



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: June 27, 2017
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: Janice Young, Recorder
 Marnie Eggen, Island Planner

Others Present: Two (2) members of the public were in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations, introduced 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

Chair Morrison put forth a reminder that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 98 (TH-RZ-2015.2 - Hardy Granite Quarries Ltd.) closed on April 25, 2017. The Local Trust Committee may not receive further public comments or submissions regarding a bylaw after the close of the Public Hearing. Town Hall was then opened for comments and questions.

A Thetis Island resident, as a representative of a new work group on Thetis Island, Anchorages Concern Thetis (ACT), who are concerned with anchorages of freighters in Trincomali Channel, made a formal presentation to the Local Trust Committee (LTC) stating that:

- The Mission of the group is to keep the waters surrounding Thetis Island free of freighter anchorages.
- The scope of planned activities include:
 1. Documentation of the frequency of anchorages of freighters in Trincomali Channel
 2. Broadly disseminating information to the public about anchorages in the Channel through the use of the internet and the media.
 3. Formation of alliances with already existing opposition groups.
 4. Formation of alliances with various environmental groups.

5. Interaction with the shipping industry including Pacific Pilotage Authority (PPA), Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia and Transport Canada.
 - ACT welcomes collaboration with Islands Trust.
 - ACT kindly requests the Islands Trust to increase its activities on the subject of anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands.

A Trustee stated that he had met with ACT already and was aware of their concerns. He further spoke to this issue as a concern for various levels of government, not just a local issue and that it is a top priority Council-wide.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated April 18, 2017 for adoption

By general consent the Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2017 were adopted.

6.2 Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2017 for adoption

By general consent the Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017 were adopted.

6.3 Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record dated April 25, 2017 for receipt

The following amendments to the Public Hearing Record were presented for consideration:

Item 4, page 3, first paragraph, first line, after Gary Drouillard, change "Lyackson First Nation" to "Lyackson First Nation Staff Member".

Item 4, page 3, second paragraph, first line, after Linda Aidnell insert "Lyackson First Nation Staff Member".

By general consent the Public Hearing Record was received as amended.

6.4 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report dated June 19, 2017

Received.

6.5 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – None

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated June 19, 2017

The Follow-up Action List Report dated June 19, 2017 was received. Update provided by the Planner.

Discussion followed and the following comments were noted:

- A Trustee raised concern regarding changes to Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) policy on mariculture/aquaculture operations and licences, as well as changes to allowable species. He also expressed interest in having a better understanding of the practice of “predator netting”.
- The Island Planner will follow up on the Ministry of Transportation report addressing road safety concerns on Thetis Island and will update by email.
- A Trustee spoke to TH-DVP-2015.2, stating that he believes the requirements have been fulfilled by the applicant. Discussion followed recapping the reasons for the lengthy processing time for this application which has repeatedly been stalled due to a number of issues and that the survey requested has not yet been fulfilled. It was also noted that the local First Nations are yet to be consulted.
- The Island Planner provided an update on the Ralston Creek Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) issue stating that it is moving forward and a Special Meeting is being planned.
- The Island Planner also spoke to TH-TUP-2017.1 - stating that Staff are conducting a thorough review of the situation.

8. DELEGATIONS - None

9. CORRESPONDENCE - None

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

10.1 TH-RZ-2015.2 (Hardy Island Granite Quarries Ltd.) - Staff Report

Staff report for TH-RZ-2015.2 Hardy Island Granite Quarries Ltd. was presented by the Island Planner. Discussion followed.

10.1.1 Bylaw No. 98

TH-2017-021

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 98 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2016", be read a second time.

CARRIED

TH-2017-022

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 98 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2016", be read a third time.

CARRIED

TH-2017-023

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 98 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2016", be forwarded to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for approval by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

TH-2017-024

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee forward Bylaw No. 98 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2016", to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval.

CARRIED

10.2 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area Referral Request for Response for a Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw Nos. 487 and 496 dated June 8, 2017

A Trustee presented and outlined this referral request. Discussion followed.

TH-2017-025

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee reports that its interests are unaffected by Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area Land Use Bylaw Amendment Bylaw Nos. 487 and 496 dated June 8, 2017.

CARRIED

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures - Staff Report

The Island Planner presented the Staff Report and discussion followed highlighting the need to listen to Ruxton Island residents and how they would like the LTC to proceed. A Ruxton Island resident was present and spoke to the issue. Plans to hold a Community Information Meeting (CIM) were discussed and it was proposed that if possible, the CIM be held on Ruxton Island in August

when more residents are on Ruxton and able to attend the meeting. Scheduling the meeting to coordinate with the tides was also noted as important. The alternative location for the CIM is Nanaimo.

TH-2017-026

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee endorse the Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures Project Charter, as amended, and adopt the new project name – Ruxton Island Private Moorage and Community Docks Targeted Review.

CARRIED

TH-2017-027

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee approve a budget allocation of \$2000 from the Thetis Associated Islands Targeted Official Community Plan/ Land Use Bylaw Targeted Review Project to meet the needs of the Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures and Community Docks Targeted Review project.

CARRIED

TH-2017-028

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request Staff to schedule a Community Information Meeting for the Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures and Community Docks Targeted Review project in August 2017 on Ruxton Island; Nanaimo being the alternate location option.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated June 19, 2017

The Top Priorities Report was presented; no changes made.

12.1.2 Projects List Report dated June 19, 2017

The Projects Report was presented; no changes made.

12.2 Applications Report dated June 19, 2017

The Applications Report was received and a brief discussion followed.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated April, 2017

Received.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions - None

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

A Trustee suggested adding marine/aquaculture issues with a historic perspective as well as current issues i.e. the Ruxton Island Docks issue.

12.6 Chair's Report

Chair Morrison reported on:

- Trust Council meeting on Lasqueti Island;
- LTC Shoreline Project:
 - considering no docks;
 - increased set-backs;
 - focus on shoreline protection;
- Executive Council meeting; and
- Trust Fund Board in Victoria.

She also raised the general issue of late items and addendums before the LTC meetings and asked the Trustees for feedback. Some concerns were raised regarding time to be briefed on the late items, although there was recognition that in some cases it is a benefit to be able to address time sensitive issues.

12.7 Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter spoke to constituents' concerns regarding freighters in local waters and the seawall issue.

Trustee Luckham reported on:

- Attendance at the Howe Sound Forum as Chair of Trust Council, a gathering of many different elected people and groups;
- Attendance at Bowen Island Council:
 - relationship is solid and good;
 - reviewed some protocol;
 - suggestion to meet during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM);
- Trust Council meeting on Lasqueti Island, agenda included:
 - housing;
 - shoreline protection;
 - stewardship awards;
 - marine issues;
 - pro-active budgeting;
- There was a serious focus on possible legislative change to have some jurisdiction in marine concerns;
- South Pender Island completed Land Use Bylaw amendments addressing big issues – tackled and done;
- Salt Spring Island has scheduled a referendum on September 9, 2017 to vote on becoming a municipality; and

- Anchorages file (ACT) is a high priority and relationship building with industry people is already in motion to address local concerns.

12.8 Electoral Area Director's Report - None

12.9 Trust Fund Board Report

Chair Morrison provided a brief verbal update.

13. NEW BUSINESS - None

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

15. TOWN HALL

- A representative of the Ruxton Island Council spoke to the many areas on Ruxton Island where docks would be inappropriate and reported that already additional mooring buoys have been put in. He added that there are two feasible locations for public docks if property owners are in agreement.
 - A Trustee suggested that the Ruxton Island Council report marine concerns to Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program.
- The representative spoke further raising financial concerns, design concerns and the challenge of coming up with a compromise on this issue.
 - The Trustee responded that similarly to the Thetis Island Community Dock, potentially the local Regional District would work in collaboration with the Ruxton Island community to come up with a design and a plan for the project.

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

TH-2017-029

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)(d) and (i) for the purpose of considering Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Minutes dated February 27, 2017 and Legal Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

Chair Morrison closed the meeting to the public at 11:00am.

16.2 Recall to Order

Chair Morrison recalled the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

16.3 Rise and Report

Chair Morrison stated that the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Closed Meeting were adopted.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Janice Young, Recorder