



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: April 30, 2024
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Tobi Elliott, Chair
Peter Luckham, Local Trustee
Ken Hunter, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager
Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2
Marlis McCargar, Island Planner
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator / Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately 1 member of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

"Please note, the order of agenda items may be modified during the meeting. Times are provided for convenience only and are subject to change."

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter did not provide a report.

Trustee Luckham reported the following:

- The community dock project continues to be on hold due to an archeological find; and
- Bylaw enforcement is aware of the community's concerns regarding a commercially operated floating marina at anchor in Telegraph Harbour.

3.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported the following

- She attended the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities convention sessions on building wildfire resiliency in coastal communities and on ocean mapping and data visualization;
- She participated in a discussion between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Capital Regional District on collaboration and transportation issues;
- She is participating in the Islands Trust CAO hiring committee which will be contracting an executive search committee;
- The new Islands Trust policy statement will be released shortly and she will attend a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the statement;
- She continues to participate in the Culturally Committed group and recently attended a workshop on the cooking and harvesting of Indigenous foods; and
- She will be attending the upcoming June, 2024 Trust Council meeting.

3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report - none

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public stated the following:

- He was asked by several associations to look at property taxes relative to the benefits received on Thetis Island;
- He was introducing the concept to the Local Trust Committee today and asked who he could contact for further inquiry;
- He would like to see the trend in taxes relative to the Islands Trust budget posted online in order to compare budget to actual expenses; and
- He asked how Islands Trust defines benefits in terms of outcomes and how performance is measured.

Trustee Luckham replied as follows:

- Some reporting does exist and he can forward links to materials related to Thetis Island costs over the years;
- He can provide information to the speaker regarding where answers to specific questions might be found; and
- Data and outcomes can be difficult to measure.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated February 6, 2024 - for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of February 6, 2024 were adopted.

5.2 Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2024 - for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee special meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 were adopted.

5.3 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

5.4 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Follow-up Action List dated April 22, 2024

The Planner noted that the February 6, 2024 Item #1 referral to the Advisory Planning Commission is complete.

Discussion ensued regarding the November 7, 2023 item about a Letter of Understanding or Protocol Agreement between the Local Trust Committee and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

TH-2024-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff, working with the Chair, write a letter to the Cowichan Valley Regional District indicating the Local Trust Committee's interest in revisiting the Memorandum of Understanding from 2022.

CARRIED

7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

7.1 Ministry Response Regarding Abrupt Shellfish Inc. (Crown Land File 1414783) Application

Planner McCargar noted that rezoning application submitted by Abrupt Shellfish Inc. was denied in 2023 and that a letter was sent to the Ministry to explain the denial along with a request that the Ministry reject the crown lease tenure application. A reply was sent to the LTC from the Ministry on March 27, 2024. The letter responding to the Ministry's reply is before the Local Trust Committee for edits or comment.

It was noted that the letter of response is not posted on the Islands Trust website. Staff will ensure the letters are all posted to the website.

Discussion ensued.

The following amendments to the response letter should be made:

- On page 15 of the agenda package, second last paragraph of page one add word 'that' between fact and the, and add word 'with' between nor and current so that

the sentence reads as follows: “However, the potential environmental impact and the fact that the proposed use is not compatible with upland zoning nor with current public and community uses of the locally zoned marine area is still a concern.”

- Correct the spelling of Chair Elliott’s last name on the signature line.

TH-2024-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Islands Local Trust Committee forward the letter attached in section 7.1, as amended, to the Ministry staff.

CARRIED

8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS – none

9. DELEGATIONS - none

10. CORRESPONDENCE

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

10.1 Removal of Land from the Managed Forest Program

Received for information.

11. NEW BUSINESS - none

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 2023/24 Annual Report - Approval of Thetis Islands Local Trust Committee's Section - Request for Decision

TH-2024-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island LTC approves the attached text for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

12.2 Trust Conservancy Report - none

12.3 Applications Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

12.4 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated February, 2024

Received for information.

12.5 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

12.6 Local Trust Committee Webpage

Add the letter from the Ministry referenced in Item 7.1 of the minutes and the corresponding letter of response to the website.

13. WORK PROGRAM

13.1 Active Projects Report dated April 22, 2024

Received for information.

13.2 Future Projects Report dated April 22, 2024

The Planner noted that there was an opportunity for the Local Trust Committee to identify a new minor project.

Discussion ensued.

TH-2024-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff provide a report on options associated with the soil deposit and removal bylaw.

CARRIED

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 9:30 am and to be held electronically.

15. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Recorder