



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: June 12, 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: Aleksandra Brzozowski, Acting Regional Planning Manager
Marnie Eggen, Acting Island Planner
Jessie Sherk, Recorder

Media and Others: 5 members of the public were in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She then introduced the staff and trustees and welcomed the members of the public.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

9.2 Letter from Dale Burkholder dated June 11, 2015

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. TOWNHALL and Questions

Dale Burkholder responded to the Ragged Islets situation that was outlined in the latest Thetis Island Quarterly. He read the article titled "Donations for Ragged Islet Signage" to the committee. He stated that he found it problematic that individuals were trying to restrict access to the island as well as solicit donations when they are not a legal body. He voiced his disagreement.

Easton asked for an update regarding ferry fare reductions, further to his email proposal that the ferry corporation should go back to the province. Trustee Luckham stated that this was an ongoing conversation and that yesterday a new campaign was launched asking for a 25% reduction in ferry fares. Discussion ensued. Easton then brought up the email he had forwarded to Trustee

Luckham that was sent to Jas Chong regarding the budget. He stated that Jas Chong did acknowledge receipt of the email but he has not heard anything further. Discussion ensued.

4. Community Information Meeting

None.

5. Public Hearing

None.

6. Minutes

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated April 14, 2015-

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- page 5, in the paragraph after the first resolution; change “Columbus Institute...” to “Columbia Institute...”
- page 5, in the last sentence on the page, delete the words “after which they will be sent to the Ministry of Justice” and place a period after the word “Development”
- page 8, change the heading of 13.4.2 to “Southern Trustees Adhoc Meeting”
- page 6, Chair’s Report, change the second sentence to read, “Executive Committee now begins at 8:45 am to allow more time for the meeting.”

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report dated June 1, 2015

Received.

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow Up Action List dated June 1, 2015

The Follow Up Action list was reviewed and discussed.

7.2 Advisory Planning Commission

There are no updates. Trustee will encourage applicants.

7.3 Hardy Granite Quarry Permit on Valdes Islands – Letter to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

7.3.1 Memorandum dated May 7, 2015

Planner Eggen summarized the memorandum. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the document needed to be re-edited by staff.

7.4 Foreshore Lease Off Valdes Island – verbal update

Staff noted that the application for the foreshore lease is expected to be referred to Islands Trust in the near future, as noted in the FUAL.

7.5 Annual meeting with Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) verbal update

Planner Eggen stated that she spoke to trustees by email and the preference is a fall meeting.

7.6 Mosquito Population on Thetis Island – Letter to CVRD

7.6.1 Memorandum dated May 4, 2015

Discussion ensued. It was agreed that it is important to send the letter and that it should be edited properly. The following corrections were noted:

- second paragraph, 3rd line should be changed to read, “ ... to conduct a visit to a site particularly affected by...”
- second paragraph, beginning of last sentence, change “As” to “It is”
- third paragraph, first line, replace the first “is” with “are” and the word “important” should be deleted.
- last paragraph, third line, the word “please” should be changed to “pleased”

Staff will make the corrections.

7.7 Finalize Input to Strategic Plan – discussion

Possible additions to put forward into the strategic plan were discussed. The list from the goal-setting meeting was reviewed. Trustee Luckham explained the opportunities and benefits of working with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to create a Biosphere Reserve.

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It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee forward to Executive Committee, the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee's priorities for the strategic plan including:

- Affordable housing, support for aging in place;
- To advocate for efficient, sustainable and safe transportation systems including ferry services;
- Shoreline protection guidelines;
- Explore opportunities for Islands Trust nominations as a United Nations Biosphere Reserve;
- Improve organization, cost effectiveness and resilience.

CARRIED

7.8 Letter dated February 25, 2015 from Trustee Luckham to Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens Services regarding Request for Support for Improved Internet Access on Thetis Island

Received for information.

8. DELEGATIONS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email dated April 7, 2015 from Don Moss regarding Hardy Granite Quarry

Discussion ensued. No further communication needed.

9.2 Letter from Dale Burkholder dated June 11, 2015

Trustee Luckham reviewed the letter. He thanked Dale Burkholder for his concern. Discussion ensued regarding unofficial signage on Ragged Islets. It was agreed that there is nothing that the LTC can do besides speak to the individuals who put up the sign, as they have no jurisdiction.

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

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

Planner Eggen noted she had not yet heard back from Penelakut, but they are still working toward having the map for the rezoning and the map for the licence of occupation be consistent. Staff would like to move forward with the rezoning once they have heard back from Penelakut.

10.2 Galiano Island Local Trust Area Bylaw Referral Request for Response for Land Use (LUB) Bylaw No. 251 and Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 252

TH-2015-018

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee would advise Galiano Island Local Trust Committee that our interests are unaffected regarding Bylaw Nos. 251 and 252.

CARRIED

10.3 Galiano Island Local Trust Area Bylaw Referral Request for Response for OCP Bylaw No. 242 and LUB Bylaw No. 243

TH-2015-019

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee would advise Galiano Island Local Trust Committee that our interests are unaffected regarding Bylaw No. 243.

CARRIED

10.4 Galiano island Local Trust Area Bylaw Referral Request for Response for OCP Bylaw No. 254 and LUB Bylaw No. 255

TH-2015-020

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee would advise Galiano Island Local Trust Committee that our interests are unaffected regarding Bylaw Nos. 254 and 255.

CARRIED

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 Shoreline Protection

11.1.1 Memorandum dated May 28, 2015

Acting Regional Planning Manager (ARPM) Brzozowski summarized the memorandum. She noted that the Stewardship Centre is requesting feedback from the communities about what the priorities are for the coming year. She also summarized her follow-up of the three different sites that were part of the workshop last year. Trustees agreed that the report is in-depth and paints a clear picture. Discussion ensued regarding how to facilitate a mechanism to allow property owners and developers to easily access the information they need and get the support from planning/provincial staff in order to undertake best practices and ideally engage less with local government. It was suggested that

in the short term, the Shoreline Guide could be made available to property owners, which would help them understand the benefits of following this path.

11.2 Riparian Areas Regulations Implementation – verbal update

Planner Eggen updated the committee. She stated that there had been some previous discussion with Ian Ralston and planning staff about a Development Permit Area (DPA) but have since moved on from that idea to a conservation covenant. Staff and Mr. Ralston are working on the details of that at this point. Discussion ensued.

Planner Eggen explained the *Riparian Areas Regulation* to the public.

12. BREAK

Chair Morrison recessed the meeting at 11:30 am for a break, and reconvened at 12:00 pm.

13. REPORTS

13.1 Work Program Reports

13.1.1 Top Priorities Report Dated June 1, 2015

The Top Priorities report was reviewed. The following items were discussed:

- shoreline protection applications
- removing the Associated Islands Official Community Plan (OCP) from the list
- removing Riparian Area Regulations from the list

13.1.2 Projects List Report dated June 1, 2015

No updates or changes.

13.2 Applications Report Dated June 1, 2015

Reviewed.

13.3 Trustees and Local Expense Report dated March 2015

Received.

13.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions.

Reviewed.

13.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

There were no updates.

13.6 Chair's Report

Chair Morrison reported on the upcoming Trust Council meeting. She stated that it is being held on Galiano Island and that it is going to be very busy with lots of delegations.

13.7 Trustees' Report

Trustee Hunter reported on the grass cutting and fire hazard situation on Thetis. The possibility of writing a letter of concern was discussed.

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It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee write to the agencies responsible for road maintenance asking that they make the mower available to the island to cut the grass on road shoulders and that Ken Hunter will craft the letter for Chair's approval.

CARRIED

Trustee Luckham reported on Executive Committee noting that it will be very busy. He spoke to yesterday's launch of the BC Ferries campaign to reduce fares by 25%. He also discussed that he has been in conversation with the involved agencies regarding the bat caves and trying to facilitate a visit.

13.8 Electoral Area Director's Report

None.

13.9 Trust Fund Board Report

Chair Morrison stated that they had a good meeting with Qualicum First Nations and that next steps involve them coming to Lasqueti Island for a visit and walkabout.

14. NEW BUSINESS

None.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 9:30am at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

16. TOWN HALL

None.

17. CLOSED MEETING

17.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

TH-2015-022

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1)(d) for the purpose of considering Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2015 and s.90(1)(f) for the purpose of Bylaw Enforcement report and advice and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

17.2 Recall to Order

Chair Morrison recalled the meeting to order at 12:35.

17.3 Rise and Report

Chair Morrison reported that the in-camera minutes of April 14, 2015 were adopted.

18. ADJOURNMENT

BY GENERAL CONSENT the meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Jessie Sherk, Recorder