



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: April 14, 2015
Location: Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall)
North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

Members Present Susan Morrison, Chair
Peter Luckham, Local Trustee
Ken Hunter, Local Trustee

Staff Present Karin Kronstal, Island Planner
Janice Young, Recorder

Others Present Four (4) members of the public were in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:24 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. Chair Morrison introduced the staff and trustees and welcomed the public.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Late item 13.3.2 - Trustee Ad Hoc Agenda
- Late item 13.5 - Meeting with Regional Director
- Remove item 6.4 - Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes, as this Commission is no longer meeting. The Local Trust Committee (LTC) requested that this item be removed as a standing item.

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Colleen Kasting spoke to community home support on Thetis for aging and medical situations, and added that community members that are working on these issues may approach the Islands Trust for support.

Chair Morrison suggested the Last Resort Society on Lasqueti Island as a resource.

Stu Downey, representing the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association (TIRRA) expressed an interest in the agenda item regarding the mosquito population on Thetis Island.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

6. MINUTES

6.1. Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated February 3, 2015 for adoption

By general consent, the LTC meeting minutes of February 3, 2015 were adopted.

6.2. Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report Dated April 2, 2015

Planner Kronstal read out the motion for information; discussions followed for clarity.

6.3. Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

6.4. Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1. Follow-up Action List dated April 2, 2015

Planner Kronstal reviewed the Follow-up Action List; discussion followed.

Trustee Luckham commented on the importance of enhancing communication between the Cowichan Valley Regional District and Islands Trust.

7.2. Valdes Mining Activity - Hardy Granite Quarry

7.2.1. Memorandum dated February 24, 2015

Planner Kronstal presented the memorandum. Trustee Luckham expressed thanks for this comprehensive report. Discussion followed regarding the importance of ensuring that noise from drilling and blasting is minimized to reduce impact on neighbouring residents, and how both neighbouring residents and the Islands Trust should be consulted in the

event of any future applications for similar mining activity on Valdes. Trustee Luckham also expressed concern that the Province of BC may have issued a foreshore lease to Hardy Granite Quarry Ltd. without referring the matter to the Islands Trust. Discussion ensued about which agencies should be contacted to express concern about these matters.

TH-2015-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a letter for their review and signature to be sent to the Province of British Columbia regarding referral for the foreshore lease for Lyackson IR3 and a letter to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding the noise impact for the quarry activities on Lyackson IR3.

CARRIED

7.3. Mosquito Population on Thetis Island

7.3.1. Memorandum dated March 30, 2015

Planner Kronstal presented the memorandum and extended thanks to Stu Downey from TIRRA for assistance on this issue.

Chair Morrison spoke to promoting the use of natural predation before opting to toxic pest management programs.

TH-2015-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff draft a letter to the attention of Regional Director Mel Dorey, copied to Chief Administration Officer Brian Carruthers at the Cowichan Valley Regional District requesting that they work directly with the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association on development of a mosquito control program for Thetis Island, for Local Trust Committee approval and endorsement at the next regular meeting of the Thetis Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

7.4. LTC Goal Setting Session Report

7.4.1. Memorandum dated March 30, 2015

The report was reviewed and discussed. It was requested that the third point from the bottom of the page, "Consider new zoning for lots of 15 acres or more", be deleted.

8. DELEGATIONS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

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

None.

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

10.1. TH-RZ-2015.1 Penelakut Seafoods Inc. - verbal update

Planner Kronstal gave a verbal update on Penelakut Seafood Inc. She reported that the application is now complete, and that the area known as “the Slough” has been removed from the area proposed for rezoning. The applicant has also agreed to amend the area proposed for rezoning so that it does not extend all the way to the high water mark, but rather ends 10 metres from the high water mark.

Discussion ensued. Trustee Luckham expressed a preference that the map for the Crown lease and map for the proposed rezoning show the same boundaries. Planner Kronstal noted that the process for issuing the Crown lease may already be past the point where changing the lease boundaries is possible, but said staff would contact the Province of BC and the applicant to see if this could be changed.

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1. Shoreline Protection

11.1.1. Memorandum dated March 30, 2015

Review and discussion of update on the shoreline protection project with Planner Aleksandra Brzozowski via teleconference.

It was noted that a Greenshores for Homes BC Pilot Project conference call will be held at the end of April. A Landowner’s Guide is projected to be available by the summer.

TH-2015-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED,
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee approve the Thetis Island Greenshores Project Charter revised 2015.

CARRIED

Trustee Luckham talked about a presentation he had made regarding alternate stewardship options for shoreline protection. This slide show is available to view via the Columbia Institute Website link and Trustee Luckham agreed to provide the link to staff for consideration of posting on the Island Trust website.

Trustee Luckham is working on a second presentation addressing oil spill concerns in the San Juan County and Island Trust Area.

Discussion ensued regarding contacting property owners that were involved in the Greenshores for Homes BC Pilot Project as a follow-up after the workshop.

TH-2015-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to contact the three pilot project property owners and provide a memorandum summarizing their feedback as to whether the resources provided to date have assisted them in moving forward with their projects.

