



## Regional Planning Committee Minutes of a Special Meeting

**Date:** December 22, 2020  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Laura Busheikin, Chair  
David Maude, Vice Chair  
Kees Langereis, Local Trustee  
Laura Patrick, Executive Committee Representative  
Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee  
Kate-Louise Stamford, Local Trustee  
Jane Wolverton, Local Trustee  
Peter Luckham, Ex Officio Member

**Members Absent:** Jeanine Dodds, Local Trustee

**Staff Present:** David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Areas Services  
Narissa Chadwick, Island Planner  
William Shulba, Senior Freshwater Specialist  
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Busheikin acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Coast Salish traditional and treaty territories.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 2.1 New Items and Re-ordering of the Agenda

None

#### 2.2 Approval of Agenda

**By general consent** the Regional Planning Committee approved the agenda as presented.

### 3. TOWN HALL AND DELEGATIONS

None

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/COORDINATION

#### 4.1 Minutes of Meetings

**ADOPTED**

4.1.1 Regional Planning Committee Minutes of November 9, 2020

**By general consent** the Regional Planning Committee minutes of November 9, 2020, were approved as presented.

**4.2 Resolutions Without Meeting**

4.2.1 RPC RWM-2020-03

Received for information.

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.1 Watersheds BC Fund for Freshwater Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Projects**

Director of Local Planning Services (DLPS) Marlor and Planner Chadwick introduced the Request For Decision, indicating that the Healthy Watersheds Initiative grant opportunity provides for advancing the Freshwater Sustainability Strategy (FWSS) and Reconciliation. The Healthy Watersheds Initiative is a program created by the Province of BC intended to improve the health of watersheds, create economic and skills development opportunities, generate new learning, and strengthen relationships with First Nations and Indigenous-led organizations in ways that support reconciliation. The program is managed by the Real Estate Foundation in partnership with Watersheds BC.

In late 2020, Islands Trust Staff retained a consultant to undertake the first phase of the FWSS. The FWSS, along with a number of related “shovel ready” projects available to fund, places the Islands Trust in a position to be able to take advantage of this funding and meet the grantor deadlines and deliverable requirements.

**RPC-2020-081**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Regional Planning Committee approve the allocation of \$90,000 of funding from Healthy Watersheds Initiative to support the development of a Freshwater Sustainability Strategy.

**CARRIED**

**RPC-2020-082**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Regional Planning Committee approve the allocation of \$90,000 of funding from the Healthy Watershed Initiative to support implementation demonstration projects as identified in the December 22, 2020 Request For Decision.

**CARRIED**

**RPC-2020-083**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

**ADOPTED**

that Regional Planning Committee endorse the revised Freshwater Sustainability Strategy Project Charter to include Phase 2.

**CARRIED**

**RPC-2020-084**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Regional Planning Committee request staff to advise the Financial Planning Committee of the budget adjustment for this project, removing the request of \$30,000 and replacing with a grant of \$180,000 from the Healthy Watershed Initiative Grant for FY2021/22 budget, pending approval of the grant.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Business Case for a temporary Watershed Ecosystems Technologist, university co-op student position in Summer, 2021**

DLPS Marlor spoke to the business case stated that this position will allow Senior Freshwater Specialist Shulba to focus on the deliverables of the grant.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The value of co-op positions;
- Senior Freshwater Specialist Shulba will be supervising the coop student;
- The position is conditional on obtaining the Healthy Watersheds Initiative grant.

**RPC-2020-085**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Regional Planning Committee endorse the business case for a Watershed Ecosystems Technologist co-op student position for the summer 2021 term.

**CARRIED**

**RPC-2020-086**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Regional Planning Committee request staff to advise the Financial Planning Committee to adjust the budget by \$18,000 to accommodate Watershed Ecosystems Technologist co-op student position for the summer 2021 term, subject to the approval of Healthy Watershed Initiative grant funding.

**CARRIED**

At 10:58 a.m. Trustee Wolverton left the meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADOPTED**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Laura Busheikin, Chair

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Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder