



Adopted

Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: October 21, 2021
Location: Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre
104 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC

Members Present: Laura Patrick, Chair
Lee Middleton, Local Trustee
Paul Brent, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Brad Smith, Island Planner
Brad Smith, Recorder

Public Present: There were approximately 8 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Brent reported on the following:

- The financial committee has the 1st draft of the budget for 2022/2023. There is an 11.3% increase over the last budget.
- Pared down to 9% - there is still ongoing discussion before finalizing. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9th.
- The Trust Council will review in early December 2021.

Trustee Middleton reported on the following:

- Select committee work ongoing, final governance study report from consultant expected to Trust Council in March

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Patrick reported on the following points:

- In the September meeting the Trust Council endorsed more thorough engagement plan for the final phase of the draft Islands Trust Policy Statement (ITPS) review. This is going out to Tender, without a specific timeline established yet.
- With regards to the budget, the use of surplus funds to minimize new taxation is going to end. This may lead to tough discussions and tough decisions.
- Discussion occurred with LTC and attendees regarding the history of surpluses, budgeting processes, how taxation is determined in Trust area, and current status of surpluses.

5. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

General comments:

- There hasn't been an APC meeting this term. APC meetings offer opportunity for the community to be involved.
- New households are losing touch with the role of IT – How can this be improved?
- Why has the Lyall Harbour Traffic assessment not been pursued when it is so needed?

ITPS Review Process:

- Why is the preserve/protect mandate being addressed now in the challenging time of COVID when the community is not connected?
- Why hiring of outside consultants for ITPS review work?
 - A: An external lens was needed to understand the issues with ITPS review. A consultant was determine the best method to move forward. Discussion that not all Trustees supported the hiring of a consultant.
- Discussion that time spent on reviewing the draft previously would have been beneficial.
- The hope is that the draft will evolve to better reflect the incoming input and concerns.
- Comments made that more engagement is needed by IT to ensure that the community understands the role and responsibilities of the Trust as community turnover occurs.
- There has been significant tree removal occurring on the island. This could be due to the fear that future regulations will be limiting tree removal.
- There has been limited exposure to public on the draft policy statement work, this is an issue.
- The public needs to understand how amended ITPS impacts the local bylaws and the OCP etc. IT needs to be directing this work.
- Would it be beneficial to have the ITPS review start with local interests rather than at a regional level and then working their way down to local?
- The next step is to attempt to engage with the community members and not to steamroll towards approval.
- A brief history and timeline of current ITPS was reviewed.

6. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None

8. MINUTES

8.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated July 22, 2021 (for Information)

By general consent the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of July 22, 2021 were adopted.

8.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report Dated Oct 2021

Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report - RWM – Russell Reef Maple Tree – RWM was passed allowing tree removal that was protected by covenant recently. The property owner may pursue covenant removal.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9.1 Follow-up Action List Dated Oct 2021

Staff provided an update on the resident killer whale zone letters to the federal government. The date has changed to Mar 31, 2021.

- Staff still waiting on provincial approval re: BLs 129, 130, 132

10. DELEGATIONS - None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

12.1 SA-DP-2021.2 (Cartar and Reid) – Staff Report

SA-2021-022

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee approve issuance of Development Permit SA-DP-2021.2 (Cartar & Reid).

CARRIED

12.2 SA-DP-2021.2 Trust Council Policy Statement Bylaw No. 183 Referral (for response)

SA-2021-022

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Trust Committee cannot consider nor recommend approval of draft Bylaw 183 (Draft Policy Statement) until the LTC is satisfied that Saturna Island constituents have had the opportunity to provide meaningful input that is integral to the drafting of Bylaw No. 183.

CARRIED

13. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

13.1 Minor Amendments Project - Staff Report

SA-2021-024

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to prepare draft bylaws that consider the recommended minor amendments to the Saturna Island Official Community Plan No. 70, 2000 and the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119, 2018.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS

14.1 Work Program Reports

14.1.1 Top Priorities Report Dated Oct 2021

Received for information.

14.1.2 Projects List Report Dated Oct 2021

Received for information.

14.2 Applications Report Dated Oct 2021

Received for information.

14.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated August 2021

Received for information.

14.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

SA-2021-025

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna LTC endorses the use of potable rain water catchment systems as proof of adequate potable water for residential subdivision, subject to the withholding of temporary or final occupancy permits until such catchment systems are in place.

CARRIED

14.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage – N/A

14.6 Islands Trust Conservancy Report Dated August 2021

Received for information.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 New Fee Bylaw – Discussion deferred to the next meeting

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022

16.1.1 Draft 2022 LTC Meeting Schedule approved as amended to include a meeting on March 31, 2022

SA-2021-026

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Local Trust Committee 2022 Meeting schedule has been approved as amended.

CARRIED

17. TOWN HALL - None

18. CLOSED MEETING

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Brad Smith, Recorder