CARRIED

Past Trustee Sue French extended thanks to all new Island Trust personnel and spoke to being pleased to see this project moving forward, and mentioned that in the Official Community Plan and Land use Bylaw, the section on sea level rise will need to be updated.

11.2. Associated Islands Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review - verbal update

Verbal update and discussion with Planner Aleksandra Brzozowski via teleconference.

The Associated Islands Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw continue to be reviewed with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

12. REPORTS

12.1. Work Program Reports

12.1.1. Top Priorities Report Dated April 2, 2015

Received.

12.1.2. Projects List Report Dated April 2, 2015

Received.

12.2. Applications Report Dated April 2, 2015

Received.

12.3. Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated March, 2015

Received.

12.4. Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

None.

12.5. Local Trust Committee Webpage

None.

12.6. Chair's Report

Chair Morrison reported that life is busy. Executive Council now begins at 8:45 am to allow more time for the meeting. She attended the Associated Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) convention, at which she enjoyed the First Nations' presentation and noted how they handled resolutions and information.

12.7. Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter reported that he has received phone calls from Thetis Islanders regarding the need for homecare on Thetis Island. He also expressed concerns with the expense and budget of Islands Trust, as well as the pending Crown lease for Penelakut Seafoods.

Trustee Luckham reported communicating with the Nature Trust of BC and Penelakut First Nation following an article in an area newspaper regarding the Moore Hill "bat cave" on Thetis Island. Penelakut First Nation representatives have made it known they wish to make a visit to the caves to ensure that they are undisturbed. However, precautions must be taken to ensure visitor safety and that the bats are not disturbed during their hibernation period. Trustee Luckham will be following up with Penelakut First Nation and the Nature Trust of BC (who is the landowner) in June to arrange a site visit.

Trustee Luckham also reported on the Thetis Island Marine Association (TIMA), is doing a good job with its management plan for Telegraph Harbour, which includes clearing the harbour of derelict boats.

12.8. Electoral Area Director's Report

None.

12.9. Trust Fund Board Report

Chair Morrison reported on Trust Fund involvement in the Woodward Property on Thetis Island, Lasqueti Crown Land Acquisition, and of more Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) applications coming in.

Chair Morrison recessed the meeting at 11:17 am and reconvened the meeting at 11:37 am.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1. Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Submission for 2014-2015 Annual Report

13.1.1. Memorandum dated March 31, 2015

Planner Kronstal reviewed the memorandum and discussion ensued. Trustees will submit any revisions or additions to Planner Kronstal, who will re-draft for a Resolution Without Meeting.

13.2. Board of Variance

13.2.1. Staff Report dated February 2, 2015

Review and discussion of Board of Variance Report.

TH-2015-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust request staff to advertise for membership in a Board of Variance appointed jointly with other Local Trust Committees in the Northern Region.

CARRIED

13.3. Bylaw Enforcement Report to Trust Council, March 2015

The Bylaw Enforcement Report to Trust Council was reviewed and discussed.

TH-2015-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust request Bylaw enforcement staff to attend by teleconference to report on bylaw enforcement activity in the Thetis Island Local Trust area at the next Local Trust Committee meeting.

CARRIED

13.4. Strategic Planning

13.4.1 Input to Strategic Plan

After reviewing the materials provided, trustees agreed that they needed more time for reflection before providing their input into the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that the trustees would reflect on their priorities and be prepared to provide their feedback at the next regular LTC meeting in June. Staff advised the trustees that this would be the very latest date possible, as the Executive Committee would be providing the final input at the end of that week.

13.4.2 Southern Trustees Adhoc Meeting

Chair Morrison added this as a late item to the agenda for information.

13.5 Meeting with the Regional District

Planner Kronstal spoke to the annual meeting with the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). Discussion ensued regarding which personnel should be in attendance at the meeting. Trustees indicated that the following CVRD staff should be invited to attend: the Regional District Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, CVRD Bylaw Enforcement, and the Regional Director. Islands Trust staff proposed for attendance included the Thetis Island Trustees and Chair, Bylaw Enforcement, the Regional Planning Manager and the Island Planner. The agenda items proposed include a protocol agreement, bylaw referrals, community consultation, mosquito management and access to Regional Offices.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1. Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 9:15 am at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC.

There was discussion regarding the meeting start time, given present ferry schedule.

TH-2015-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee change the official start time of the regular business meetings held at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cover Road, Thetis Island from 9:15 am to 9:30 am on the following dates:

Thursday, June 12, 2015
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Tuesday, November 24, 2015

CARRIED

15. TOWN HALL

None.

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1. Motion to Close the Meeting

TH-2015-016

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) for the purpose of considering appointment of Advisory Planning Commission Members AND that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

Chair Morrison closed the meeting to the public at 12:20 pm.

16.2. Recall to Order

Chair Morrison recalled the regular business meeting to order at 12:24 pm.

16.3. Rise and Report

Chair Morrison reported that the LTC would defer Advisory Planning Commission (APC) appointments for the time being, but that this would be kept on the agenda as a standing item until such time as an APC is appointed. Planner Kronstal will advise the applicants of this decision with thanks for the expressions of interest.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Janice Young, Recorder