



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: August 29, 2022
Location: Judith Fisher Centre
 #1 China Cloud Bay Road
 Lasqueti Island, BC

Members Present: Peter Johnston, Local Trustee by Zoom
 Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee
 Laura Patrick, Chair

Staff Present: Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager by Zoom
 Katherine Vogt, Recorder by Zoom
 William Shulba, Senior Freshwater Specialist by Zoom

Others Present: Andrew Fall, Regional Director by Zoom
 Approximately three (3) members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She introduced Trustees, Staff, and Recorder and welcomed Director Andrew Fall and members of the public. She noted that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded, and that a recording of the meeting would be available on the Islands Trust website in a few days.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. RISE AND REPORT - IN CAMERA MEETINGS OF APRIL 26, 2021

Chair Patrick reported that the in-camera minutes of April 26, 2021 were approved.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Peterson reported on the following:

- The recent plaque unveiling at Squitty Bay Park was a successful reconciliation event and well attended by many locals and First Nations representatives.

Trustee Johnston reported on the following:

- The clam garden visits planned for the Squitty Bay plaque unveiling did not occur because of inclement weather; so, another successful reconciliation event was held at False Bay in mid-August, attended by about 20 Qualicum and Snaw-naw-as First Nations people of all ages, who expressed great appreciation for being invited and

shown some local evidence of their ancestors' lives on Lasqueti. Approximately 60 Lasqueti residents and visitors also attended.

- No public responses have been received to recently published information regarding the Fees Bylaw.

4.2 Chair's Report

Chair Patrick reported on the following:

- The recent Trust Council meeting at which a significant resolution was passed to request that the Province review the mandate, governance and structure of the Islands Trust.
- The next Trust Council meeting will be September 20-22, 2022; it will be virtual; and the Town Hall portion will most likely be held on the evening of the 20th.

4.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

Director Andrew Fall reported on the following:

- The Vancouver Island Regional Library recently opened an architecturally stunning new branch in Sooke; however, going forward, increasing construction costs will necessitate more modest designs.
- A recent meeting was held between Director Fall, the qathet Regional District (qRD) CAO Karl Al Radke, and the Strathcona Regional District CAO regarding opportunities to connect Lasqueti Island with the fibre optic cable internet system associated with the Connected Coast project. Connected Coast has also been in discussion with the Lasqueti Internet Access Society. Once funding possibilities are finalized, public consultations will be initiated.
- The Coastal Invasive Species Committee recently updated its strategic plan. This group focuses on the most noxious invasive species such as knotweed and giant hogweed, rather than minor invasive species.
- The recent plaque unveiling event at Squitty Bay was initiated by a local resident, Tanis, who felt there should be something else to balance the original plaque which only mentioned Spanish 'discovery' of the island and the naming of Lasqueti after a Spanish naval officer. The new plaque references the island as Xwe'etay which means 'yew tree' in Tla'amin. A First Nations story was told at the plaque unveiling about how Lasqueti Island was a toppled yew tree. A local resident moved a beautiful natural boulder to the plaque site. BC Parks was very supportive and provided some funding for the event. Dr. Dana Lepofsky, a professor in the Department of Archaeology at Simon Fraser University, helped organize First Nations travel to the site.
- The Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department (LIVFD) Asset Management Survey closes today.
- The fire hazard rating on Lasqueti rose to extreme approximately 1 1/2 weeks ago.

5. TOWN HALL

Members of the public spoke on the following:

- Is it the opinion of the Chair and the Islands Trust Council that the term 'grandfathered' is racist?

- Chair Patrick did not personally consider the term racist; but acknowledged that others did.
- Trustee Peterson had not ever considered the term racist; but avoids the term out of an abundance of caution as it can be considered racist in some contexts such as the south of the United States. The term legally non-conforming avoids offending anyone.
- Is it the policy of the Islands Trust that a member of the public must ask for permission before recording a meeting?
 - Chair Patrick noted that she was not aware of any specific Trust policy but that it is polite to ask so that it can be ascertained that others in the room feel comfortable about speaking in such a context.
- If a member of the public requests that they not be recorded at an Islands Trust meeting, can that be accommodated?
- Is it true that a bylaw prohibiting tree cutting on Lasqueti is being planned?
 - Trustee Peterson clarified that the Trust Council has requested tree cutting regulatory authority from the Province for local trust committees, not Trust-wide authority.
 - Chair Patrick clarified that the Province does not seem to be keen on giving local trust committees the same sort of tree cutting regulatory authority as municipalities have. Such an authority would have to be custom made for the *Islands Trust Act*, a time-consuming process.
 - Trustee Peterson noted that the Province may be hesitant to grant tree cutting authority to local trust committees because of the complexity of claims to trees such as First Nations forestry and private managed forest land.
 - Regional Planning Manager Kauer clarified that tree cutting bylaws only affect private property; First Nations who have woodlot licenses on Crown land would not be affected.
- Can two Trustees together not attend local public meetings?
 - Trustee Peterson clarified that two Trustees cannot have a meeting that is about Local Trust Committee (LTC) business unless it is an official meeting of the LTC. Trustees may be present at an unofficial meeting to listen; but, may not engage in discussion if the discussion involves local LTC business.
- There is a national movement to declare the Canadian Jay the national bird of Canada because it is present in every province. Could the LTC endorse this position?
 - Trustee Peterson requested that information regarding this endorsement be sent to the LTC for inclusion in the agenda.
- Regarding information sent to the LTC in a previous email, the removal of the word ‘must’ for Official Community Plan (OCP) recommendations mutes the community consensus desire for action.
- The six Lasqueti OCP recommendations opposed by the Province should be retained as they are the result of long processes of community consultation, despite that the most recent meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) could not confirm them due to lack of quorum.
- A representative from the Ministry of Agriculture recently recommended that Lasqueti sheep be referred to as either ‘unowned’ or ‘formerly domestic now running wild.’ The latter term should be used because the term ‘unowned’ could have unexpected consequences.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated June 6, 2022 - for adoption

The following changes to the June 6, 2022 Local Trust Committee meeting minutes were presented for consideration:

- Under item 4.1, second bullet, first line, replace 'Community Association of BC Parks' with 'Lasqueti Community Association and BC Parks.'
- Under item 5, last bullet, second line and under item 5, last bullet, last sub-bullet, replace 'Island Times' with 'Our Isle & Times.'

The minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of June 6, 2022 were adopted as amended.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting - none

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission-Minutes - none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated August 18, 2022

Regional Planning Manager Kauer confirmed that activity number 5 regarding APC term expirations was completed.

7.2 Meeting Procedures Bylaw - Proposed Amendment

LA-2022-031

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee amend the Meeting Procedures Bylaw by reducing the minimum lead time for delegation request from 10 days to 5 days.

DEFEATED

Regional Planning Manager Kauer noted the following:

- Delegation information needs to be reviewed for defamatory content prior to inclusion in the agenda package.
- Agenda packages are initiated approximately 14 days before scheduled LTC meetings, agenda deadlines are 7 days before LTC meetings, and agenda addendums may be time-consuming and administratively complicated.

Chair Patrick noted that late request delegations could speak at the Town Hall portion of LTC meetings at the discretion of the LTC.

Trustees noted the following:

- Delegation written information used to be submitted after presentations but for some reason this was changed.
 - Chair Patrick offered that the Salt Spring Island LTC began including delegations' written submissions in agenda packages and other islands copied this procedure for consistency.
- Trustees want less restrictions to make it easier for delegations to speak at meetings.

- There are two separate deadlines to consider: a delegation request to speak deadline and a written materials submission deadline, the latter of which should be voluntary.

LA-2022-032

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to report back on options for submission of delegation materials in the Meeting Procedures Bylaw.

CARRIED**LA-2022-033**

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to report back on options for meeting notification in the Meeting Procedures Bylaw per Standing Resolution 2022-022 and include notice of new meetings.

CARRIED**8. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - None****9. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS****9.1 Term End Projects Report - Staff Report**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer provided an update on the status of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Project noting the following:

- There has been no response in the last year regarding the OCP referral from Snaw-naw-as First Nation.
- The Lasqueti APC did not achieve quorum at their last meeting before terms expired, so were unable to provide recommendations on the OCP referral comments from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD). Staff is recommending that the policies of concern to FLNRORD be removed from the OCP project so that it may move forward.
- An option to retain the policies of concern to FLNRORD is also provided. Whereas the resolutions needed to be passed for this option are listed chronologically, the actual references in the OCP are scattered.
- The references to feral sheep have been replaced with 'unowned, formerly domestic.'
- The OCP draft has already received second reading, but could be given second reading again, as amended, and then moved forward to a community information meeting and public hearing.

Trustees expressed a preference for waiting for comments from a future APC and for possible comments from Snaw-naw-as First Nation before proceeding further with the OCP project. The concerns of FLNRORD could be further addressed.

LA-2022-034

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee recommend to the incoming Local Trust Committee that they approach Snaw-naw-as First Nation regarding the Official Community Plan referral as soon as possible in their term.

CARRIED

9.2 Official Community Plan Project Status Update - Staff Report

Regional Planning Manager Kauer presented the staff report that asks Trustees to consider amendments to its 'Top Priorities List' and 'Projects List' for the benefit of the incoming LTC; and to consider reorganizing its 'Projects List' into a six-category scheme.

LA-2022-035

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee remove Number 2: Freshwater Project from the Top Priorities List.

CARRIED

LA-2022-036

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request that the Projects list as contained in the August 29, 2022 Staff Report include a community to community grant application and be retained in the Projects List.

CARRIED

LA-2022-037

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request that the Community Shoreline Values Mapping Project and the Scottie Bay Shoreline Management Plan Project be amalgamated into a Lasqueti Island Shoreline Management Plan Project on the Projects List.

CARRIED

Trustee Peterson noted that recently requested public access to the foreshore maps for Lasqueti Island should be available soon.

By general consent the meeting was recessed at 12:43 pm and reconvened at 1:03 pm.

9.3 Freshwater Project - Staff Report

Senior Freshwater Specialist William Shulba presented the Memorandum: Freshwater Update dated August 29, 2022 regarding five initiatives: the aquifer conceptualization and groundwater recharge mapping project; the Agricultural Water Demand Model for Lasqueti Island; the Healthy Watersheds Initiative project with Pete's Lake Water Users Society; the Watershed Resilience Mapping; and, a contribution to the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy newsletter, noting the following:

- The Lasqueti portion of the federally initiated Trust-wide aquifer mapping project will be more extensive due to the unique geology of the Island. It will quantify areas of groundwater potential and highlight surface areas that stay wet throughout most of the year.
- The agriculture Water Demand Model for Lasqueti Island is on the Ministry of Agriculture website for the qRD and is not overly detailed.
- The Healthy Watersheds Initiative Project for Pete's Lake was a project identified to receive community-based pandemic relief funding of \$20,000 to identify areas of the Pete's Lake water system that may be contaminated by e-coli or coliforms. The Pete's Lake Water Society chose to not engage in the contract required by the funders. Essential infrastructure is needed by the commercial Pete's Lake water users to solve the boil water advisory issue, which is one of the longest boil advisory

issues in the Province. The Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) wants to chlorinate, but this may not be feasible, affordable, or suitable for Lasqueti which has other more sustainable options. A distribution map of the water system is needed. There may be only one small part of the system that is causing problems for the entire system. The solution for the commercial users who do not like the boil water advisory may not involve the domestic users, who may be more accepting of the advisory. VIHA is very strict about releasing the advisory and could demand that every single domestic user has an endpoint water treatment system before VIHA will release the advisory for commercial users. To split the commercial and domestic users is a political problem. LTC direction would be appreciated because work with the Pete's Lake Water Society has stalled.

- A Trustee noted that the Pete's Lake Water Society did not fully understand the offered funding contract and did not feel that they had the resources to sign onto it.
- The Senior Freshwater Specialist responded that the grant came in at breakneck speed and the Pete's Lake Project may have needed more time and analysis.
- Proof of potable water for subdivision has been undertaken by the Salt Spring LTC who are working with the Province on a new model bylaw; a report can be prepared for the Lasqueti LTC.
- An upcoming report on the wetland mapping of Lasqueti being prepared for the Islands Trust Conservancy can be sent to Trustees as a draft.

LA-2022-038

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee recommend that the incoming Local Trust Committee request a session with the Senior Freshwater Specialist early in the term.

CARRIED

9.4 Fees Bylaw No. 99 - Staff Report

Regional Planning Manager Kauer presented the staff report that recommends that Trustees consider giving third reading to the proposed Fees Bylaw No. 99 which would replace the LTC Fees Bylaw No. 85.

A Trustee noted that the Fees Bylaw allowed for a reduction or increase of fees by up to 20%

LA-2022-039

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee amend Bylaw No. 99 by removing Table 2 Permit No. 7 "Heritage Alteration Permit".

CARRIED

LA-2022-040

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 99, cited as "Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Fees Bylaw, 2022", as amended, be read a third time.

CARRIED

LA-2022-041

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 99, cited as “Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Fees Bylaw, 2022”, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for approval by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

10. DELEGATIONS - None

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Islands Trust Conservancy - 3 Year Plan – Briefing

Received.

13. REPORTS

13.1 Trust Conservancy Report dated May 25, 2022

Received.

13.2 Applications Report dated August 18, 2022

Received.

13.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated June, 2022

Received.

13.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received.

13.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

14. WORK PROGRAM

14.1 Top Priorities Report dated August 18, 2022

Received.

14.2 Projects List Report dated August 18, 2022

Received.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022 at 11:00 am at Judith Fisher Centre, #1 China Cloud Bay Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

By general consent the regular meeting was recessed at 2:10 pm.

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

LA-2022-042

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1) (a), (d) and (f) for the purpose of considering (a) Appointment of Advisory Planning Commission Members and Board of Variance Members and (d) Adoption of In-Camera Minutes dated February 7, 2022 and June 6, 2022 and (f) Bylaw Enforcement and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

16.2 Recall to Order

Chair Patrick recalled the Lasqueti Island Regular Local Trust Committee meeting to order at 2:39 pm.

16.3 Rise and Report

Chair Patrick reported that the Local Trust Committee appointed Hilary Duinker, and reappointed Jack Woodward and Laurie Jackson, to the Board of Variance; and, that the minutes for the February 7, 2022 and June 6, 2022 *in-camera* meetings were approved.

LA-2022-043

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to repost for Advisory Planning Commission expressions of interest.

CARRIED

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Katherine Vogt, Recorder