



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: July 6, 2026
Location: Lasqueti Island Community Hall
 Main Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

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

Staff Present: Renee Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager (electronic)
 Marlis McCargar, Island Planner (electronic)
 Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Advisor (electronic)
 Clare Frater, Director Trust Area Services (electronic)
 Dede MacLean, Office Administrative Assistant (electronic)
 Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder (electronic)

Others Present: There were approximately 11 members of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and spoke to the importance of meeting protocol, respectful interactions, the role of the meeting Chair, and importance of ensuring a culturally safe space for all voices to be heard.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Elliott acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 12.1 Community Stewardship Award Event
- 12.2 Request For Information Re: Coordination Agreements

By general consent, the agenda was adopted as amended.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Lironi reported on the success of Lasqueti Arts Fest and reflected on her term as a Trustee.

Trustee Peterson reported the following:

- Meeting highlights from the June Trust Council quarterly meeting;

- Lasqueti resident Sheila Harrington was the recipient of an Islands Trust Community Stewardship award;
- Attendance at Executive Committee, Trust Programs Committee, Committee of the Whole, Financial Planning Committee, Onboarding Working Group, and CAO Performance Evaluation Committee meetings;
- Attendance at Snaw-naw-as First Nations Council meeting as a delegation to present an overview of how Islands Trust works;
- Attendance at the Southern Gulf Island Forum cross border forum, BC Municipal Climate Leaders Caucus meeting, and Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Roundtable gathering.

4.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported the following:

- Attendance at the June Trust Council meeting and highlighted the review of engagement feedback regarding the Trust Policy Statement, work on the Trust Policy Statement Companion Handbook and endorsement of the Indigenous Relations Action Plan;
- Upcoming attendance at joint Islands Trust Conservancy and Executive Committee meeting.

4.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

Director Fall reported the following:

- The qathet Regional District Board agreed on a request from the Waste Management Advisory Committee to increase the house in the winter;
- The Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities passed the resolution to ask the Federal Government to stop trying to divest remote port docks, including the False Bay dock and the qathet Regional District's electoral area representative, who sits on a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) committee, will take a resolution to FCM requesting they advocate for the cessation of the divesture;
- The qathet Regional District has a fire smart program and local residents can get assessments at no charge, the community evacuation guide is available online and the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan contains recommendations and suggestions for wildfire risk management.

5. TOWN HALL

Members of the public spoke to meetings between Local Trust Committee members and the Nanoose (Snaw-naw-as) First Nation staff and/or Council and the following comments and questions were noted:

- At the previous Local Trust Committee meeting they asked similar questions and were asked to email them, which they did but have not had a response;
- Did the Local Trust Committee attend meetings with the Snaw-naw-as First Nation on five specific dates between December, 2022 and May 2026;
- How many meetings did each local Trustee attend with Snaw-naw-as First Nation;
- Will the Local Trust Committee consult with the community before signing a protocol agreement with First Nations;
- If Trust Council asks the Local Trust Committee to provide recommendations regarding a protocol agreement should that recommendation reflect what the community wants;

- If a protocol agreement is signed, does it legitimize the government-to-government relationship?
- The Local Trust Committee has had numerous meetings with the First Nation but not the community

Members of the Local Trust Committee provided the following responses:

- The email to the Trustee has been replied to and the speaker needs to review their inbox;
- Trust Council struck a working group to meet with Snaw-naw-as First Nation and local Trustees attended some of the meetings as part of the working group;
- Trustees would need to look back on their calendars to confirm specifically which meetings they attended;
- The working group met to build relationship, clarify issues and have discussion but does not make decisions;
- The Local Trust Committee does not sign protocol agreements as the agreements are with Trust Council and a vote by Trust Council would be taken prior to signing an agreement;
- There is no defined mechanism by which a Local Trust Committee consults with the community about a protocol agreement with a First Nation as the agreement is not within the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee, the Local Trust Committee does not administer the agreement, approve it or not approve it;
- A protocol agreement is about how two governmental bodies work together, it does not set terms for work, it sets terms for how to engage with one another;
- Islands Trust is mandated by the Provincial government to work in cooperation with First Nations and the protocol agreement outlines how the parties will work together;
- Members of the public are encouraged to read the draft agreement and the affect of the agreement to better inform themselves;
- A protocol agreement is not binding on either party;
- There is a lack of clarity about which processes involve a Local Trust Committee, which are that of Trust Council's purview, and those in which community input is sought and the Local Trust Committee can request staff bring further details forward at a future meeting;
- A legitimate relationship with First Nations already exists, and has existed for many years, through the process of referral;
- Local trust committee meetings occur much more frequently and meetings with First Nations are very rare and held for the purpose of getting a better understanding of each other.

A member of the public asked if the Local Trust Committee will be deferring action on the Official Community Plan project for this term and would the incoming Local Trust Committee have a motion brought to them to take the work up.

A trustee noted the status of the project will be discussed during the meeting.

A member of the public stated no copies of the addendum were made available and the onus is on the public to search for it themselves.

A Trustee replied they received the addendum on Friday and could not print copies because they ran out of toner; however, they posted it in the Lasqueti Hotwire Facebook group.

A member of the public referred to the Targeted Land Use Bylaw Amendment Review Minimum Lot Size for Subdivision staff report and asked how the Planner determined three lots would be prevented in potential future subdivision for 1307 lots versus 1304 lots and if this was based on actual or hypothetical lot sizes, what sections those three lots are located, and if it is a known fact that there are no existing lots between 64 hectares and 64.73 hectares in size.

The Chair indicated the Planner would address these questions during discussion of the staff report.

A member of the public stated in the March issue of Island Times they reported that approval of the updated Policy Statement Amendment Policy 1.2.1 will give Indigenous Governing Bodies the power to choose which policies will be reviewed and changed and eliminate all consultation.

Members of the Local Trust Committee suggested the speaker reread the policy and reconsider their interpretation as it is inaccurate, if they require further clarification submit their question by email so staff can respond appropriately, and the policy is held by Trust Council and not the Local Trust Committees.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated February 9, 2026 - for adoption

By general consent the minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of February 9, 2026 were adopted.

6.2 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated May 4, 2026 - for adoption

By general consent the minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of May 4, 2026 were adopted.

6.3 Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record dated May 4, 2026 - for information

Received for information.

6.4 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - none

6.5 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated June 29, 2026

Received for information.

8. DELEGATIONS - none

9. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - none

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1 Minor Project: Targeted Land Use Bylaw Amendment Review - Minimum Lot Size for Subdivision - Staff Report

The Planner summarized the staff report and highlighted the following:

- It is recommended that the Local Trust Committee proceed no further with this project for the reasons outlined in the staff report;

- Should the Local Trust Committee wish to continue they may do so and staff have prepared a draft bylaw and amended project charter for consideration;
- Unintended outcomes were identified such as under the proposed 64.74-hectare threshold a slightly smaller parcel could have greater subdivision potential than that slightly larger and an amendment could create inconsistencies between subdivision potential and dwelling standards;
- In response to the question from the member of the public, the number of lots for lot sizes came from Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data provided by BC Assessment.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Would like data, analysis, and options available for the incoming Local Trust Committee and at that time engage the public in discussion on what they would like to do;
- Analysis of all subdivision areas would provide information on subdivision potential for the entire island;
- Based on the public hearing feedback and current staff report, the minor project would need to be re-scoped if it were to proceed;
- The Regional Planning Manager noted if looking at all subdivision potential results in a larger research project that entails more time staff can advise the Local Trust Committee;
- Build out potential is usually scoped as part of an Official Community Plan review project;
- Staff can look into a request for information based on a resolution or add it to the Future Project list along with any other items to look at as part of the major Official Community Plan review or initiation of a new minor project.

LA-2026-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to conduct an analysis of subdivision potential across all Subdivision Districts, and report back with lot size data and build out potential.

CARRIED

LA-2026-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff include the project charter and Draft Bylaw No. 108, as presented in the staff report dated July 6, 2026, in the agenda package for the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Meeting scheduled for the earliest available opportunity.

CARRIED

LA-2026-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee proceed no further with Bylaw No. 107, cited as "Lasqueti Island Land Use Bylaw No. 78, 2005, Amendment No. 1, 2025".

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed for a break at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

10.2 Major Project: Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review - Verbal Update

The Regional Planning Manager summarized the staff report and noted staffing capacity issues have delayed the Official Community Plan project which was paused in 2022 to receive feedback from the Snaw-naw-as First Nation, which has not been received to date. The Local Trust Committee is being asked to consider next steps leading up to consideration of a new project for the next fiscal period.

Discussion ensued and the following comments and clarifications were recorded:

- The Regional Planning Team has capacity issues, there are concerns about placing the work on the Future Projects list, and preparation of a business case could be undertaken so the incoming Local Trust Committee has the option of working on the Official Community Plan project with funding in place;
- The Local Trust Committee could work on an Interests Framework project while waiting for Regional Planning Team staff capacity;
- It is not clear how the two projects would be sequenced;
- The Local Trust Committee had previously been informed it can not do the pre-engagement work as a minor project and the delays related to the work are causing community concern and frustration;
- The Regional Planning Manager noted pre-work on a First Nations Interest Framework would be done through the Regional Planning Team and considered a Trust wide initiative whereby pre-engagement would be specific to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area;
- Interest Framework should be advanced through Trust Council and would inform the Lasqueti work but is not contingent on the Official Community Plan work;
- There is need for staff to come back with a clear plan for engagement and advise if it is in scope of the project or part of the Interests Framework work;
- There is opportunity to add items to the project charter as the project will not commence this fiscal regardless.

LA-2026-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request information from staff on what an Interests Framework with First Nations would look like in order to inform the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Official Community Plan work project program.

CARRIED

LA-2026-017

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a business case for the Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan Review Project, and forward the business case to the relevant committees and Trust Council for the 2027/2028 budget.

CARRIED

The Regional Planning Manager noted that the current Local Trust Committee would not see the business case as a meeting is not scheduled until November

and they will confirm how to provide the business case draft to the Local Trust Committee for information or approval.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - none

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Community Stewardship Award Event

A Trustee noted a local resident is a recipient of the Community Stewardship Award and requested the Local Trust Committee authorize funds for a celebration event as per relevant policy.

LA-2026-018

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee authorize up to \$150 to be used to host a Community Stewardship Award celebration event.

CARRIED

12.2 Request For Information Re: Coordination Agreements

The Chair noted communications are need to provide the community with information on coordination and protocol agreements.

LA-2026-019

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that staff provide information to the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee about Trust Council's coordination agreements process.

CARRIED

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Trust Conservancy Report to Trust Council 2025-2026 - 4th Quarter Update

Received for information.

13.2 Trust Conservancy Report - Highlights of March 17, 2026 Board Meeting

Received for information.

13.3 Applications Report dated June 29, 2026

Received for information.

13.4 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated April, 2026

Received for information.

13.5 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

13.6 First Nations Relationship Building Update - None

13.7 Local Trust Committee Webpage - None

14. WORK PROGRAM

14.1 Active Projects Report dated June 29, 2026

Received for information.

14.2 Future Projects Report dated June 29, 2026

Discussion ensued and it was noted that should the Local Trust Committee wish to include subdivision regulations in the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw review they can request it be added to the in-scope project charter.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2026 at 11:00 am and to be held Electronically

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder