



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: August 30, 2022
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Laura Patrick, Chair
Doug Fenton, Local Trustee
Peter Luckham, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager
Marlis McCargar, Island Planner
Diane Corbett, Recorder

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 Patrick 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.

Chair Patrick referred to the recent visit to Canada by the pope, when he apologized to indigenous people for atrocities committed by the Catholic Church, and urged people to take time to understand what residential schools were and what they did to the indigenous peoples.

Chair Patrick introduced trustees and staff in attendance, and announced that the meeting was being conducted electronically, recorded, and live streamed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. RISE AND REPORT – none

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Luckham presented the following report:

- Acknowledged the thoughtful opening remarks by the Chair regarding this Coast Salish territory;
- Reported on walks in memory of indigenous children held in Chemainus and across the country, the second annual walking event;
- Participated in conversations with many over the summer months regarding housing, accessibility to affordable housing, ideas around creating tiny homes and/or accessory dwellings; there was also interest in Bed and Breakfasts, and short-term vacation rentals;
- Expansion of the provincial speculation and vacancy tax to Ladysmith and other areas in the province. On Thetis, many of the (often long-time) owners whose

houses are vacant for part of the year do not consider themselves speculators; many summer residents have contributed significantly to the community;

- Large number of mosquitoes present on Thetis this year;
- Trust Policy Statement amendments were recommended for adoption to Trust Council; an amended draft Trust Policy Statement will come forward in the new term;
- Attendance at meetings on South Pender and Salt Spring Islands where there were discussions about house sizing and setbacks, developments in Fulford Harbour area, farm worker housing, and accessory dwelling units.

Trustee Fenton presented the following report:

- Expressed gratitude to live and work in the traditional and unceded territory of the Lyackson and Penelakut;
- Noted that an affirmation of the need for the “preserve and protect” mandate of Islands Trust was apparent in the observation of schools of forage fish in Trustee Fenton’s bay location, accompanied by the presence of a humpback whale for some time near the shoreline for two days in a row;
- Meetings with Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association on numerous occasions regarding the path down to Capernwray Harbour. Stairs at the bottom of the path had been removed; now it was necessary to deal with shutting the path down and coming up with alternative loops, working with the Trail Committee to figure it out;
- Participation on a three-member panel as part of the alliance representing ACThetis (Acreage Concerns Thetis) for phase two interview with the consultant;
- Participation with Regional Planning Committee and Trust Conservancy for a facilitated communications strategy workshop;
- Participation with Trust Programs Committee, looking at the policy review next steps.

4.2 Chair's Report

Chair Patrick reported that Trust Council would have its final meeting of the term, which will be held electronically, September 20 to 22.

4.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

CVRD Electoral Area Director Lynn Smith had sent trustees a brief report by email. Chair Patrick announced the report had included news on the CVRD recreation referendum. The Board had adopted wording that would appear on the referendum, which will be coming up in the next election. Discussion ensued.

5. TOWN HALL

There were no participants for the Town Hall session.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated July 5, 2022

By general consent the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of July 5, 2022 were adopted.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting – none

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated August 22, 2022

Received.

Regarding the February 9, 2021 action, Trustee Fenton spoke extensively about the location of Thetis Island BC Ferries terminal, constructed over an area of middens and ancestral graves. The path through the site is used daily by locals; the trustee was emphatic that another way around the area needed to be found. He emphasized the potential of fencing and public education, and acknowledged the complexity of the issue.

Discussion ensued, and included the following points:

- The broader issue is a local issue: public safety around the traffic congestion on that corner. There are people standing around waiting for people at the ferry, in the course of traffic;
- This is a burial site, and continued disturbance of that is unacceptable;
- Issue of erosion of shoreline by people traversing back and forth along the waterfront;
- An alteration in the paving indicates there is a step down to the trail; it is an open invitation to use the trail. Steps were built inappropriately.

TH-2022-027

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee add Penelakut Tribe Ferry Advisory Committee members or designate to the invitee list for this meeting to speak to the disturbance of the burial site at the BC Ferry terminal on Thetis Island (February 9/2021, Follow Up Action Report).

CARRIED

TH-2022-028

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee endorse Trustee Fenton to work with the Ferry Advisory Committee Chair to engage with the Penelakut Tribe to attend the meeting (regarding resolution TH-2022-027).

CARRIED

There was discussion about finding funding for this meeting to cover an honorarium for an elder and/or the expenses and help with capacity to have a councillor or staff member attend the meeting. This would require consultation with the Ferry Advisory Committee Chair, and could be made as a Resolution-Without-Meeting. Trustees Patrick and Luckham could bring this topic to the Financial Planning Committee. Island Planner McCargar noted staff was available to help with organizing the meeting. Discussion ensued on the potential date and location of the meeting.

8. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

8.1 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Referral Request for Response regarding Bylaw No. 530

TH-2022-029

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee advise the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that our interests remain unaffected by Salt Spring Island Bylaw No. 530.

CARRIED

9. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

9.1 Term End Projects Report – Staff Report

Island Planner McCargar introduced the staff report regarding project recommendations for the incoming Local Trust Committee. Discussion ensued.

TH-2022-030

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee amend Attachment 2 “Recommended LTC Project List” of the August 30, 2022 staff report by adding “Active transportation” to item 2.

CARRIED

TH-2022-031

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopt the model protocol for antennae siting as presented in a previous report.

CARRIED

TH-2022-032

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee endorse the ‘Top Priorities List’ and ‘Projects List’ as amended on August 30, 2022 for further consideration by the incoming Local Trust Committee.

CARRIED

10. DELEGATIONS – none

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Islands Trust Conservancy 3 Year Plan – Briefing

The Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) 3 Year Plan was received for information.

Trustee Fenton, who sits as a Trustee member of the ITC board, commented on and expressed support for the Conservancy three-year plan. The ITC board felt they had to take pause to make sure they were meeting statutory requirements and addressing reconciliation and climate change. The trustee praised ITC staff.

Chair Patrick and Trustee Luckham thanked Trustee Fenton for sitting on the board of the Conservancy; it was noted that going from a five year plan to a three year plan to create positive outcomes was a good strategy.

12.2 Thetis Payphone – for information

The communication dated July 13, 2022 regarding removal of TELUS payphone(s) at Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis Island, was received.

Points raised in ensuing discussion included:

- Not everyone has a cell phone. Phones don't always work. There needs to be a non-paying phone, where someone can talk to an operator (when they need help, or life has changed unexpectedly). It would be good public service.

13. REPORTS

13.1 Trust Conservancy Report – None

13.2 Applications Report dated August 22, 2022

Received.

13.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated June, 2022

Received.

13.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received.

13.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage – none

14. WORK PROGRAM

14.1 Top Priorities Report dated August 22, 2022

Received.

14.2 Projects List Report dated August 22, 2022

Received.

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 9:30 am at Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

TH-2022-033

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 (f) for the purpose of considering

(a) Appointment of Board of Variance Members and (d) Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Minutes dated May 3, 2022 and (f) Bylaw Enforcement, and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The Local Trust Committee moved to Closed Meeting at 11:22 am.

16.2 Recall to Order

Chair Patrick recalled the meeting to order at 11:47 am.

16.3 Rise and Report

Chair Patrick reported that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopted the *in camera* minutes of May 3, 2022, and appointed Jack Woodward, Laurie Jackson and Wolfgang Scheuer to the Board of Variance for the Thetis Island Local Trust Area.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Diane Corbett, Recorder