ADOPTED

Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date:	**July 13, 2026**
Location:	**Forbes Hall Community Centre** **North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC**
Members Present:	**Tobi Elliott, Chair** **Peter Luckham, Local Trustee** **Ken Hunter, Local Trustee**
Staff Present:	**Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager**
	Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder (electronic)
Others Present:	**There were approximately 2 members of the public in attendance.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Elliott acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. Local Trustees introduced themselves and acknowledged the Penelakut Tribes and Lyackson First Nation as stewards of the land and waters on whose territory the Trustees live and work.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter recommended the book *Unceded* by George Abbott to help understand the reconciliation processes, and noted this is the last in-person meeting of the term for the Local Trust Committee.

Trustee Luckham reflected on the journey of reconciliation taken during the current term, spoke to long term affects of colonialism, and noted there is much to learn from First Nations peoples.

4.2 Chair's Report

Chair Elliott reported the following:

- Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet the draft Trust Policy Statement referral responses received to date;

- Attended Trust Council and provided meeting highlights.

4.3 Electoral Area Director's Report - none

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

A member of the public invited the Trustees to the upcoming Nature of Forest Weekend which will include speakers Mitch Sherrin, retired Captain of Salt Spring Fire & Rescue who will lead a fire smart workshop, Ecologist Dr. Andy MacKinnon who will host a workshop about plants and fungus, and members of the Quw'utsun Cultural Connections Society who will present a discussion on the role of Indigenous knowledge in understanding forest ecology. The speaker also inquired if any groundwater studies will be done on Thetis Island.

A Trustee noted a groundwater study had not been advanced yet and the Cowichan Valley Regional District is supposed to be undertaking a water study for the island.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated April 20, 2026 - for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of April 20, 2026 were adopted.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - none

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated July 3, 2026

Discussion ensued regarding April 20, 2026 Activity 4 with a Trustee stating the importance of staff reporting back about staff-to-staff conversations with Nations to better inform Local Trust Committee decisions. The Regional Planning Manager indicated ways in which to bring information back to the community and Local Trust Committees, through the lens of the Indigenous Relations Action Plan, will be considered; however, a process has not been determined yet.

Discussion ensued regarding the Welsh-Fenton rezoning application and a Trustee stated that some reporting and consultation has occurred with Penelakut Tribes and they noted the importance of ensuring that any input that is received from the Nation is relayed to local Trustees so they can better inform themselves and the public.

8. DELEGATIONS - none

9. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

9.1 Referral for Response: Proposed Salt Spring Bylaw No. 551 - Memorandum

TH-2026-030
It was MOVED and SECONDED
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee respond to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that Thetis Island Local Trust Committee interests are unaffected by Bylaw No. 551.

CARRIED

9.2 Referral for Response: Proposed Salt Spring Bylaw No. 552 – Memorandum

TH-2026-031
It was MOVED and SECONDED
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee respond to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that Thetis Island Local Trust Committee interests are unaffected by Bylaw No. 552.

CARRIED

9.3 Referral for Response: Proposed Salt Spring Bylaw No. 553 – Memorandum

TH-2026-032
It was MOVED and SECONDED
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee respond to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that Thetis Island Local Trust Committee interests are unaffected by Bylaw No. 553.

CARRIED

9.4 Referral for Response: Proposed Salt Spring Bylaw No. 554 – Memorandum

TH-2026-033
It was MOVED and SECONDED
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee respond to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that Thetis Island Local Trust Committee interests are unaffected by Bylaw No. 554.

CARRIED

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS - none

11. CORRESPONDENCE - none

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

12. NEW BUSINESS - none

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Highlights of Trust Conservancy March 17, 2026 Board Meeting

Received for information

13.2 Islands Trust Conservancy Report to Trust Council 2025-2026

Received for information

13.3 Applications Report dated July 3, 2026

The Regional Planning Manager provided a timeline update on application PLRZ20250072 (Welsh-Fenton) and noted staff are drafting an environmental and archaeological covenant which will be brought forward to the Local Trust Committee at their August meeting if it is ready.

13.4 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated May, 2026

Received for information

13.5 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information

13.6 Local Trust Committee Webpage - none

14. WORK PROGRAM

14.1 Active Projects Report dated July 3, 2026

Received for information

14.2 Future Projects Report dated July 3, 2026 1054

It was noted that, following the election, the incoming Local Trust Committee might benefit from more detail regarding potential future projects and the following topics were identified as priorities:

- Concerns brought up by Lyackson First Nation regarding appropriateness of a Rural Land Use Bylaw in the marine area affecting upland Reserve lands;
- Associated Islands Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw review;
- Update and review the Rural Land Use Bylaw to confirm that it is included in any other bylaw work;
- Include Bute and Dunsmuir Island in the Associated Islands Official Community Plan Bylaw;
- Look at Associated Islands that have no zoning;
- Address concerns identified by the Valdez Island Conservancy and articulated at the April 1, 2025 meeting;
- Summarize any information that came in after the Public Hearing in 2014 and not received by the Local Trust Committee;
- Determine what the Thetis Island community needs to know about the state of groundwater in the Thetis Local Trust Area.

The Regional Planning Manager summarized the updates to the Future Projects list and noted the information will come back to the Local Trust Committee for review at their August meeting.

TH-2026-034
It was MOVED and SECONDED
that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff report back with information available on the status of groundwater and freshwater sustainability in the Thetis Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. and to be held Electronically

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder