



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

- Date:** August 11, 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** Marnie Eggen, Acting Island Planner (via teleconference)
Teresa Rittemann, Planner 1 (via teleconference)
Janice Young, Recorder
- Media and Others** 3 (three) members of the public were in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:28 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in 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

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS - None

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated June 12, 2015 for adoption

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- page 1, item 1, add “She then introduced the staff and trustees and welcomed the members of the public.”
- page 1, item 2, second line, change “Dale Blikholder” to “Dale Burkholder”.
- page 1, item 3, first line, change “Dale Blikholder” to “Dale Burkholder”.

- page 2, item 6.1, fourth bullet, second line, change “Council” to “Committee”.
- page 4, item 9.2, heading, change “Dale Blikholder” to “Dale Burkholder”.
- page 4, item 9.2, line one, change “Dale Blikholder” to “Dale Burkholder”.

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report dated July 30, 2015

Received.

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - None

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated July 31, 2015

The Follow-up Action List was reviewed and discussed.

7.2 Phase 2 Local Trust Committee Input into Development of the Islands Trust Strategic Plan for 2014-2018

7.2.1 Memorandum dated June 30, 2015

Acting Island Planner Eggen summarized the memorandum and discussion ensued. The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee indicated interest in addressing the topics identified as possible strategies in the draft Strategic Plan to implement this term.

TH-2015-023

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that item 8.3 “Explore opportunities and benefits of working with UNESCO and the TFB and others in seeking nomination of the Trust Area as a UN Biosphere,” of the draft Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 be moved to Goal A, Objective 1.

CARRIED

7.3 Email dated July 6, 2015 from Neil & Lillian Varcoe regarding Stone Quarry on Valdes Island forwarded from Gabriola Island LTC

7.3.1 Memorandum dated July 28, 2015

Email received. Acting Island Planner Eggen summarized the memorandum and discussion ensued. Trustee Luckham has been in email correspondence with concerned members of the public.

Mike Higgins, from Ruxton Island, spoke to the Valdes Island Quarry and blasting issue and how this operation could impact Ruxton Island in the form of tidal changes and agitation.

7.4 Advisory Planning Commission - verbal update

Acting Island Planner Eggen reported that there have been no expressions of interest to date. Trustee Luckham spoke to increased focus on this item in the fall.

8. DELEGATIONS - None

9. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

Teresa Rittemann, Planner 1, joined the teleconference at 10:00 am.

10.1 TH-DVP-2015.1 (Giesbrecht - Ruxton Island)

10.1.1 Staff Report dated July 22, 2015

Staff report summarized and presented by Planner Rittemann, followed by comments, concerns and questions put forward by trustees, staff, applicant and members of the public. Trustee Luckham emphasized the important of applying for permits before building begins.

TH-2015-024

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee **APPROVE** the issuance of Development Variance Permit TH-DVP-2015.1 to Daniel Giesbrecht, Renee Giesbrecht, Heidi Giesbrecht and Alexander Mendelev, for Lot 7, Section 31, Nanaimo District Plan 17982; PID 003-689-964.

CARRIED

Teresa Rittemann, Planner 1, left the teleconference at 10:10 am.

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation - verbal update

Acting Island Planner Eggen reported that there has been contact with Ian Rolston and this issue is moving forward.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated July 30, 2015

Report received; no updates or changes.

12.1.2 Projects List Report dated July 30, 2015

Report received; no updates or changes.

12.2 Applications Report dated July 30, 2015

Reviewed.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated June, 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 she is very busy and looking forward to the upcoming Strategic Planning Session for Bowen Island and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conference in September to be held in Vancouver.

12.7 Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter reported that concern has been expressed regarding gas pipes under the roadway by Telegraph Harbour Marina. Acting Island Planner Eggen will look into the jurisdiction and other information for this issue.

Trustee Luckham reported on a very successful trip to Moore Hill.

Trustee Luckham also reported that the concerns over the mosquito issue turned out to be a non-issue this year.

12.8 Electoral Area Director's Report - None

12.9 Trust Fund Board Report

Chair Morrison highlighted the Trust Fund Board support of the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy's (ThINC) Fairyslipper Forest land acquisition project, along with the re-appointment of Ron Bertrand.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 LTC Budget Request for 2016-2017

13.1.1 Memorandum dated June 30, 2015

Acting Island Planner Eggen summarized the memorandum and the preliminary LTC budget request for 2016-2017 fiscal was reviewed; discussion ensued Trustee Luckham requested to increase the amount of their project budget to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with Stz'uminus First Nation from \$1500 to \$3000 and include Penelakut First Nation in the project.

TH-2015-025

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee revise the draft 2016-17 Local Trust Committee Project Budget submission and forward it to the Financial Planning Committee as revised.

CARRIED

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

15. TOWN HALL

Jane Herbert asked when the new bylaws drawn up in the Associated Islands Official Community Plan will be enacted. Chair Morrison responded that the document was presently with the Ministry for review.

Jane Herbert then asked about the bylaw enforcement process. Acting Island Planner Eggen responded by recommending a referral to the Bylaw Enforcement Division for information. Chair Morrison provided some information in response to this question, as did Trustee Luckham, advising that bylaw enforcement is complaint driven and the follow-up action includes negotiations, ticketing and sometimes court proceedings.

16. CLOSED MEETING - None

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Janice Young, Recorder