC resolutions which provide direction for the proposed changes to the project charter. First, at the March 4, 2024 meeting the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) requested staff to amend the project charter with the following resolution:

LA-LTC-2024-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to amend the project charter to include as an in scope item a referral to the Lasqueti Island Advisory Planning Commission to consider private docks and their use, specifically towards defining how environmental and social effects should be addressed, as per Section 4.4.7 Boats and Maritime Vessel Policies.

Second, as a result of an enquiry from a community member in April, Staff were also made aware of a previous LTC resolution from June 6, 2022 that was not acted on at the time:

LA-LTC-2022-028

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee add amendment of the Land Use Bylaw to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Project by adding a new zoning designation that would allow community uses more broadly.

Staff have drafted a revised project charter and work plan that incorporates the above direction for the LTC to consider.

Private Docks:

The LTC requested the Project Charter be amended to include a referral to the Lasqueti APC regarding how “Environmental and Social Effects” should be addressed as they relate to private docks. Specifically, Section 4.4.7 of the proposed OCP contains mention of “Environmental and Social Effects.” The result of this referral would form part of the basis for OCP policy drafting. Staff note that Environmental and Social Effects are also referred to other parts of the bylaw including: Economy Policies (4.3.12), and Commercial and Industrial Policies (5.1.5).

Community Use:

It appears that the resolution to include the topic of community uses was not acted on due to staff error and as a result was not included in the Project Charter in 2022. The resolution was a result of a request by the Judith Fischer Centre to have zoning that more accurately reflected the actual use of the building. The resolution does not specify to the Judith Fischer Centre property and policy amendments related to community use would be drafted to apply to other properties that may be considered community use such as the Community Hall. Staff note that there is no community use zoning in the existing LUB and no supporting language in the proposed OCP acknowledging lands used for community benefit. New OCP policies will be drafted and added to the proposed bylaw in order to carry out this project objective.

Revising the Project Charter:

Since 2018, the project charter has undergone a series of changes throughout the life of this OCP review project. Most recently, the LTC amended the project charter to remove some aspects of the project since the scope was too broad to be considered a minor project. Although minor changes to the scope of the project are expected throughout the course of a multi-year project, it is generally not recommended to add new areas for policy review at this stage of a project. These amendments to the project charter are relatively minor and include minimal additional public engagement. However, if the LTC wishes to direct further changes to increase the scope of the project, additional resources will be required and staff anticipate this will result in significant delays to completion of the project.

The timeline in the attached project charter has been updated to show the additional time estimated to complete the increased scope of the project. However, there are other influences on the extended timeline such as the actual progress of the project to date, and timing of First Nations comments which were previously unknown.

ALTERNATIVES

The LTC may consider the following alternatives to the staff recommendation:

1. Approve the project charter with changes

The LTC may revise the project charter to add or remove items at their discretion. Project charter amendments usually have implications on timeline, budget, and staff time. They may also impact the classification of the project as a minor project. Recommended wording for the resolution is as follows:

That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee endorse the following revisions to the Project Charter version 6.1: [list changes].

2. Request further information

The LTC may request further information prior to making a decision. If selecting this alternative, the LTC should describe the specific information needed. Recommended wording for the resolution is as follows:

That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff provide [identify information].

3. Receive for information

The LTC may receive the report for information. Should the LTC select this option, then the project charter and work plan will remain unchanged and the project will not include the additional objectives related to environmental and social effects, and community use.

NEXT STEPS

If the LTC endorses the proposed project charter, staff will upload the revised project charter and work plan to the website and

Submitted By:	Stephen Baugh, Island Planner	April 24, 2024
Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, RPP MCIP, Regional Planning Manager	April 25, 2024

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Project Charter v.6.1 (for endorsement)
- 2. Project Charter v.6.1 (Track Changes)

OCP/LUB Review Project - Charter v6.1

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Date: May 2024

Purpose: To review and update the Lasqueti Official Community Plan (OCP) policies in a process which supports community participation, the Object of the Islands Trust, strengthens relations with First Nations and addresses community land use planning priorities.

Background: The LTC identified a “Comprehensive OCP/LUB Review” as a top priority project and held an early community information meeting in April 2018 to gather ideas on the scope of the project. Support for the Islands Trust’s “preserve and protect mandate”, including a focus on strengthening relations with First Nations, are overarching priorities for this OCP review.

Objectives

- Conduct a technical analysis of the OCP;
- Incorporate the results of 2018 engagement sessions held by the Lasqueti Community Association;
- Determine where policy/regulatory changes may be required to be consistent with First Nations relations and perspectives, the Local Government Act, Object of the Islands Trust and Islands Trust Policy Statement;
- Develop an ‘OCP Engagement Strategy’ to prioritize engagement topics and methodology to be undertaken in Phase 2;
- Undertake community engagement on engagement topics determined in Phase 1; and
- Develop, review, and adopt draft amending bylaws to update the OCP based on analysis and community engagement.
- Draft OCP policies related to the environmental and social effects of private docks
- Draft OCP policies to support the use of land for community use

In Scope

Phase 1 Engagement

- Identify opportunities for inter-governmental collaboration respecting Treaty and First Nations rights throughout the OCP review. **TO DO**
- Planning staff to conduct a targeted technical analysis of the OCP and present findings for LTC consideration. **COMPLETED**
- Lasqueti Community Association OCP steering committee to prepare a summary document and presentation to the LTC on the results of the 2018/19 community engagement sessions. **COMPLETED**
- Work with the Advisory Planning Commission to develop an ‘OCP/LUB Engagement Strategy’ to clarify Phase 2 engagement topics and methodology based on technical analysis and community input to date. **COMPLETED**
- Implement the ‘OCP/LUB Engagement Strategy’. **COMPLETED**
- Refer the following to the APC: private docks, their use, and defining how environmental and social effects should be addressed as they relate to 4.4.7 Boats and Maritime Vessels. **TO DO**

Phase 2 Analysis and Bylaw Drafting

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OCP/LUB Review Project - Charter v6.0-1

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Date: ~~December~~ May 20234

Purpose: To review and update the Lasqueti Official Community Plan (OCP) policies in a process which supports community participation, the Object of the Islands Trust, strengthens relations with First Nations and addresses community land use planning priorities.

Background: The LTC identified a “Comprehensive OCP/LUB Review” as a top priority project and held an early community information meeting in April 2018 to gather ideas on the scope of the project. Support for the Islands Trust’s “preserve and protect mandate”, including a focus on strengthening relations with First Nations, are overarching priorities for this OCP review.

Objectives

- Conduct a technical analysis of the OCP;
- Incorporate the results of 2018 engagement sessions held by the Lasqueti Community Association;
- Determine where policy/regulatory changes may be required to be consistent with First Nations relations and perspectives, the Local Government Act, Object of the Islands Trust and Islands Trust Policy Statement;
- Develop an ‘OCP Engagement Strategy’ to prioritize engagement topics and methodology to be undertaken in Phase 2;
- Undertake community engagement on engagement topics determined in Phase 1; and
- Develop, review, and adopt draft amending bylaws to update the OCP based on analysis and community engagement.
- Draft OCP policies related to the environmental and social effects of private docks
- Draft OCP policies to support the use of land for community use

In Scope

Phase 1 Engagement

- Identify opportunities for inter-governmental collaboration respecting Treaty and First Nations rights throughout the OCP review. **TO DO**
- Planning staff to conduct a targeted technical analysis of the OCP and present findings for LTC consideration. **COMPLETED**
- Lasqueti Community Association OCP steering committee to prepare a summary document and presentation to the LTC on the results of the 2018/19 community engagement sessions. **COMPLETED**
- Work with the Advisory Planning Commission to develop an ‘OCP/LUB Engagement Strategy’ to clarify Phase 2 engagement topics and methodology based on technical analysis and community input to date. **COMPLETED**
- Implement the ‘OCP/LUB Engagement Strategy’. **COMPLETED**
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MEMORANDUM

File No.: Lasqueti OCP/LUB Review Project

6500 LTC Work Program

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2024

TO: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Stephen Baugh, Island Planner
Northern Team

COPY: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Lasqueti OCP Review – Draft OCP Bylaw, Latest Version For Information

REPORT SUMMARY

This memorandum is to provide a copy of the latest draft of OCP Bylaw No. 98 which captures the changes to-date as directed by the LTC, for information only. The LTC has not given bylaw readings to this version of the bylaw, but have endorsed the changes to the proposed bylaw which are shown in Attachment 1 below.

BACKGROUND

At their December 11, 2023 meeting, the LTC made the following motion related to the proposed Bylaw No. 98:

LA-LTC-2023-049

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare amendments to proposed Bylaw No. 98 cited as “Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan, 2020” so that the bylaw meets Islands Trust Policy Statement directive policies and to satisfy Local Government Act requirements.

On March 4, 2024, the LTC endorsed the proposed changes to proposed Bylaw No. 98 with some amendments:

LA-LTC-2024-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee endorse the proposed changes to Lasqueti island Official Community Plan, 2020, as amended.

The draft minutes captured the requested amendments as follows:

- Amend Subdivision District B lot size to 20 acres for consistency.
- Change spelling of “Kweh et ey” to the more commonly used “Xwe-etay.”
- 4.2.1.(e): strike “local feral/heritage” and replace with “unowned, formerly domestic,” to be consistent with previous provincial advice.
- 4.2.3.(b): strike “exotic” and “feral” and replace “feral” with “unowned, formerly domestic.”
- 4.2.10.(e): add “including public accesses to the foreshore.”
- 4.4.3.(a): re-include the word “promptly” in reference to the removing of derelict vehicles.

- Add new 4.4.3.(b): “In order to stem the growing population of vehicles on-island, residents are encouraged to arrange for the removal of a vehicle before barging a new or used vehicle onto the island.”
- 4.4.11.(b): amend the archaic telephone wire language to include the possibility of fibre optic cable.
- 5.4.5: replace references to “Land and Water BC” to use more general language.
- 4.2.12.(a): add “First Nations and” before the words “the responsible ministry.”
- 4.2.13(d): add “In partnership with and guided by First Nations,” at the beginning of the sentence.

CHANGES TO THE DRAFT BYLAW

The draft bylaw attached to the staff report is reflective of the LTC’s direction to this point in time. Since additional amendments to the bylaw are anticipated staff are not recommending Proposed Bylaw No. 98 be amended or given further bylaw readings at this time. The changes are shared for information only. The next step in this project is to complete the engagement phase, and following this, the LTC will be presented the proposed bylaw with amendments for bylaw readings and to proceed through the next steps in the legislative process to adopt the bylaw.

Submitted By:	Stephen Baugh, Island Planner	April 23, 2024
Concurrence:	Renée Jamurat, RPP MCIP, Regional Planning Manager	April 25, 2024

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed OCP Bylaw No. 98 with Endorsed Changes To-date – Track Changes Version

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Version Control Table

Version	Date	Description
1.0	Nov. 30, 2020	First Reading
1.1	April 26, 2021	Proposed amendments based on Comments received during referral period after 1 st reading
1.2	June 21, 2021	Version 1.1 plus: the addition of a Parks and Protected Areas land use designation with accompanying policy changes, FN Acknowledgement, log handling, and ALR recommendations according to LTC resolution.
2.0	June 21, 2021	Second Reading (rescinded August 13, 2021)
2.1	August 13, 2021	Second Reading, as amended (clean)
2.2	October 4, 2021	Version 2.1 + proposed numbering format + renaming part 3 from “Official Community Plan” to “Background” + removing Crown Lands Objective 4 + FLNRORD policy removal + “livestock” definition (track changes)
2.3	October 4, 2021	Second reading, as amended
<u>2.5</u>	<u>March 4, 2024</u>	<u>Propose amendments so that the bylaw meets Islands Trust Policy Statement directive policies and Local Government Act requirements. Editorial amendments.</u>

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**Lasqueti Island
Local Trust Committee
Official Community Plan
Bylaw No. 98, 2020**

*Preserving **Island** communities, culture and environment*

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CONSOLIDATED BYLAW TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS

This copy is consolidated for convenience only and includes the following **text amendments only**:

Table of Amendments			
Bylaw No.	Amendment Number	Date of Adoption	Date of Bylaw Consolidation

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LASQUETI ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE BYLAW NO. 98

A BYLAW TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE LASQUETI ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREA

WHEREAS Section 29 of the *Islands Trust Act* gives the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee the same power and authority as a Regional District under Section 298(l)(j) and 327 of the *Local Government Act* and Part 14 of that *Act*, except Divisions 19 and 20 of that Part and except Section 507; and

WHEREAS Section 471 of Division (4) of Part 14 of the *Local Government Act* applies to the Committee and authorises it to adopt an Official Community Plan and outlines procedures for developing and adopting such plans including a public hearing and Ministerial approval; and

WHEREAS Section 27 of the *Islands Trust Act* requires that the Executive Committee of the Islands Trust must approve an Official Community Plan prior to adoption; and

WHEREAS Section 473 of the *Local Government Act* lists the subjects that must be addressed in a Plan; and

WHEREAS Section 478(2) requires that all bylaws enacted, permits issued, and works undertaken by the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee be consistent with the Official Community Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee being the Trust Committee having jurisdiction on and in respect of Lasqueti Local Trust Area in the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan, 2020”.

2. BYLAW REPEAL

1. Bylaw No. 77 cited as “Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan, 1986” and all of its amendments are repealed.

3. SCHEDULES

The following Schedules, attached to and forming part of this Bylaw, are adopted as “Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2020”:

Schedule A – Official Community Plan

Schedule B – Land Use Designation Map

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READ A FIRST TIME THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2020

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 4th DAY OF ~~OCTOBER~~ ,
2021~~202X~~

PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS DAY OF , 202X

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF , 202X

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS
DAY OF , 202X

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS THIS
DAY OF , 20XX

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF , 20XX

SECRETARY

CHAIRPERSON

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SCHEDULE A – OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

PART 1 - PREAMBLE

1.1 Official Community Plan

The purpose of this official community plan bylaw is to further the object of the Islands Trust Act through long-range land use policy for the Lasqueti Island Trust Committee Area. This Bylaw contains the statements of community goals, objectives and policies for present and future land use and development. These policies are designed to direct and guide future actions of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee and inform other levels of government and the general public of the community's expectations for the use and development of the Area.

1.2 Local Government

As a designated island within the Islands Trust, Lasqueti has two locally elected Trustees who along with a chairperson (an Islands Trust Executive Committee Member) constitute the three member Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee, which is responsible for land use planning within the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.

The responsibility of local planning is vested in this Local Trust Committee. The Local Trust Committee may appoint an Advisory Planning Commission for the purpose of providing advice on local planning matters.

The Island is also represented on the qathet Regional Board by a locally elected Electoral Area Director. The Regional Board is responsible for provision and administration of services authorized in the *Local Government Act* and opted for by voters in the Lasqueti Electoral Area.

1.3 Intergovernmental and Corporate Matters

Attainment of certain land use and development objectives set forth in this bylaw and the balance among them is influenced by the manner, in which the natural resources of Lasqueti Island and its surrounding islets and waters are managed, and the type and level of services provided by other government agencies and corporations.

Jurisdictional responsibility for resource management lies with agencies of the Provincial Government and certain Federal Ministries, not with the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee. Similarly, the regulation of matters such as sewage and garbage disposal, protection of water supplies, control of pollution, provision of highways, ferry service, and public utilities is not within the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee. However, their regulation or management can significantly influence achievement of this bylaw's land use and development objectives.

Recognizing and accepting such circumstances, the Local Trust Committee presents objectives on these matters as expressions of its concerns and interests. The Committee will cooperate with and seek the assistance of the agencies with jurisdictional responsibilities in order to effect management and regulation

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which brings benefits to the Lasqueti Island community and the Province generally, while retaining the inherent capacity of the Island's resources.

Where agencies of other levels of government are themselves developing or regulating aspects of development in the Local Trust Area, it is the objective of the Local Trust Committee to liaise and cooperate with such agencies to encourage development or implementation of development regulations which assist in the realization of the Local Trust Committee's objectives.

1.4 Island Concerns and Issues

Lasqueti Island is a rural island community whose philosophy towards its future is keyed to minimizing adverse environmental and social impacts of increased population and development upon the Island and its surrounding waters. There are concerns regarding the:

- 1 Preservation and maintenance of a rural island community;
- 2 Maintenance of privacy and freedom of the Island's people;
- 3 Conservation of agricultural lands, forest lands, fresh water supplies, and foreshore areas;
- 4 Encouragement of local employment consistent with protection of the community and natural environment.

Relevant land use and development issues centre on the type of land uses, compatibility of land uses, density of development, management of natural resources, maintenance of fresh and marine water quality, transportation, and levels of community services.

1.5 Consultation

The Lasqueti community has a long tradition of addressing difficult and complex issues through a process of community dialogue. Such a process allows all views to be heard and respected, common ground identified, and agreement built out of a shared vision, despite divergent views. To these ends, promotion of a healthy, democratic political atmosphere can be accomplished through the use of a broad range of consensus building tools including but not limited to meetings, questionnaires, task groups and formal advisory polls by secret ballot.

Due to fair, equitable, and good governance practices, it needs to be noted, that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee must keep an open mind and refrain from making a final decision until the adoption or the enactment of any bylaw is considered.

1.6 Legal Basis

The *Islands Trust Act* gives the Islands Trust (including the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee) the power and authority of a Regional District under Part 14 except sections 558 to 581 and 507 and 508 of the *Local Government Act*.

Section 478(2) of Part 14 of the *Local Government Act* requires that all bylaws enacted or works undertaken by the Islands Trust or a Regional District must be consistent with this Official Community Plan.

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PART 2 – ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Advocacy Policies ~~and Information Notes~~

~~Where a paragraph or sentence in this Bylaw is written in *italics* and is preceded by the words “Information Note”, the contents of the paragraph or sentence are provided as reference information only to assist in understanding the Bylaw.~~

Where matters are outside the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee, this Plan contains broad community objectives in the form of Advocacy Policies. These policies show where the Local Trust Committee encourages others to take actions to further the objectives of the Plan. This Plan cannot and does not represent a commitment from other agencies to act according to community objectives.

2.2 Area of Jurisdiction

This bylaw is applicable to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area as described in Schedule B, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

2.3 Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision should not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

2.4 Units of Measurement

Metric dimensions are used in this Bylaw. Imperial equivalents, shown in parentheses (), are approximate, and provided for convenience only.

2.5 Numbering

The reference system used in this Bylaw is:

Part: 1
Section: 1.1
Subsection 1.1.1
Article: a
Clause: (i)

2.6 Covenants

Where under this Bylaw an owner of land is required or authorized to grant any covenant, the covenant shall be granted to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (Local Trust Committee) in priority to all financial charges and all other covenants and easements (whether registered or not) and delivered in registerable form, satisfactory to the Local Trust Committee, prior to the granting of the approval or authorization in respect of which the covenant is required. The covenant shall indemnify the Local Trust Committee in respect of any fees or expenses it may incur as a result of a breach of the covenant by the covenanter.

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2.7 Amendment Procedure

This Bylaw may be amended by the Trust Committee at its initiative or in response to an application. Individuals seeking amendment shall submit applications in the form provided for in the bylaws of the Trust Committee that addresses fees and procedures. All amendments to this Plan shall be in keeping with the goals and objectives of this Plan.

2.8 Interpretation

The final interpretation as to the precise location of boundaries of any designation or symbol contained in the map schedules, shall be legally defined by the appropriate land use bylaws enacted over time by the Trust Committee or by site survey, as required. The precise boundaries of the land use designations are shown on Schedule B. In interpreting the objectives and policies of the Plan, the term “shall” is used to denote that the indicated measure “must” be taken or applied. The term “should” or “may” indicates that the suggestion is intended as a guideline to apply or implement by the authority having jurisdiction.

The Islands Trust Conservancy, the conservation branch of the Islands Trust, has the authority to acquire land donations, financial donations, as well as holding covenants for the purposes of preserving and protecting the environment; the **Kwel Nature Sanctuary on Lasqueti Island, shown right**, is an example of a property donated to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

Covenants provide protection of the environment, while allowing the land owner to maintain ownership of the property.



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2.9 Compliance

2.9.1 Conformity

- a. No person may use or occupy or permit any land, water surface, building or structure to be used or occupied, or subdivide any land, except as permitted by this Bylaw.
- b. No person may construct, reconstruct, place, alter, extend or maintain any building, structure and sign except as permitted by this Bylaw.
- c. Nothing contained in the bylaw relieves any person from the responsibility to comply with other legislation applicable to their use of land, buildings or structures.
- d. The use of land, buildings or structures that is lawful at the time of adoption of this Bylaw, although not conforming to the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be considered as “legal non-conforming”, and continued subject to the provisions of Sections 528 through 534 of the *Local Government Act*.

2.9.2 Inspection

- a. Islands Trust staff, including the Bylaw Investigations Officer and any other officer who may be appointed in that capacity, is authorized, after making efforts to make contact with the property owners or occupant or in response to any second or additional complaint, to enter upon any property subject to the provisions of this Bylaw, to ascertain whether the regulations of the Bylaw are being or have been complied with; for clarity elected trustees do not conduct investigations or have the authority provided to act as the Bylaw Investigations Officer.

2.9.3 Enforcement

a. Violation

- (i) Any person who does any act or thing or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing any act or thing which is required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw is deemed to have violated the provisions of this Bylaw.

b. Penalty

- (i) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw is, upon summary conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, liable to a penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000) and the cost of prosecution. Each day that such violation continues, or is allowed to continue, constitutes a separate offence.

2.10 Owners Costs

If any provision of this Bylaw requires a report, study or plan or similar item to be prepared, unless otherwise stated, the owner shall pay all costs; the community rate payer will not cover costs associated with a private initiative. [SB1]

2.112.9 Definitions

- **Adequate:** as much or as good as necessary for some requirement or purpose; fully sufficient, suitable, or fit.
- **Affordable:** within reasonable financial means of a person or group to access a service or good.

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- **Appropriate access:** adequate and sensible.
- **Cultural resources:** physical evidence or place of past human activity: site, object, landscape, structure; or a site, structure, landscape, object or natural feature of significance to a group of people traditionally associated with it.
- **Density:** the number of dwelling units allowed on a lot based on the zoning and the lot size.
- **Encourage:** to promote, advance, foster and inspire with confidence.
- **Ensure:** to make something certain to be or come to be.
- **Foster:** to promote the growth and development of.
- **Guest Cabin:** means a stand-alone, detached building used for the accommodation of non-paying guests of the occupants of a dwelling on the same parcel.
- **Health:** ~~having, showing or encouraging good positive health, integrity of balance~~ the mental, physical, or social condition of someone or something.
- **Livestock:** means cattle, goats, horses, sheep, swine and game and includes any other animal designated by regulation.
- **Long- term rentals:** dwellings designated for rental arrangements longer than 1 month.
- **Low risk:** unlikely to result in loss, failure or harm.
- **Natural:** existing in or formed by nature.
- **Positive:** giving or being of hope, confidence, a sense of alignment.
- **Promote:** to encourage, further or advance in rank, dignity or position.
- **Renewable resource:** a natural resource that can regenerate after use.
- **Resource:** a stock or supply of natural or human assets that can be drawn on by, and to benefit, a person or organization.
- **Rural:** of, relating to, or characteristic of the country, country life, or country people.
- **Rural values:** values and interests pertaining to a lifestyle connected to a predominately natural environment.
- **Short-term vacation rentals:** means a cabin or residence that is rented as a single unit for commercial purposes for periods of less than 30 days to accommodate tourists, visitors and the travelling public.
- **Stewardship:** the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.
- **Support:** to sustain, endure or hold up.
- **Sustainable:** pertaining to a system that maintains its own viability by using techniques that allow for continual reuse. Includes practices that do not deplete the resource base and requires an attitude of stewardship and balance.
- **Watershed:** The area or region of land that collects and stores precipitation eventually overflowing through streams, creeks, rivers, and lakes eventually to the sea.

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PART 3 – BACKGROUND

3.1 Introduction

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee has authority through its plans and regulations to address use and the servicing requirements of land and surface waters within its Trust Area. The purpose of this Plan is to outline the goals of the community, the objectives relating to matters of Local Trust Committee authority and policies that provide guidance as to how to implement those objectives. Advocacy policies are included to encourage and guide decision makers with matters outside of the authority of the Local Trust Committee.

Responsibility for certain matters lies outside the authority of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust committee and is instead the responsibility of individual property owners, residents, the Provincial Government, the Federal Government, Coast Salish First Nations or the qathet Regional District. In some instances there may be overlapping authority of more than one person or agency. In particular the objectives and policies set forth in the Bylaw and the balance among them is influenced by the manner in which the natural resources of Lasqueti Island and its surrounding islets and waters are managed, and the type and level of services provided by other government agencies and corporations.

The Local Trust Committee seeks to work cooperatively with and seek the assistance of the public and government agencies to ensure orderly and effective management and regulation of the Lasqueti Trust Area and its resources to the mutual benefit of all.

In the case of objectives that are within the authority of other agencies or persons, such agencies or persons are requested to:

- regard such objectives as stated desires of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee; and
- ~~to~~ take such objectives into consideration in making decisions concerning their own land use decision making with respect to the Lasqueti ~~island~~Island Local Trust Committee area.

Schedule B designates ~~three~~four areas of the Lasqueti Island Planning Area. All land areas above the high water mark that are not Crown Land or Parks and Protected Areas are within the Land Based (LB) designation. All the marine areas up to the high water line, including the intertidal zone are within the Marine (M) designation. All Crown lands are within the Crown Land (CL) designation, and all Islands Trust Conservancy protected lands are within the Parks and Protected Areas (PP) designation. The objectives and policies below apply to any or all ~~of~~ these four designations.

3.2 Community Context

Coast Salish Peoples, including the Tla’amin, have lived and resided on or near Lasqueti Island since time immemorial.

The history of Coast Salish Peoples is sustained in the language, place names, village sites, cultural and sacred sites that encompass the whole of the Islands Trust Area. Coast Salish Peoples have seen and lived the transformation of their lands and waters since contact. – This tide of change has greatly impacted the eco-system that sustained them, and the cultural heritage of the first peoples of the Salish Sea. –Coast Salish Peoples have and will continue to be a thriving people, government, and community, connected to the lands and waters through spiritual, cultural, and traditional knowledge for generations to come.

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The Tla’amin Peoples speak a language called Sliammon, and have a rich and vibrant economic, social, cultural, and spiritual life that is connected to these lands and waters. –The lands and waters of the Tla’amin Peoples is enriched with history, place names, village sites, cultural sites, and sacred sites and the islands and waters form the basis of their language, culture, and spiritual life within the Salish Sea.

The importance and inherent rights and jurisdiction that this area holds to the Tla’amin Peoples continues now and into the future and the stewardship of these lands and waters for their children’s children endures.

The Tla’amin (Sliammon) people referred to Lasqueti ~~island-Island~~ as ~~Kweh-et-ey~~Xwe’etay (pronounced hwe-e-tay and translates to mean Yew Tree ~~means Yew Tree~~). In 1791 the Island became known as Lasqueti, named after Juan Maria Lasqueti, a prominent Spanish naval officer.

Lasqueti is 68 square ~~kilometers~~kilometres in area, 5 km wide and 21 km long. The ferry does not provide vehicle service, which therefore requires barging over of vehicles and other large items.

	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	<u>2021</u>
Population	326	374	367	359	425	399	<u>498</u>
Number of Dwellings		180	185	298	290	407	<u>506</u>

Since 1974, the inception of the Islands Trust, the community of Lasqueti Island has been empowered to elect their own representatives to make independent and local decisions, while remaining within a federation of other island communities. The following individuals have served as Local Trustees for Lasqueti Island:

1977 - 1978	Kevin Monahan, Mike Humphries
1978 - 1980	Laurence Fisher, Mike Humphries
1980 - 1982	Laurence Fisher, Mike Humphries
1982 - 1984	Jack Barrett, Mike Humphries
1984 – 1986	Jack Barrett, Mike Humphries
1986 - 1988	Melinda Auerbach, Barry Kurland
1988 - 1990	Melinda Auerbach, Barry Kurland
1990 - 1993	Janice McMillan, Barry Kurland/Chris Ferris
1993 - 1996	Melinda Auerbach, Chris Ferris
1996 - 1999	Melinda Auerbach, Eric O'Higgins
1999 - 2002	Eric O'Higgins, Tom Weinerth
2002 - 2005	Bronwyn Preece, Rose Willow
2005 – 2008	Bronwyn Preece, Rose Willow
2008 – 2011	Jen Gobby, Susan Morrison
2011 – 2014	Susan Morrison, Peter Johnston
2014 – 2018	Tim Peterson, Susan Morrison
2018 – 2022	Tim Peterson, Peter Johnston
<u>2022 – Present</u>	<u>Tim Peterson, Mikaila Lironi</u>

3.3 What is an Official Community Plan?

An Official Community Plan is a general statement outlining the planning goals of a community and the policies that will help the community to reach those goals. The intent of an Official Community Plan is to provide a framework that will guide the elected officials and members of the community in future

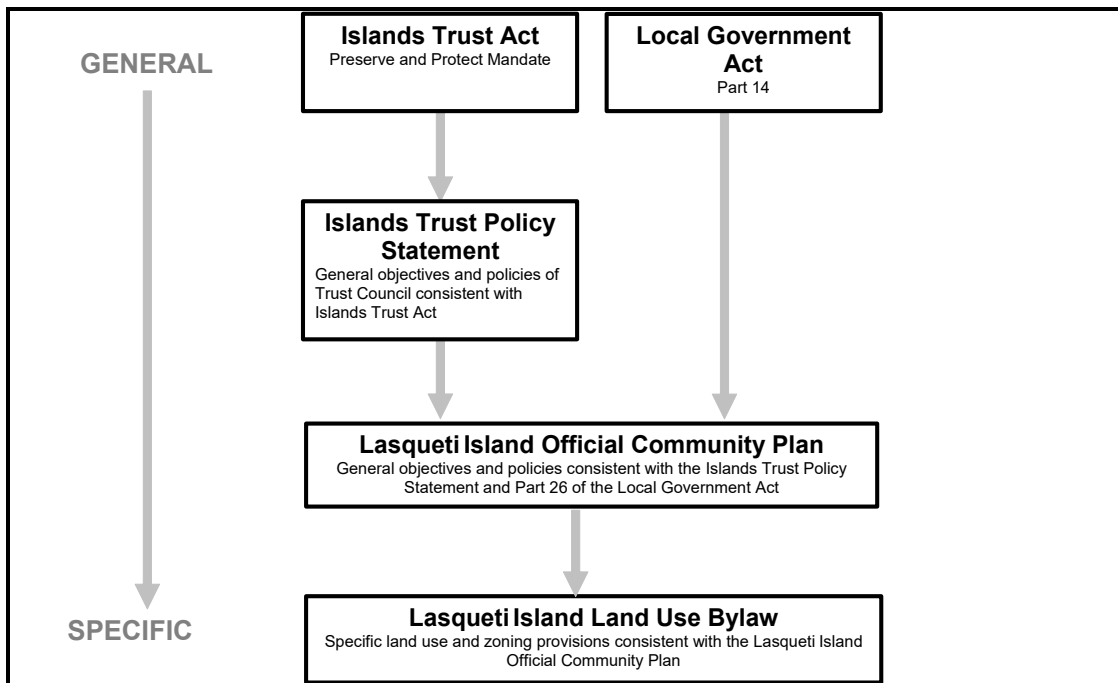
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development and conservation initiatives. Once adopted by Bylaw, the Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan restricts the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee to only enact any other bylaw that is consistent with the Official Community Plan.

A Local Trust Committee is authorized to adopt an Official Community Plan by the *Islands Trust Act* and the *Local Government Act*. In the Islands Trust Area, an Official Community Plan must be consistent with the Islands Trust Policy Statement, which furthers the Object of the Islands Trust, as stated in Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*:

The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of the province generally, in cooperation with municipalities, regional districts, improvement districts, other persons and organisations and the government of the Province.

An Official Community Plan must also address the Provincial Interest as defined in the *Local Government Act*. The graphic below shows how an Official Community Plan fits into the overall planning framework of the Islands Trust.



As a true representative document, a community plan states the values of the community that participates in its creation. As a community changes, so too can a community plan. As unforeseen issues arise, a community plan can be amended to keep pace with these issues. Amendments can occur from time to time, based upon community process and input, with final decisions made by the officials elected from the Lasqueti Island community itself.

3.4 Goals

To maintain a rural island community where the Island people’s privacy and freedom are preserved; the integrity of the island ecosystem is maintained; conservation of agricultural lands, forest land, fresh water supplies, and foreshore areas are protected; **and** local employment, consistent with the protection of the community and natural environment, is provided.

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3.5 Approach

The Bylaw's approach to land use and development growth is one of consideration and caution. -It is hoped that by laying out a pattern of low density land use, adopting a cautious approach to development, and fostering a cooperative relationship among the local community, Islands Trust and other governmental agencies, needed and reasonable land use and development will take place without requiring complex and expensive facilities and services, thereby maintaining the Island's unique character as a place where the human community lives in and with nature. The LTC will use the precautionary principle when making land use decisions.

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PART 4 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

4.1 Environmental Stewardship

Where agencies of other levels of government are themselves managing natural resources or regulating the management practices of other agencies or the private sector, it is the Local Trust Committees objective to liaise and cooperate with such agencies to encourage management practices and regulatory provisions which help to preserve and protect the natural environment.

The following section is divided into ~~three~~ four areas: General, Conservation, Consumption and Pollution, and Climate Change.

General

4.1.1 General Objectives

- a. To support and assist with the establishment and maintenance of protected areas, including (and not limited to) ecological reserves, parks, nature reserves, conservation covenants and marine protected areas.
- b. To avoid contamination of fresh and salt water.
- c. To support human use and management of land that retains native flora and fauna and conserves natural ecosystems.
- d. To protect and restore a diverse, productive, native forest understory with abundant natural regeneration of trees and other native species.
- e. To support the protection and restoration of abundant and productive native ecological communities in the terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems on and adjacent to Lasqueti.
- f. To promote a safe and healthy environment for all residents.
- g. To achieve low risk of loss to ecological integrity and biodiversity, supported by the best scientific understanding of ecosystems in the Lasqueti Local Trust area.
- h. To formally protect a sufficient proportion of the land and marine base of the Lasqueti Local Trust Area to help achieve low risk to ecological values, and that includes representation of all ecosystems and over-representation of rare or special areas.

4.1.2 General Policies

The natural environment of Lasqueti is being altered and under constant pressure to be developed further. The community of Lasqueti resides on a finite island where resources must be used in a sustainable manner.

- a. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee should undertake initiatives to identify environmentally sensitive and important ecosystems and flora and fauna to assist in future decision making.
- b. The Local Trust Committee will assist with any efforts to protect sites of ecological significance or value, prioritizing conservation of the full range of terrestrial and aquatic/marine ecosystems in the local trust area.

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- c. Lasqueti Island's rural marine landscape and scenic views should be maintained and protected.
- d. The inherent resiliency of the Island's eco-systems should be maintained in conjunction with resource stewardship.
- e. Native flora and fauna should be retained to protect natural habitats of local significance.
- f. Measures to avoid and minimize the use of herbicides and other biocides should be undertaken.
- g. Domestic pets and livestock should be kept under control.
- h. When fill or debris is placed on land in such a way that it could lead to discharge of deleterious material into a water course, adequate **mitigative** [SB2] design and construction measures **to mitigate impacts** are required in order to be acceptable to Fisheries and Oceans Canada and appropriate Provincial Ministries.
- i. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should support community-based environmental clean-up initiatives.
- j. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should **S**support initiatives to reduce pollution from vehicles, wood burning, power generation, waste, and any other sources.
- k. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should **S**support efforts that minimize consumption and maximize local self sufficiency.
- l. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should support maintaining a high level of forest connectivity on Lasqueti.
- m. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should support the preservation of quiet and darkness.

4.1.3 General Advocacy Policies

- a. Residents, businesses and other agencies are encouraged to become informed and educated about appropriate human waste disposal methods.
- b. Community groups and other agencies are encouraged to develop educational material on environmentally sensitive living.

Conservation

4.1.4 Conservation Objectives

- a. To prioritize conservation of the full range of terrestrial and aquatic/marine ecosystems in the local trust area.
- b. To minimize deforestation (permanent removal of forest) and encourage forest management that optimizes the carbon sequestration **and storage** [SB3] **value of forests provide**.
- c. To maintain a high level of ecosystem connectivity, including forest connectivity.

Consumption and Pollution

4.1.5 Consumption and Pollution Objectives

- a. To support initiatives to reduce pollution from vehicles, wood burning, power generation, waste, and any other sources

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- b. To encourage site planning and building design that minimize energy consumption and negative impacts on natural ecosystem.
- c. To encourage local self-sufficiency and low levels of consumption.

4.1.6 Consumption and Pollution Policies

- a. To support initiatives to clean up public areas, such as shorelines.

Climate Change

4.1.7 Climate Change Objectives

- a. To consider both climate change adaptation and mitigation in all land use decisions.
- b. To support individual and community-based initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- c. To reduce reliance on fossil fuels and move towards eliminating fossil fuel use.
- d. To encourage residents to minimize energy use, incorporate high energy efficiency into building design and construction and to use local, non-toxic, carbon efficient materials.
- e. To maintain a lower than average rate of greenhouse gas emissions and seek out new means of further reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- d.f. Greenhouse gas emissions should reach and remain below 50% of the Canadian per capita average rate in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.

4.1.8 Climate Change Policies

Climate change refers to the increasing concentration of heat-trapping greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere as the result of human activities— primarily the burning of fossil fuels and large-scale deforestation. A 2007 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reveals that between 1970 and 2004, GHG emissions have increased by 70%. This dramatic rise in atmospheric GHG concentrations has in turn triggered an increase in the average temperatures of near-surface air and ocean water, with temperatures projected to rise 1.1° to 6.4° C over the next century. Although seemingly slight, these temperature changes will have dramatic and negative impact on ecological systems around the globe.

In response to climate change issues, the provincial government gave Royal Assent to Bill 27 [*Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act, 2008*] on May 29, 2008. Bill 27 amended the *Local Government Act* and other Provincial regulations to provide new tools for local governments. Most significantly, Bill 27 required that all local governments include GHG emission reduction targets—and policies and actions to achieve those targets— in their Official Community Plans.

The Islands Trust Council identified Climate Change and the implementation of Bill 27 as the top strategic plan priority in 2009 and early 2010. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee supported this direction, as did community members who attended a special community meeting on reducing GHG emissions in November 2009.

The following targets, policies and actions are proposed to ensure that the reduction of GHG emissions specifically and the impact of climate change in general become part of the planning process for Lasqueti Island.

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- a. The Local Trust Committee should consider the development of new criteria for assessing official community plan or zoning amendment applications from the perspective of climate change adaptation and mitigation. These criteria will address issues such as the impact of the density proposed on reducing GHG emissions, land use and the form of the development, use of building materials and construction methods, energy efficiency and sources, and the long term potential for the development to result in a decreased carbon footprint on the landscape.
- b. The Local Trust Committee should support community efforts to record and measure the use of fossil fuels and GHG emissions through an annual inventory.
- c. The development of cycling and walking trails to facilitate non-automobile based forms of travel is **strongly** encouraged, separated from the road grade where possible.
- ~~d. The community is encouraged to consider options to purchase lands to protect ecosystems and the character of Lasqueti Island. [SB4]~~
- e.d. The implementation of energy conserving buildings is **strongly** encouraged including the use of local materials and “small footprints”.
- e. The Local Trust Committee, government agencies, and Island residents are **strongly** encouraged to consider alternatives to slash burning.

4.1.9 Climate Change Advocacy Policies

- a. Provincial agencies, when considering changes to infrastructure on the Islands, are **strongly** encouraged to take a “small footprint” approach to any proposals for public infrastructure development, ~~and t~~ the investigation of opportunities to share resources or develop common facilities is ~~also~~**strongly** encouraged.
- b. The Province is **strongly** encouraged to support water conservation, rainwater catchment, and a wider range of options for sewage treatment for dwelling units.
- c. The community is encouraged to build on the community inventory completed in 2009 by developing a method (provided at no charge to each household) for continuing the collection of data on an ongoing basis. The inventory could collect data both on fuel use and estimated GHG emissions, and also record actions that are being taken to reduce GHG emissions, such as the installation of energy efficient stoves, windows, or improved insulation
- d. The community is encouraged to consider options to purchase lands to protect ecosystems and the character of Lasqueti Island.
- ~~e.e.~~ The implementation of fuel saving measures at public and community buildings should be investigated by a team of island residents, and new methods proposed to reduce GHG emissions through the use of alternative energy sources.
- d.f. Education is recognized as ~~the most~~**a** powerful tool in reducing energy use, and Islanders are **strongly** encouraged to share their knowledge and assist other levels of government, agencies and Lasqueti Islanders in meeting the goals of this Plan.

4.2 Resource Stewardship

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Natural Resources

4.2.1 General Objectives

- a. To conserve forest lands, fresh water supplies, wetlands, foreshore areas, historic and archaeological cultural heritage, and existing agricultural lands.
- b. To ensure wild food resources are harvested sustainably.
- c. To protect access to wild food and other resources of the land and marine environments.
- d. While recognizing that some exotic species may have value to the community as a source of local food, to minimize the impacts of invasive exotic species on native fauna and flora.
- e. To preserve and support balanced control of the ~~local feral/heritage~~unowned, formerly domestic sheep which are a valued part of the community and its history.

4.2.2 General Policies

- a. ~~The Local Trust Committee supports regular reporting of Assess and report at least every 5 years~~ the amount of land and marine area in the Lasqueti Trust Area that is in protected status, including a breakdown of the types of protected status, a map of protected areas, and the distribution of ecosystem types under protection relative to their overall abundance in the Lasqueti Trust Area.
- b. ~~The Local Trust Committee supports regular reporting of Assess and report at least every 10 years~~ the status of land outside of formal protected status in relation to its potential for contributing to conservation objectives outside of protected areas.
- c. Conservation strategies between land, foreshore and sea shall be integrated where feasible.
- d. Initiatives to improve mapping are supported, including the mapping of sensitive ecosystems, rare ecosystems,~~and~~ threatened ecosystems, arable land, and hazardous land,~~etc.~~ are supported.

4.2.3 General Advocacy Policies

- a. The Lasqueti Community Association is encouraged to develop a guide for residents on best local practices for stewardship of environmental, historic, archaeological and heritage values.
- b. Scientifically rigorous surveys of important ~~exotic~~ species, in particular ~~feral-unowned, formerly domestic~~ sheep, are encouraged to estimate population size and to assess local ecological impacts.
- c. Encourage a community-led process to identify~~a~~ scientifically-based land and marine conservation targets that meet habitat needs for all species.~~.~~
- d. Ongoing community monitoring of the status of invasive species and of native species potentially at risk is supported.
- e. Private landowners are encouraged to undertake stewardship of their land to maintain natural and semi-natural ecosystems and restore any areas of degraded habitat.
- f. Private landowners are encouraged to take stewardship actions on their land to reduce populations of undesirable invasive species and enhance native species.
- g. Private landowners are encouraged to place conservation covenants on areas with high conservation values.

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- h. ~~The Province is requested to designate all~~Protecting land through formal and/or legal agreements is an objective throughout the Lasqueti Local Trust area, including on unencumbered Crown land ~~on Lasqueti in a formal protected status.~~
- i. A community-led process to identify a locally-meaningful definition and designation of agricultural land is encouraged.
- j. Hydrological watershed planning to protect water supplies and ecosystems is encouraged.

Marine Coastal Areas

The intertidal area is that area from the high water mark to the lowest extremes of low tide. The water area is that area from the lowest extremes of low tide to a point 1,000 metres off-shore. Both of these marine coastal areas could be vulnerable to pollution from sewage and industrial wastes. Being highly valued for water-based mariculture, marinas, and other marine commercial enterprises, marine coastal areas are or will be subject to demands which, without compatible land use and sensitive development, could impair the visual and environmental qualities which provide the rural marine atmosphere of the Island. With these factors in mind, policies applicable are:

4.2.4 Marine Coastal Policies

- a. Native flora and fauna should be retained to protect natural habitats of local significance along the foreshore and in the intertidal areas.
- b. The marine environment, including associated riparian areas, should be adequately protected from unreasonable adverse effects or inadequate mitigation measures resulting from development.
- c. Special consideration should be taken to eliminate the possibility of pollution from sewage or from commercial and industrial wastes.
- d. Designation and regulation of the foreshore and marine coastal areas should be designed to preserve and protect the natural environment and character and should recognize the need to dedicate areas of the foreshore for the following purposes:
 - (i) to provide for access;
 - (ii) to protect existing mariculture uses;
 - (iii) to encourage low impact public uses on and along the foreshore;
 - (iv) to provide for public transportation services;
 - (v) to maintain public access to shellfish;
 - (vi) to retain the undeveloped character of the marine coastal area;
 - (vii) to protect marine coastal habitats for conservation purposes with priority given to protection of threatened, rare and high value habitats such as eelgrass beds and other areas that support forage fish ;
 - (viii) to provide for appropriate commercial and industrial uses; and
 - (ix) to retain representative areas of natural foreshore.
- e. The type and use-level of foreshore and coastal water areas can significantly influence the rural/marine character of Lasqueti Island. Uses of Crown foreshore and water areas must be authorized by the appropriate Provincial Ministry, comply with the provisions of the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* administered by the Coast Guard, and also comply with the bylaws of the Local Trust Committee.

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4.2.5 Marine Coastal Advocacy Policies

- a. The Coast Guard and other relevant government ministries are encouraged to regulate uses such that:
 - (i) marinas relate to the rural environment and are of small scale, providing appropriate sanitary facilities (and sewage pump-out facilities for boats) for shore and water-based patrons;
 - (ii) marinas are situated away from existing mariculture areas,
 - (iii) mariculture does not take precedence over those areas traditionally used as year round moorage for local vessels; and,
 - (iv) site-specific non-discharge zones are located in the waters surrounding Lasqueti.

Water Source Area

4.2.6 Water Source Policies

Water source areas are those areas drained by lakes and streams, which provide or potentially could provide fresh water for human consumption and use.

Although no adequate studies have been made of the capacity of the Island to store fresh water, it is apparent that in the natural state the potential is limited; most streams and many wells dry up in the summer. It is doubtful that the existing lakes could supply much more than they do now without impairing the present ecological balance. Until the necessary studies have been completed the following policies should apply:

- a. Watersheds and catchment areas should be protected from contamination and degradation.
- b. Fresh and salt water purity and quality should be protected from contamination and degradation.
- c. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee supports initiatives to monitor groundwater and surface water resources and the related watersheds and catchment areas to assist in future decision making.
- d. Suitable surface water creeks should be identified with the intention of establishing salmon enhancement programs on Lasqueti Island.
- e. Provision of water should be done in ways that minimize environmental degradation. Development of water sources should evaluate all options - dug ponds, rainwater catchment, shallow or deep wells and choose the option involving the least long-term environmental degradation.
- f. Where possible, the Local Trust Committee encourages salmonid enhancement programs to identify and develop measures to protect fishery resources and to assist in restoration efforts.
- g. When applications to log Crown land are referred to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee, the Local Trust Committee should consider examination of the impact of the proposal on water supplies.
- ~~h. Particular care should be taken to ensure that contamination of the fresh water supply does not occur.~~^[SBS]
- i.h. Access to or along significant sources of fresh water should be by trail only, except as may be required for purposes of firefighting.

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- j.i. Land development adjacent to sources of fresh water should include an environmental impact assessment prepared by the proponent.
- k.j. When fill or debris is placed on land in such a way that it could lead to discharge of deleterious material into a water course, adequate mitigative design and construction measures should be required acceptable to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministries.

Water Resources

Both ground and surface freshwater supplies are limited and subject to fluctuation.

4.2.7 Water Resources Advocacy Policy

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Provincial Ministry to:
 - (i) evaluate and monitor the Island's water resources prior to issuing surface water rights;
 - (ii) establish ground and surface water monitoring programs;
 - (iii) re-evaluate the requirement for drilled well regulations;
 - (iv) encourage surface water and catchments systems as an alternative to drilled wells provided such systems do not degrade the environment;
 - (v) ~~encourage the Ministry to~~^[SB6] support microhydro electrical systems, including run-of-stream systems, recognizing that such systems are a viable and sustainable source of domestic electric power.
- b. The Local Trust Committee supports watershed planning to protect water supplies and ecosystems.

Recreational Resources

4.2.8 Recreational Resources Objectives

- a. To encourage the creation of parks and recreation areas that are designed and located to provide recreational opportunities in addition to meeting conservation protection objectives.
- b. To promote trail systems throughout the island.
- c. To support the creation of a public trail network throughout the Island.

4.2.9 Recreational Resources Policies

- a. ~~The pP~~ Provision of varied recreation use areas throughout the island that focus on the natural aspects of Lasqueti ~~is supported.~~
- ~~b.a. The development of a comprehensive recreation plan should be undertaken that indicates provincial, regional, and community parks as well as trails, public shellfish reserves, and marine and land-based recreation areas.~~^[SB7]
- e.b. The Local Trust Committee supports the use of tax incentives that encourage landowners to dedicate trails, parks, and other types of protected areas.

4.2.10 Recreational Resources Advocacy Policies

- a. The appropriate Provincial Ministries with responsibilities and programs for recreation should regulate and maintain recreational activities that are compatible with the Island's rural nature, and provide facilities and supervision where needed to protect from adverse effects.

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- b. The Local Trust Committee should request that the Regional District consider conducting regional park studies.
- c. The Local Trust Committee should request the Ministry of Transportation and the gathet Regional District to support the establishment of public outhouses and picnic tables on a site specific basis on public accesses to the foreshore.
- d. The Lasqueti Community Association is encouraged to establish a trails committee to explore options for trail development and maintenance that respects concerns regarding trails on or near private property, and to assemble information on options, risks, and mitigative actions regarding trails on private land.
- e. The development of a comprehensive recreation plan should be undertaken that indicates provincial, regional, and community parks as well as trails, public shellfish reserves, and marine and land-based recreation areas including public accesses to the foreshore.

Cultural Resources

4.2.11 Cultural Resources Objectives

- a. To ensure respectful treatment, fairness, and equity to past, present and future generations that have and will share and contribute to the environmental and cultural fabric of the Lasqueti Local Trust Area.
- b. To recognize the cultural and historical significance the Coast Salish First Nations in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.
- c. To support mutual respect for interests by proactively consulting with local First Nations regarding changes to land-use, zoning designations, and protection of heritage and archaeological resources.
- a-d. To foster protection and stewardship of archaeological, historic and heritage sites

4.2.12 Cultural Resources Policies

- ~~a.~~ ~~To recognize the cultural and historical significance the Coast Salish First Nations in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.~~
- ~~b-a.~~ ~~To support mutual respect for interests by proactively consulting with local First Nations regarding changes to land use, zoning designations, and protection of heritage and archaeological resources.~~
- ~~c.~~ ~~To foster protection and stewardship of archaeological, historic and heritage sites.~~
- d-a. The Local Trust Committee will assist, when possible, First Nations and the responsible Ministry in their efforts to establish and protect sites of archaeological or heritage significance or value.
- e-b. The Local Trust Committee recognizes that treaty negotiations with First Nations continue to be unresolved and until the resolution of First Nation interests within the Lasqueti Planning Area relationship building and cooperation between the Local Trust Committee and other First Nations may be developed over time.
- f-c. Avoid or minimize destruction of archaeological sites on Lasqueti Island by:

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- (i) educating the community about Lasqueti's archaeological heritage and making information available about best practices for heritage stewardship;
- (ii) ensuring property sales inform new owners of all existing information about archaeological heritage on their property; and
- (iii) encouraging landowners and builders to assess the presence and extent of archaeological heritage prior to establishing building plans or other developments, and modify development plans accordingly and/or, where damage is unavoidable, mitigate impacts by supporting the recovery of as much information as possible.

4.2.13 Cultural Resources Advocacy Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages and will assist the Coast Salish First Nations, the responsible Provincial and Federal agencies and the public generally, in their efforts to establish and protect sites designated or valued for heritage and historical significance.
- b. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee encourages both the Federal and Provincial Governments to assist the local community and the Coast Salish First Nations with accurate and comprehensive First Nation assessments within the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.
- c. The Local Trust Committee encourages learning about and respecting Indigenous rights to, and uses and management of, land, sea, and resources (past and present).
- d. In partnership with and guided by First Nations, ~~C~~community groups and other agencies are encouraged to develop educational material on First Nations rights to, and uses and management of, land, sea, and resources (past and present)

4.3 Community Stewardship

The small size of resident and visitor populations, significant areas of vacant Crown land, and the generally undeveloped nature of the Island provide for a variety of land and water-based recreation opportunities. Most recreational activities compatible with the Island's rural nature are not yet at levels of use where formal facilities are required or planning and regulatory management is needed to ensure retention of recreational quality that avoids user conflicts.

General

4.3.1 General Objectives

- a. To discourage pervasive and excessive light, noise and air pollution created by residential, commercial or industrial uses, both on land and waters surrounding Lasqueti.
- b. To foster an environment that encourages owners to keep their dogs, domestic pets and livestock under direct control.
- c. To encourage a supportive, healing place to live.
- d. To support sustainable, independent, alternative and affordable lifestyles.

4.3.2 General Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee should support initiatives that benefit the community wellbeing, its safety, security and comfort.
- b. Public accesses, required as dedication at time of subdivision, may be consolidated to make larger more usable areas and in some cases a trail may be sufficient access to a development. Public access to the foreshore is encouraged to be identified by signs located on the public roads.

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4.3.3 Advocacy Policies

- a. The ~~residents of the Lasqueti Island Planning Area prohibit the~~ storage or generation of nuclear materials, nuclear weapons, or nuclear energy is not supported in the Lasqueti Local Planning Trust Area.
- b. ~~The residents of the Lasqueti Island Planning Area oppose~~ Genetically Modified Organisms in the Planning Area, including propagation, cultivation, and raising of genetically engineered plants and animals by persons, firms, or corporations is not supported in the Lasqueti Local Trust Area.
- c. ~~Further to Transport Canada's recognition that Lasqueti Island and its surrounding area have sensitive habitats for birds and other animals; the community asks that~~ Low flying aircraft over the Lasqueti Local Trust Area do not fly low over the Lasqueti Planning Area and the islands within it. are discouraged.
- d. ~~Low Flying aircraft over residential areas of the island are considered intrusive and generate excessive noise that affect residents, the traveling public, and the environmentally sensitive areas of the island; air traffic should be kept at a reasonable height of no less than 610 metres (2000 feet).~~^[SB8]
- e. ~~d. To foster an environment that encourages o~~ Owners are encouraged to keep their dogs, domestic pets and livestock under direct control.
- f. ~~To explore the establishment of a local land trust for multiple uses, including housing services, industry, recreation and conservation.~~^[SB9]
- g. ~~e. The~~ community Lasqueti Local Trust Committee supports the exploration of the establishment of a local land trust for multiple uses, including housing services, industry, recreation and conservation.
- h. ~~f. The~~ Lasqueti Community Association, in cooperation with other agencies as appropriate, is encouraged to develop local, public education about community vision & objectives, emergency preparedness, including forest fire preparedness, regulations, etc.
- i. ~~g. The~~ Lasqueti Community Association is encouraged to develop methods for a community-driven dispute resolution process to handle concerns regarding bylaw noncompliance.
- j. ~~h. The~~ establishment of a monthly- food market / food swap is encouraged.

Human Resources

4.3.4 Human Resources Objectives

- a. To foster sharing of community wisdom and locally-applied solutions.
- b. To ensure a positive environment for children.
- c. To ensure that both a physical building dedicated to education and educational opportunities remain on-island.
- d. To encourage and foster volunteerism.
- e. To encourage education and skills development of residents.

4.3.5 Human Resources Advocacy Policies

PROPOSED

- a. To foster education about community vision & objectives, personal safety, agreements, and regulations, ~~etc~~^[SB10].

Resilience

4.3.6 Resilience Objectives

- a. To support cooperative ventures for community services.
- b. To support community-driven dispute resolution to handle concerns regarding bylaw non-compliance.

Housing

There is a lack of reliable housing related data on Lasqueti Island. The 2018 Housing Needs Assessment for Lasqueti Island states, "...there are many statistics that are not tabulated or are not considered reliable for Lasqueti Island." However, on the basis of, "...anecdotal and qualitative evidence. It appears that there is a need for more affordable housing."

4.3.7 Housing Objectives

- a. To encourage the establishment of long-term rental housing, affordable housing, special needs housing and opportunities for Island seniors to age-in-place.
- b. To support affordability and availability of long-term rental accommodations to meet current and anticipated population changes.
- c. To foster the ability of younger people, and people with low and modest incomes, to live on the island.
- d. To encourage resource efficiency of homes (e.g. heating, energy use, water use).

Food

4.3.8 Food Objectives

- a. To encourage local food production, including shared use of arable land, organic methods, and seed saving and sharing.
- b. To support community gardens and local markets.
- c. To support food sharing and food banks.
- d. To encourage opportunities for collaborative food processing and preserving (e.g. dehydrating, canning, smoking, cold cellar).

4.3.9 Food Policies

- a. ~~Policy 1~~ The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee should encourage local food production as a significant step to reducing food transportation costs and ~~reducing~~ GHG emissions created by food transport.

4.3.10 Food Advocacy Policies

- a. ~~To~~ The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee supports the establishment of a monthly winter food market ~~and/or~~ food swap.

Economy

4.3.11 Economy Objectives

- a. To foster a sustainable local economy that allows people to make a living on the island.

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- b. To limit the negative impacts of tourism.

4.3.12 Economy Policies

- a. In recognition of the importance of mariculture to the economy of Lasqueti Island, existing mariculture tenure areas may be designated as a permitted use. No new areas may be designated for long-line mariculture. New mariculture tenure areas will be subject to designation and regulation, based upon the following criteria: the proposed tenure must not have the effect of closing off access to the affected bay; the proposed tenure would not affect shellfish sites, ~~as shown on Schedule B~~, public shellfish reserves, or access to such sites or reserves; and the tenure application addresses environmental and social effects.

4.4 **Community Services**

Lasqueti has developed the level of services required to support its small resident and visitor population. Regional service provision, including Waste Management, is subject to the qathet Regional District Purchasing Bylaw and purchasing requirements.

General

4.4.1 General Objectives

- a. To encourage the provision of adequate and appropriate services and amenities on the island.
- b. To maintain infrastructure at a reasonable level consistent with a rural community.
- c. To create new and maintain existing walkable public access to foreshore.

4.4.2 General Policies

- a. The road system of Lasqueti Island should be safe and in keeping with the rural nature of the community.
- b. Community facilities and services, including educational, institutional, medical, cultural, and recreational, should be provided at a level and be conducted in a manner appropriate to the Island's needs.
- c. Minimum parcel size regulations should not apply to community service lands.
- d. A precautionary approach should be used when considering additional and more sophisticated service facilities as they typically have significant associated costs.
- e. Public outhouses and picnic tables should be established on a site specific basis.
- f. The Trust Committee shall consult on an annual basis with School District #69.
- g. Sites on Lasqueti Island should be identified and established as emergency helicopter landing pads.

4.4.3 General Advocacy Policies

- a. Residents are encouraged to remove their own derelict vehicles promptly.
- ~~a.b.~~ In order to stem the growing population of vehicles on-island, residents are encouraged to arrange for the removal of a vehicle before barging a new or used vehicle onto the island.
- ~~b.c.~~ The abandonment of vehicles on public right of ways or Crown Land is acknowledged as a socially irresponsible action and not endorsed by the community.

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- ~~e.d.~~ The Local Trust Committee, Ministry of Transportation, Regional District, RCMP, businesses and residents should combine efforts to coordinate the removal of unwanted and derelict vehicles on a regular basis.
- ~~e.e.~~ The Ministry of Transportation is requested to assist with temporarily moving and storing of vehicles prior to transportation off island.
- ~~f.~~ Residents are requested to keep their derelict vehicles on their property until an opportunity to remove them from the island occurs.
- ~~e.g.~~ The gathet Regional District and Electoral Area Director representing Lasqueti Island are requested to consult with residents of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area prior to undertaking initiatives that directly impact regional services on Lasqueti Island. For certainty, this includes initiating, withdrawing or amending service establishment bylaws or regional services.
- ~~f.~~ The gathet Regional District will adopt, amend, or repeal regional service establishment bylaws, or initiate withdrawal of a service, only with full consultation and support of the Community.
- ~~g.h.~~ The Lasqueti Internet Access Society should engage with the public on a site-specific basis around the erection of new local communication towers.
- ~~h.~~ The gathet Regional District Electoral Area Director representing Lasqueti Island should only consent on behalf of the electors to approval of a new regional service, or to significant modification or amendment of a regional service, if there is evidence of a clear majority of community support to justify not seeking approval via a referendum or an alternative approval process.
- ~~i.~~ The gathet Regional District Electoral Area Director representing Lasqueti Island should only initiate withdrawal of a regional service if there is evidence of a clear majority of community support for such withdrawal.

Transportation

4.4.4 General Transportation Objectives

- a. To maintain a foot passenger only ferry system.
- b. To ensure that the road system is designed, built and maintained in keeping with the rural character of the island.
- c. To reduce dangerous driving and speeding.
- d. To reduce dust created by vehicle traffic.
- e. To increase human powered transport including bicycling and walking.
- f. To support electric vehicle charging stations.
- g. To support a plan for short- and long-term parking in False Bay.
- h. To support local public and shared transportation options.
- i. To support the public ownership and maintenance of roads and trails.
- j. To provide appropriate public access to beaches and public water bodies.

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- k. To support establishment of public access to marine foreshore and fresh water lakes.

4.4.5 General Transportation Policies

- a. It is recognized that islands and islets within the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area, excepting Lasqueti Island, do not have direct access to public roads or ferry service and that some waterfront parcels on Lasqueti Island were created without access to public roads. In these situations access from the water is needed and should be considered sufficient.
- b. The community recognizes that the existing foot passenger type of ferry system has partly contributed to the rural character of the community and should remain as foot passenger only in the future.
- c. Car-pooling, communal, and other alternative forms of transportation should be used by the community and visitors to reduce the overall number of vehicles and traffic on the island.
- d. Business should be supported to provide and maintain an adequate and appropriate regular marine freight service.

Docks, Boats, Wharves, and Boat Ramps

4.4.6 Objectives

- a. To ensure continued government ownership and environmentally-sound upkeep of public docks.
- b. To encourage the communal use of docks and boat ramps and to limit the number of private docks and boat ramps located along the foreshore in order to alleviate cumulative ecological damage.

Boats and Maritime Vessels

4.4.7 Boats and Maritime Vessel Policies

~~In order to reduce the overall number of private docks and boat ramps located along the foreshore and alleviate the ecological damage that can be caused by the proliferation of private docks and boat ramps, communal private docks and boat ramps are encouraged and may be considered on a site specific basis. The development of regulations to permit such joint co-operative facilities should ensure that the communal facilities would not have the effect of closing off access to any one bay and that environmental and social effects would be addressed.~~^[SB11]

- ~~a. In order to reduce the overall number of private docks and boat ramps located along the foreshore and alleviate the ecological damage that can be caused by the proliferation of private docks and boat ramps, communal private docks and boat ramps are encouraged and may be considered on a site specific basis. The development of regulations to permit such joint co-operative facilities should ensure that the communal facilities would not have the effect of closing off access to any one bay and that environmental and social effects would be addressed.~~

- ~~a.b.~~ In order to ensure that supplies reach Lasqueti Island, the development of barge, boat, and multi-use ramps accessible to all barge operators may be considered on a site specific basis. Because barge service is essential to the community, the Local Trust Committee should hold community discussions to explore possible locations and means to establish a public barge ramp.

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- ~~b.c.~~ Development of additional barge ramps accessible to all barge, boat, and multi-use operators should be subject to designation and regulation. In considering an application for a barge ramp, environmental and social effects should be addressed.
- ~~c.d.~~ Hours of operations should be included in barge ramp Crown lease referrals.
- ~~d.e.~~ In recognition of the importance of providing suitable boat access for all residents, public boat ramps may be considered on a site specific basis through zoning. Development of public boat ramps should be subject to designation and regulation. In considering an application for a public boat ramp, environmental and social effects should be addressed.
- ~~e.f.~~ Private docks may be considered on a site specific basis in the Marine General (M-2) zone. In considering an application for a dock, environmental and social effects must be addressed. Structures should not be sited or extended towards the sea beyond 37 metres (120 feet) from the surveyed high water mark or where no plan exists, from the natural boundary of the sea.
- ~~f.g.~~ In order to reduce the overall number of docks located along the foreshore, and thereby alleviate the ecological damage that can be caused by the proliferation of docks, private boat ramps may be considered on a site specific basis in the Marine General (M2) zone. In considering an application for a boat ramp environmental and social effects must be addressed and the environmental effects of both private docks and boat ramps should be considered and the alternative with the least environmental impact chosen. Structures should not be sited or extended toward the sea more than 21 metres (70 feet) from the surveyed high water mark or where no plan exists, from the natural boundary of the sea. Applicants must submit proposals for construction of docks and boat ramps to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, as per the federal *Fisheries Act*, for review.
- ~~g.h.~~ Installation of a breakwater should be subject to designation and regulation to allow the community an opportunity to consider all effects. In considering an application for a breakwater, the following criteria must be satisfied: the breakwater must not reduce the area available to the public for mooring buoys and/or anchorage; the breakwater must not close off public access to the affected bay; the applicant addresses environmental and social effects; an environmental impact assessment is completed for the proposed breakwater; and a qualified registered engineer attests to the design of the breakwater.

Ferry Service

4.4.8 Ferry Service Advocacy Policy

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages that the appropriate Ferry Corporation, its agents, and private operators:
 - (i) maintain foot passenger service on a five/six days per week schedule;
 - (ii) expand the freight capacity;
 - (iii) continue to work with the locally established ferry committee;
 - (iv) Hold public meetings on Lasqueti to discuss any major proposed changes in ferry service.

Road System

4.4.9 Road System Advocacy Policy

The road system and the standards to which it is constructed and maintained are key elements in preserving the rural character of Lasqueti Island.

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- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Provincial Ministry to utilize road standards which reinforce the rural character of the Island, by:
 - (i) following the Letter of Agreement for Road Standards between the Islands Trust and the Ministry of Transportation;
 - (ii) employing road designs conforming with topography in order to minimize cutting and filling;
 - (iii) protecting or maintaining natural vegetation alongside roads, excepting that which directly obstructs user visibility;
 - (iv) consulting with the Local Trust Committee before commencing any major road construction or improvements;
 - (v) encouraging the Ministry of Transportation to ensure that gravel extracted from Crown lands is used for local roads;
 - (vi) identifying foreshore accesses by locating signs on the public roads;
 - (vii) ensuring that any applications for new roads across Crown lands be referred to the community through the Local Trust Committee;
 - (viii) ensuring all road maintenance contract crews consist of local residents.

Communications

4.4.10 Communications Objectives

- a. To ensure that all commercial broadcast towers are built only with community consultation and approval.
- b. To support basic local infrastructure and services such as fire department and local communication systems.
- c. To ensure community control over the management of local services and communication system.

4.4.11 Communications Advocacy Policies

- a. The establishment of broadcast and transmission towers and facilities within the Lasqueti Island Planning Area is not supported without consultation and accommodation of community interests by the appropriate government, through a rezoning process of lands in question.
- b. Communication companies should ~~continue-undertake~~ the practice of placing telephone wires, fibre optic cables, and other similar utility infrastructure underground or at grade and ~~should follow the same practice~~ the same practice should be followed for electrical wires in the event that electrical service is extended to Island properties.

Health Care

4.4.12 Health Care Objectives

- a. To support provision of appropriate health care services only with full consultation of the community.

Garbage Disposal

4.4.13 Garbage Disposal Objectives

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- a. To ensure waste disposal meets or exceeds ministry requirements.
- b. To manage services locally as much as possible with service provision by, and employment of, local residents.
- c. To establish, modify, provide, and withdraw services, including regional services, only with full consultation of the community.
- d. To ensure services have high value relative to cost.
- e. To emphasize educational efforts that support Lasqueti moving towards zero-waste.
- f. To support initiatives that help people take responsibility for removing large waste items such as derelict cars and boats, appliances, etc.

4.4.14 Garbage Disposal Advocacy Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Provincial Ministry and the qathet Regional District to:
 - (i) ensure regulatory compliance occurs; and
 - (ii) promote recycling.
- b. The Freestore should be kept open and maintained as part of the qathet Regional District Waste Management service consistent with the qathet Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan.
- c. The qathet Regional District, in cooperation with the community, should create a comprehensive educational plan that encourages reduced consumption and net solid waste, maximizes reuse, repurposing and recycling and ensures waste and recycling reach appropriate destinations consistent with the qathet Regional District Solid Waste Management Plan.

Sewage Disposal

4.4.15 Sewage Disposal Advocacy Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Provincial Ministries to:
 - (i) prohibit outfalls of untreated sewage;
 - (ii) consider the cumulative effects of many septic tanks in one area;
 - (iii) examine and encourage alternate approaches to sewage treatment and disposal;
 - (iv) develop and implement monitoring and testing programs for all existing septic systems; and
 - (v) ~~encourage improved~~provide information and education about appropriate human waste disposal methods.

Utilities

4.4.16 Utilities Advocacy Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages:

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- (i) the appropriate Provincial Ministry and any company to avoid routings on Lasqueti for high tension electrical transmission lines and pipelines intended for large scale movement of fuels.

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PART 5 LAND USE

5.1 Land Base (LB)

Lands within the Land Based designation can include agricultural, residential, commercial, or industrial uses.

Residential Land Use

The Lasqueti community wants to ensure that the existing patterns of low density land use and sustainable self-sufficient lifestyle continues.

5.1.1 Objectives

- ~~a.~~ To ensure that subdivided parcels provide adequate resources, including but, not limited to: (firewood, freshwaterpotable water, soil, etc.), waste-assimilation and sewage disposal capacity, (e.g. greywater), and
- ~~a.b.~~ To ensure that subdivided parcels are capable of supporting a variety of possible sustainable lifestyles.
- ~~b.c.~~ To maintain existing low-density subdivision and land use rules in order to protect and preserve our natural environment.
- ~~c.d.~~ To maintain and encourage a pattern of low-density, low-impact land-use that supports sustainable, self-sufficient lifestyles.
- ~~d.e.~~ To encourage the establishment of owner-operated, small-scale, low intensity home based enterprises that prioritize having minimal impacts on neighbours, shared infrastructure, and environment.
- ~~e.f.~~ To ensure residential development is self-sufficient in terms of freshwater and self-contained sewage disposal.
- ~~f.g.~~ To ensure appropriate access to parcels is provided, taking into account special features such as water courses, old-growth trees, wildlife and topography, and existing trails and roads.
- ~~g.h.~~ To ensure home enterprises are in harmony with the rural residential neighbourhoods.

5.1.2 Policies

- a. A pattern of low density residential land use should apply. Parcels should be at least 4.046 hectares (~~9.8810.00~~ acres) in Subdivision District A, at least 8.092 hectares in Subdivision District B (~~19.7720.00~~ acres), and at least 65 hectares (160.~~64-62~~ acres) in Subdivision District C as indicated on Schedule C of the Lasqueti Land Use Bylaw.
- b. Dwellings are meant for long term residential use occupied by the owner or a renter on a long term basis.
- c. Guest cabins and short-term vacation rentals are not intended to be used for long term residential purposes.
- d. Home enterprise may be conducted on any parcel but should not cause pervasive intrusions on the peaceful enjoyment of nearby properties that exceed or differ from what would otherwise be experienced if the property was used for rural residential purposes.

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- e. Subdivided parcels of land should be able to have a garden area and woodlot.
- f. Residential lots should have a source of fresh water and sufficient capacity for appropriate sewage disposal.
- g. Surface water and catchments are encouraged as an alternative to drilled wells, provided that such systems do not degrade the environment.
- h. Where access to the sea or a strip of Crown land contiguous to the sea is required at time of subdivision, such access should be located to provide physically convenient access to and from coastal areas for public uses such as barge ramps, boat ramps, recreation or slipways. Where roads are either not feasible or desirable, public walking trails should be required as an acceptable substitute.
- i. For each dwelling permitted, normally associated accessory buildings and structures plus a guest cabin should be permitted.
- j. Strata title subdivisions should provide sufficient individually or commonly owned land such that each owner has a sustainable living unit.
- k. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee will seek to ensure that the subdivision of properties that border public water bodies requires provision of public highway access that is appropriately located to meet the objectives of the Lasqueti Island OCP.

5.1.3 Advocacy Policies

- a. All levels of government are encouraged to assist interested land owners and residents with enhancing resource management practices and conserving natural areas on their holdings.
- b. Other government agencies with responsibilities and expertise in the resource management disciplines and in the taxation or economic regulatory sections are encouraged to assist private land owners interested in implementing environmentally sensitive, long term economic resource management practices; all levels of government are encouraged to implement tax incentives for voluntary conservation on private lands.

Commercial and Industrial

It is unlikely that major commercial development on Lasqueti and its surrounding islands and waters will occur due to the limited local market. Nevertheless, some local commercial development exists and there could be additional development to serve the day-to-day needs of residents and visitors. Existing commercial enterprises vary in their use on a parcel of land from a low density to high density, such as exists at the hotel site located at False Bay. ~~With regard to the existing hotel site density, only new land use proposals of a reduced density will be considered. [SB12] Furthermore, one existing retail commercial enterprise has two residences located on the same parcel of land. In this case the residential density is considered an exception; new commercial enterprises should not be given that same zone. [SB13]~~

Rural character and scale, low site coverage, adequate setbacks and the provision of off-street parking are important considerations in maintaining an acceptable scale and rural nature of development.

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5.1.4 Objectives

- a. While recognizing the benefits, to minimize the negative environmental and social impacts of agriculture, forestry, mariculture, and other industry;
- b. To encourage agriculture, forestry, mariculture, and industry are practised in a sustainable manner;
- c. To promote use and development of the land that is in sympathy with the landscape and that makes the most of each site's natural characteristics;
- d. To ensure appropriate industrial and commercial ventures are permitted that are respectful of the residents of Lasqueti Island (e.g. noise, light, air quality, traffic).
- e. To encourage ecologically based stewardship and sustainable use of renewable resources.

5.1.5 Policies

- a. Economic and industrial undertakings should have limitations and development control on the Island in such a way that existing ecosystems are maintained for the benefit of future generations.
- b. Economic activities should provide adequate sewage disposal systems that prevent contamination or degradation the environment.
- c. Hazardous industries including the transportation, handling, storage and use of radioactive materials or other dangerous or toxic materials in bulk are prohibited in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area; bulk storage of gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, propane, and similar fuels intended for utilization by the residents and visitors are accepted.
- d. The siting of commercial and industrial buildings should be at reasonable distances from lot lines to ensure a degree of privacy and the quiet tranquillity consistent with a rural environment.
- e. Alternatives to drilled wells are encouraged to provide freshwater.
- f. Rezoning procedures for commercial and industrial application proposals are contained in the development procedure bylaw of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee; such proposals should be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for review prior to final consideration by the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee.
- g. A range of commercial and industrial activities are permitted as home enterprise. The scale of home enterprises should be regulated to control impact.
- ~~h. Existing established businesses which do not have adequate off street parking at the adoption date of this Bylaw may continue to operate without the provision of such parking facilities; any expansion of such a business must conform to the parking standards of this Bylaw. [SB14]~~
- i.h. The owner or operator of an existing home enterprise who proposes to expand a business beyond the scale of a home enterprise should apply for a rezoning or a Temporary Use Permit.
- j.i. In the review of commercial and industrial zoning applications the applicant should provide:
 - (i) adequate off-street vehicle, motorcycle and bicycle parking;
 - (ii) adequate fire protection measures;
 - (iii) adequate proof of sewage disposal capability;
 - (iv) adequate potable water supply and water conservation measures;
 - (v) a plan showing:
 - o location and size of all buildings;

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- the extent of the clearing of the area proposed to be zoned;
 - that rural character is retained: setbacks of buildings, structures, parking, septic fields, sewage, sink waste or any other waste disposal system from lot lines;
 - road rights of way;
 - proposed and existing screening;
 - location of outhouse/toilet facilities for public use, if appropriate;
 - locations planned for sources of power generation;
 - location of waste disposal specifying provisions for organic, inorganic and toxic wastes;
 - high tide marks, lakes, watercourses, springs, swamps or sources of potable water;
- (vi) A narrative document describing:
- how the rural character, scale, and density of development is in keeping with the character of the surrounding properties;
 - measures to reduce noise levels;
 - planned hours and days of operation (in particular any noise-making sources, e.g. cars, generators, machinery);
 - consideration of effect on island and neighbourhood services, ferry, phone, water sources, roads and traffic noise, and visual impact; and
 - how the proposal is compatible with objectives of this Bylaw.

k.j. In recognition of the need for a place to store derelict vehicles that accumulate in the Local Trust Area, a vehicle holding compound may be considered on a site specific basis and will be subject to designation and regulation to allow the community an opportunity to consider all effects. When considering an application the following criteria must be satisfied: a screened buffer, appropriate setbacks from all property lines; protection from runoff of vehicle fluids; cost/benefit considerations; and environmental and social effects.

l.k. In recognition of the need for gravel for residence, gravel extraction is allowed. Extraction beyond 3823 cubic metres (5,000 cubic yards) within a three-year period should be discouraged unless permitted in a commercial or industrial zone; gravel extraction activities and applications should be consistent with [Policy 10](#)[Policy 5.1.5\(i\)](#) of this Section.

m.l. The Local Trust Committee supports small-scale, organic and natural or low-input farming agriculture that contributes to the Island by developing local sources of farm products, maintaining the rural landscape and providing opportunity for development of individual initiative and self-reliance for the betterment of the community as a whole.

n.m. In recognition of the need for a place to park vehicles, a commercial parking lot may be considered on a site specific basis and should be subject to designation and regulation after a community process has considered implications; when considering an application for a commercial parking lot the following criteria should be considered: setbacks from all property lines; protection from runoff of vehicle fluids, and environmental and social effects.

o.n. Commercial and industrial activity should support forestry that utilizes practices sensitive to aesthetic, environmental, and social values, can contribute a modest source of revenue to private land owners while retaining land values, enhancing forest productivity, and supplying on-site fuel wood and other forest-related benefits.

p.o. The Local Trust Committee should support proper utilization of marine resources in the Lasqueti Trust Area for mariculture that provides employment and other economic benefits to the community while retaining traditional resident and visitor access to marine resources and year round moorage.

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- ~~e-p.~~ Commercial and industrial undertakings often may not require or need long term zoning provisions; as such Temporary Use Permits may be considered in the Land Use Bylaw.
- ~~f-q.~~ This plan does not support the establishment of destination gaming facilities such as casinos and commercial bingo halls.
- ~~s-r.~~ The zoning bylaw may provide a zone in which short-term vacation rentals may be used for short-term visitor and tourist accommodation on a commercial basis.
- s. When rezoning to allow for short-term vacation rentals the Trust Committee should consider at a minimum matters of density on individual lots, water and sewage capacity available for tourist accommodation and the affect such a rezoning may have on the adjacent neighbourhood and the Island overall.
- t. Commercial enterprises should only be permitted a maximum of one residence as an accessory use on the same parcel.
- u. With regard to the following land within the Commercial 1 zone (C1), LOT E, SECTION 31, LASQUETI ISLAND, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 9259, only new land use proposals of a reduced density are supported.
- t-v. The use of properties adjacent to agricultural land should not result in adverse impacts on agricultural land.

5.1.6 Advocacy Policies

- a. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee encourages Islands Trust Council to develop a protocol agreement with the appropriate Ministry to ensure ~~Ministry of Energy and Mines such that~~ the Ministry does not grant permits for the manufacture of gravel without community input.
- b. The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee encourages the Ministry of Energy and Mines to require any applicant requesting a permit for extraction or processing of 3,823 cubic metres (5,000 cubic yards) or more gravel to have commercial or industrial zoning at the site of the proposed gravel operation, and that an adequate monitoring program be in place to ensure that extraction or processing permits are diligently adhered to; processing includes the manufacturing of gravel by means of rock crushing, blasting and sorting.
- c. The Local Trust Committee does not support the extraction of gravel for any use outside of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.
- d. The Local Trust Committee supports the promotion and maintenance of appropriate preservation and protection of agricultural programs, as well as the Province's creation and administration of the Agricultural Land Reserve ~~—~~mandated to protect and preserve agricultural land.
- e. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee encourages the Agricultural Land Commission and Ministry of Agriculture to revise existing Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) boundaries to reflect actual agricultural capability, considering factors such as slope, aspect, drainage, and soil texture and depth.
- ~~f.~~
- g-f. The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee encourages the Agricultural Land Commission and Ministry of Agriculture to recognize conservation of ecosystems as an important and valid use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands on Lasqueti Island and to support the establishment of

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nature reserves and the registration of conservation covenants on ALR lands with high conservation value

~~h.g.~~ The Lasqueti Local Trust Committee encourages the Agricultural Land Commission and Ministry of Agriculture to recognise that large-scale commercial agriculture is not necessarily the most productive use of ALR land on Lasqueti Island, and that successful food-production on Lasqueti Island is labour-intensive and often involves areas of 0.5 to 5 ha under cultivation. Restrictions on parcel sizes and residential density within ALR land on Lasqueti Island should be based on consideration of the benefits of small-scale farming and homesteading.

~~h.h.~~ The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Ministry to promote the implementation of forestry practices which preserves land quality and the forest base for future generations.

~~j.i.~~ The Local Trust Committee encourages the appropriate Ministries to only support mariculture that:

- (i) avoids displacement of local vessels from traditional year round moorage areas;
- (ii) retains public access to beaches and natural marine resources;
- (iii) establishes public shellfish reserve areas;
- (iv) minimizes conflict with other land uses;
- (v) allows for the monitoring of impacts on other marine resources.

~~k.j.~~ ~~To consider s~~Short-term vacation rentals should be considered as commercial activities, and as distinct from long-term rentals.

Hazardous Conditions

The low density of development should help avoid the necessity for developing in hazardous areas by creating parcels of sufficient size to afford alternate building sites within the parcel.

5.1.7 Objectives

- a. To limit development in areas subject to hazardous conditions.

5.1.8 Policies

- a. Development on lands known or suspected to be subject to flooding, landslide, avalanche or other hazardous conditions should be limited, unless protective measures are taken to prevent any detrimental consequences such as damage to property or risks to inhabitants.
- b. If the need arises for further identification or more precise delineation of hazardous areas, studies will be requested from the appropriate agencies or initiated by the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee.

5.2 Marine (M)

The complex geography and geology of Lasqueti Island and surrounding islands and waters have produced a tremendous diversity of coastal and marine habitats. Unique relationships exist between terrestrial, fresh water and marine areas; as a result, coastal ecosystems are the most diverse and productive of all ecosystems. Significant recreational, commercial, industrial and residential activities occur within the shoreline area and this sensitive area is under intense pressure from development and human activity.

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The Marine land use designation is intended to implement the Objectives and Policies related to Marine Coastal Areas.

5.3 Parks and Protected Areas (PPA)

Scenic qualities provide a rural setting and pleasant pastoral views throughout Lasqueti Island. Voluntary stewardship of land is the primary means by which this feature of island living is maintained. Protection of environmentally sensitive areas and at-risk species and their habitats and significant natural sites is a fundamental Islands Trust policy.

The Protected Areas land use designation is intended to implement the Objectives and Policies related to Conservation and Recreation.

5.4 Crown Lands (CL)

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area lies within the Coastal Douglas-fir (CDF) biogeoclimatic zone, one of the most heavily modified of the 14 biogeoclimatic zones in British Columbia. Approximately half of the CDF zone has been converted to uses such as agriculture and residential development that permanently remove the natural ecosystems. Less than two percent of the CDF zone is in a protected area and only about one percent of the original extent of the old growth forest.

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area has significant areas of Crown land, including some of the largest undeveloped and unroaded blocks of land remaining in the CDF. Some areas have never been logged and others, with mature second growth, have good potential to develop into old growth. The Crown lands on Lasqueti Island have very high conservation value because they can contribute to conservation of provincially significant rare and uncommon ecosystems including Douglas-fir old growth forests; Douglas-fir/Arbutus forests and other ecosystems that are under-represented in the British Columbia's protected area system.

The Lasqueti community believes that the public of British Columbia realizes the greatest benefit from these Crown lands is as large parcels with low density and minimal development.

Among other strongly expressed reports and forums, the Crown Land Task Force presented a report in 1991 to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee containing recommendations for the use of Crown lands in the Lasqueti Local Trust Area. The Local Trust Committee refers to this report as an indication of the community's desires concerning the use of Crown land before making any recommendations to the Ministry responsible for Crown lands.

The following section is divided into two areas: General and Access On and Across Crown Land.

5.4.1 Objectives

- a. To preserve Crown lands for public enjoyment and community use.
- b. To take into account the conservation values on Crown Lands as the primary consideration in decision making.
- c. To retain Crown Lands as intact large parcels with limited, low impact, and low risk development.

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- d. To take into account the conservation values on Crown Lands as the primary consideration in decision making.

General

5.4.2 General Policies

- a. Increasing net density of Subdivision District C lands should not be permitted.
- b. Development on Crown lands including, but not limited to, gravel extraction, road construction or community facilities must be compatible with overall conservation values.
- c. Crown land parcels should remain largely undeveloped to ensure maintenance of a greenbelt.
- d. Upon receipt of Crown land referrals, the Local Trust Committee should hold community discussions to allow for comment on the referral.

~~d.e.~~ The use of Crown lands for agricultural leases should not result in conflicts with sensitive ecosystems or species at risk.

5.4.3 General Advocacy Policies

- a. ~~Land and Water BC~~ The appropriate Provincial Ministry is requested to add provisions in any approved license of occupation for boat, barge and multi-purpose ramps that certain hours of operation be specifically mentioned and adhered to.
- b. The appropriate Provincial Ministry ~~Land and Water BC~~ is requested to offer the community first opportunity to acquire Crown land parcels prior to them being sold to private interests.
- c. Public access to the foreshore should be identified by signs located on the public roads.

Access On and Across Crown Land

Applications for permission to construct a road across Crown land where no road currently exists, or to upgrade an existing road not currently in regular vehicle use, must be made to the appropriate Provincial Ministry prior to any construction.

Several types of roads occur on Crown land. Some roads are currently in regular use for vehicle access to private lands or as access to timber. While some unused roads are noted on official Crown land maps, many old logging roads, skid trails, and footpaths are not noted on the same maps.

5.4.4 Access On and Across Crown Land Policies

- a. Where an existing road on Crown land is currently in regular use for vehicle access to private lands and where no other legal land access exists, the community supports the granting of secure, long-term permission for landowners to continue such use and to maintain the road in drivable condition. Landowners should continue to maintain such roads in a condition that is compatible with conservation and community values.
- b. It is recognized that in some instances the only road access to private lands is across Crown land. Access to the private land is important for fire prevention, personal safety, as well as enjoyment of the private property by the resident; however, where these accesses are used they should be compatible with conservation and community values.

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- c. Where permission for road access across Crown land is granted, such roads should generally follow the routes of any existing roads, except as necessary to avoid sensitive terrain and ecosystems, in order to prevent the environmental impact of creating new routes.
- d. Trails and unused roads on Crown land should remain as foot trails where they are compatible with conservation and community values.
- e. The Local Trust Committee shall consider the need to maintain community values, including conservation values and the interests of the land locked landowners, when providing input to the appropriate jurisdiction on applications for access across Crown land.

5.4.5 Access On and Across Crown Land Advocacy Policies

- a. The Local Trust Committee encourages ~~Land and Water BC~~ the appropriate Provincial Ministry to maintain the current greenbelt function that exists on Crown Lands by accommodating a variety of land uses and ensuring their regulations are adhered to.
- b. The Local Trust Committee requests that ~~Land and Water BC~~ the appropriate Provincial Ministry seek input from the community prior to changing uses on Crown Land.
- c. ~~Land and Water BC and other~~ The -appropriate Provincial Ministries should keep trails and disused roads located on Crown land to remain as foot trails.

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SCHEDULE B LAND USE DESIGNATION MAP

OTHER: None.

3 RELEVANT POLICY(S): Trust Council's Annual Report policy 6.10.i; *Islands Trust Act*

4 ATTACHMENT(S): Lasqueti Island LTC input to Annual Report (draft)

RESPONSE OPTIONS

Recommendation: That the Lasqueti Island LTC 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.

Alternative: That the Lasqueti Island LTC approves the attached text for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Report for approval (as amended) by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Prepared By: Morgana van Niekerk, A/Communications Specialist

Reviewed By/Date: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager/April 15, 2024

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area comprises of more than 23 associated islands including Lasqueti, Jedediah, Sangster, and Jenkins islands.

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area is located within the territory of First Nations whose people have cared for these lands and waters since time immemorial.

It has three provincial parks (Jedediah Island, Sabine Channel, Squitty Bay) and four protected sanctuaries. In its waters, the local trust area has critical habitat for the Marbled Murrelet and Killer Whale.

(Statistics from the 2021 census, graphics that show change over time: total population (1971-2021) and percentage of private dwellings occupied by usual resident (1991 and 2021):

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/lasqueti-island-lta-2021-census-profile/>

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LA LTC) held five regular business meetings in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Work for this period focused on advancing the LA LTC priorities to further First Nations Reconciliation. The LA LTC also continued work on key projects including the Official Community Plan (OCP) review project and completed a project to amend their Meeting Procedures Bylaw.

Another initiative of the LA LTC for this period was relationship building with the Snaw-naw-as First Nation. As part of this process, the LA LTC adopted a standing resolution to ensure First Nations notification and engagement for proposed antenna systems. The LA LTC has also been working towards a meeting with Snaw-naw-as First Nation leadership as part of the Lasqueti OCP review project.

From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the LA LTC received and considered one application for a bylaw amendment.



ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY REPORT TO LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEES AND BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

HIGHLIGHTS OF ISLANDS TRUST CONSERVANCY MARCH 19th, 2024 BOARD MEETING

NOTE: For more detail on Conservancy meetings, including meeting minutes, please visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/whats-happening/meetings-and-events/>

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

- The ITC Board received the Minister of Municipal Affairs' response on the Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Plan which included a request to engage further with First Nations regarding creation of the ITC Plan. Manager Emmings advised that any new acquisitions or covenants need to come to the Minister for review before the Board signs off on them. The ITC Board directed staff to respond to the Minister of Municipal Affairs acknowledging directions in the letter and requesting:
 - Authorization to invest ITC funds as permitted under the provisions of the *Trustee Act*
 - Direction on interaction with the Minister regarding property management of new acquisitions of covenants and nature reserves
- The ITC Board approved the Project Charter for the development of the 2026-2030 ITC Plan.
- The ITC Board amended three land securement and management policies, providing direction for early First Nations engagement prior to approval of securement projects.
- Trustee Elliot provided updates of interest to the ITC Board from Executive Committee including:
 - Executive Committee's interest in continuing to meet with Islands Trust Conservancy to strategize on how to gain support from the province
 - ITC presence at the 50th anniversary celebration of Islands Trust on Salt Spring Island
- The ITC Board requested that Executive Committee set aside time for an ITC presentation to Trust Council at the June 2024 meeting
- Trustee Gauvreau provided updates of interest to the ITC Board from Governance Committee including:
 - The roles and responsibilities of the committee to oversee the organization's governance structure, ensuring transparency and efficiency, and providing recommendations to Trust Council
 - The Committee is currently reviewing the 2022 governance review, which requires input from staff and trustees
 - The report needs to be reviewed and discussed at Trust Council before a letter is drafted to the province



2. COVENANT AND PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

- The ITC Board approved a conservation proposal for the Doris McHardy NAPTEP conservation covenant on North Pender Island, subject to review of First Nations responses and Ministerial approval.
- Manager Emmings provided the Board with a status update on public applications for Crystal Mountain Nature Reserve, Robert Leader NAPTEP Covenant, and Koontz NAPTEP Covenant following the decision to decline approval of the ITC Plan by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

3. COVENANT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- The ITC Board instructed staff to proceed with the development of a risk management policy for all nature reserves, which includes warning users of the risk of danger trees.
- The ITC Board directed staff to begin work on signage for the S'ul-hween X'pey (Elder Cedar) Nature Reserve on Gabriola Island, to address risk management efforts.

4. FUNDRAISING AND CONSERVANCY SUPPORT

- The ITC Board approved a contribution of \$3,500 to support the 2024 Salish Sea Conservation Forum on Galiano Island.
- The ITC Board approved the request from the Galiano Conservation Association to install a water meter at the existing drilled well on Trincomali Nature Sanctuary to log water levels and temperature data to inform a water conservation project on Galiano Island. This approval is subject to:
 - Proper installation as guided by the Water Sustainability Act and Groundwater Protection Regulation regarding work in and around groundwater wells
 - Removal of all equipment at the end of the project

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Rezoning

File Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Purpose
LA-RZ-2023.1	Carey, John & Tracee	19-Oct-2023	PID: 002-917-475 requesting an amendment to Bylaw no.78 to permit a dock fronting Lot 62 in Scottie Bay, Lasqueti Island.

Planner: Stephen Baugh

Planning Status

Status Date:

Subdivision

File Number	Applicant Name	Date Received	Purpose
LA-SUB-2019.1	KGL Freight Services Ltd. (T.G. Hoyt)	25-Jun-2019	PIDs: 025-448-811 and 005-600-081. Parcel line adjustment. Lasqueti Island Hotel, Weldon Road, Lasqueti Island, BC.

Planner: Sonja Zupanec

Planning Status

Status Date: 23-Jul-2019

Referral response sent to MOTI

Islands Trust

LTC EXP SUMMARY REPORT F2024
Invoices posted to Month ending February 2024

640 Lasqueti	Invoices posted to Month ending February 2024	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance</u>
65000-640	LTC "Trustee Expenses"	59.00	0.00	59.00
LTC Local				
65200-640	LTC - Local Exp - LTC Meeting Expenses	392.00	1,922.10	-1,530.10
65210-640	LTC - Local Exp - APC Meeting Expenses	333.00	248.65	84.35
65220-640	LTC - Local Exp - Communications	250.00	0.00	250.00
65230-640	LTC - Local Exp - Special Projects	271.00	0.00	271.00
TOTAL LTC Local Expense		<u>1,246.00</u>	<u>2,170.75</u>	<u>-924.75</u>
Projects				
73001-640-2015	Lasqueti OCP/LUB	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
		<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Policies & Standing Resolutions

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
1.	July 11, 2013	LA-2013-020	APC member Agenda Package	It was MOVED and SECONDED , that on request by an Advisory Planning Commission member, that they receive a Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Agenda package at no charge.
2.	February 28, 2017	LA-2017-006	APC to also act as TAC	It was MOVED and SECONDED , that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee make a Standing Resolution to request the APC to undertake the function of a Transportation Advisory Committee.
3.	July 23, 2018	LA-2018-040	Non-medical cannabis retail applications	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to the processing of non-medical cannabis retail license applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed or amended licenses for non-medical cannabis retail establishments require an application to the local trust committee. • The application process shall comprise a public consultation component, which includes at least one notification to neighbours, one public meeting, posting of public notices and one advertisement in a local periodical. • The public consultation process shall be determined by the local trust committee after initial review of the proposal. • However, as a minimum, the local trust committee will mail or otherwise deliver a notice to all owners and residents of properties within a 500 metre radius of the subject property where the establishment is proposed at least 10 days before adoption of a resolution providing comment on the application. The required notice shall include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Name of the applicant and a description of the proposal in general terms ○ The location of the proposed establishment and the subject site. ○ The place where, and date and time when, both a public meeting will be held and a resolution of the local trust committee considered. ○ The name and contact information of the Islands Trust planning staff member who can provide copies of the proposed or amended license application. ○ How public comments may be submitted to the local trust committee.
4.	December 17, 2018	LA-2018-062	Notice of Intention to Apply for Federal Cannabis License	It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution: that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee requests that Notices of Intention to Apply for a Federal Cannabis License be forwarded to the Local Trust Committee upon receipt by the Islands Trust.

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
5.	February 25, 2019	LA-2019-IC-003	Staff & Trustee at APC meetings	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution: that all Advisory Planning Committee meetings will include a staff member and a Trustee.</p>
6.	February 24, 2020	LA-2020-003	First Nations Reconciliation	<p>It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to First Nations in the Local Trust Area:</p> <p>Whereas the Local Trust Committee seeks to engage in Reconciliation with local First Nations, governments and the island community by honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia’s Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, and Islands Trust First Nations Engagement Principles, the Local Trust Committee endeavours to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annually, write a letter to First Nations, (re)introducing trustees and staff and provide a schedule of known Local Trust Committee meetings for the upcoming year, as well as, provide an update of current projects and advocacy activities; b) For various Local Trust Committee meetings, invite elders from local First Nations to attend and provide a traditional welcome to the territory; c) Work with First Nation governments on cooperative initiatives, including and not limited to, language, place names, territorial acknowledgements, community education on Coast Salish and local First Nations’ cultural heritage and history; d) Work with First Nation governments on engagement principles for inclusive land use, marine use and climate change planning; advocacy, protection and stewardship; and knowledge and information sharing protocols; e) Establish and maintain government to government dialogue with First Nations, now and into the future, based on respect and recognition of Aboriginal rights and title, treaty rights and First Nations’ traditional territories within the Islands Trust Area.
7.	July 26, 2023	LA-2023-027	First Nations Consultation	<p>that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to First Nations consultation in accordance with the “Strategy for Antenna Systems” in the Local Trust Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The proponent will consult with the Local Trust Area representative during the pre-consultation phase to determine proximity of the proposed antenna system to known archaeological sites and/or areas of archaeological potential and obtain a list of First Nations rights and title holders; b. The proponent is recommended to undertake consultation during the pre-

No	Meeting Date	Resolution No.	Issue	Policy
				<p>consultation phase with the Islands Trust and a First Nations cultural knowledge holder for the siting of the proposed antenna system as it relates to cultural and sacred sites;</p> <p>c. The proponent will obtain and provide a BC Archaeological Information request response from the BC Archaeology Branch to confirm proximity of the proposed antenna system to known archaeological sites and/or areas of archaeological potential including permit requirements under the Heritage Conservation Act;</p> <p>d. The proponent will obtain and provide an Archeological Impact Assessment for antenna systems proposed to be sited on or within 100 metres of a known archaeological site of cultural/sacred site identified by a First Nations cultural knowledge holder; and</p> <p>e. The proponent will provide written notice – including, if applicable, the Archeological Impact Assessment – sent by regular mail or hand delivered to all First Nations rights and title holders identified during the pre-consultation phase.</p>

Lasqueti Island

1. *Minor Project - Official Community Plan Review*

Responsible

Dates

To review and update the Lasqueti Official Community Plan (OCP) policies regulations in three phases which supports community participation, the Object of the Islands Trust, strengthens relations with First Nations and addresses community land use planning priorities.

Stephen Baugh

Rec'd: 08-Jan-2018

Future Projects Report

Lasqueti Island

1. <i>Advocacy and Communications</i>	Responsible	Date Received
Apply for Community to Community grant funding to support a relationship-building event with First Nations with interests in the Lasqueti Local Trust Area.		29-Aug-2022

2. <i>LUB</i>	Responsible	Date Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subdivision regulations including: lot size, proof of water and public access to the foreshore, - Housing, - Consideration of adding a Marine Conservation Zone 		

3. <i>OCP</i>	Responsible	Date Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subdivision policies related to proof of water, - Housing, - Update in regards to consistency with the Regional Conservation Plan, - Update in regards to consistency with the Coastal Douglas-Fir Toolkit, - Update in regards to consistency with additional topics recommended by the Lasqueti Community Association Official Community Plan Steering Committee in their Recommendations Report dated January 31, 2020: Feral Sheep, Conservation Target, Climate Change, Short-term Vacation Rentals and Tourism, and Cluster Housing and Density Transfer. 		

Future Projects Report

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4. <i>OCP & LUB</i>	Responsible	Date Received
Shoreline Management Plan: - Develop a plan for managing mooring buoys and road access to the shoreline in Scottie Bay; - Community mapping of values along the shorelines of Lasqueti Island.		29-Aug-2022

5. <i>Administrative</i>	Responsible	Date Received

6. <i>Bylaw Enforcement</i>	Responsible	Date Received