



## Thetis Island Local Trust Committee

### Minutes of Special Meeting

**Date:** October 22, 2024

**Location:** Electronic Meeting

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

**Staff Present:** Clare Frater, Director Trust Area Services  
Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager  
Margot Thomaidis, Planner 2  
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

**Others Present:** There were approximately two (2) members of the public in attendance.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

##### 3.1 Rezoning Application - Connected Coast Fibre Optic Cable Installation - Staff Report

The Planner summarized the staff report and highlighted the following:

- Application seeks bylaw amendment to add a new use to Marine Conservation (W1) zone to permit the use of fibre-optic telecommunication public utility as part of the Connected Coast project; and
- Installation of fibre-optic cable will provide future high-speed internet access to the Lyackson First Nation;

The applicant was in attendance and spoke to consultation process that had been undertaken with First Nations, Transport Canada, and the provincial government.

Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- Public Hearing was waived to expedite the application in order to meet applicant's installation deadlines;
- Notices of first reading of the bylaw were published on October 10, 2024 and October 17, 2024 and no comments from the public have been received;

- Bylaw referrals to First Nations, local governments, and other agencies were waived as applicant engaged with First Nations and provided a summary of responses; therefore, the Local Trust Committee was satisfied extensive consultation was undertaken;
- It is prudent for the applicant to engage with local government, in tandem with First Nations, to avoid deadline conflicts; and
- There is future opportunity for Islands Trust to relax zoning that might historically exist on lands and water access areas adjacent to First Nation's reserve lands in which Islands Trust does not have jurisdiction while continuing to respect the environment.

**TH-2024-025**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee has reviewed the Islands Trust Policy Statement Directives Only Checklist and determined that Bylaw No. 115 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2024" is not contrary to or at variance with the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2024-026**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 115 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2024", be read a first time.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2024-027**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 115 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2024", be read a second time.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2024-028**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 115 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2024", be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2024-029**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 115 cited as "Valdes Island Rural Land Use Bylaw, 1998, Amendment No. 1, 2024", be forwarded to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for approval by the Executive Committee.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Tobi Elliott, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder