



Trust Council Committee of the Whole

Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: August 22, 2024

Location: Electronic Meeting

Executive Members Present:

1. Peter Luckham, Trust Council Chair, Thetis Trustee
2. Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee
3. David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
4. Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee

Members Present:

5. Joe Bernardo, Acting Chair, Gambier Trustee
6. Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Municipal Trustee
7. Judith Gedye, Bowen Municipal Trustee
8. Sam Borthwick, Denman Trustee
9. David Graham, Denman Trustee
10. Susan Yates, Gabriola Trustee
11. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Trustee
12. Ben Maberley, Galiano Trustee
13. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Trustee
14. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Trustee
15. Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Trustee
16. Mairead Boland, Saturna Trustee
17. Lee Middleton, Saturna Trustee
18. Kristina Evans, South Pender Trustee
19. Doug Falck, South Pender Trustee
20. Ken Hunter, Thetis Trustee

Members Regrets:

21. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Trustee
22. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Trustee
23. Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee

Members Absent:

24. Alex Allen, Hornby Trustee
25. Grant Scott, Hornby Trustee
26. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Trustee

Staff Present:

Julia Mobbs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
David Marlor, Director, Legislative & Information Services
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services (In Victoria Boardroom)
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services
Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor (In Victoria Boardroom)
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor
Alexandra Trifonidis, Executive Coordinator (In Victoria Boardroom)
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

Others Present: Reece Harding, Legal Counsel, no members of the public present

1. CALL TO ORDER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acting Chair Bernardo called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was held on lands and waters that have been the traditional home of Indigenous Peoples for millennia.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Draft Trust Council Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2024

By general consent the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 8, 2024 were adopted.

4. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES

4.1 Trust Council Committee of the Whole Follow-Up Action List

Received for information.

5. CLOSED MEETING

TC-COW-2024-009

It was MOVED by Trustee Fast, and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick, that the Islands Trust Council Committee of the Whole close this meeting to the public subject to Section 90(1) (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to: the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that Staff and Recorder be invited to remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 6:37 p.m. and was reopened to the public at 8:41 p.m.

6. RISE AND REPORT

Acting Chair Bernardo reported that, in response to legal and staff advice, the Committee of the Whole recommended that Executive Committee direct staff to draft, for further consideration by Committee of the Whole, revisions to the draft Policy Statement to ensure it conforms to the jurisdiction given to Trust Council under the Islands Trust Act.

7. TRUST AREA SERVICES

7.1 Scan of Local Government Reconciliation Initiatives and United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Implementation – Briefing

Senior Policy Advisor Youmans summarized the briefing.

7.2 Discussion Strategies

Discussion about structuring future Committee of the Whole conversations on the draft Policy Statement occurred and approaches identified included sequential movement

through the document, thematic review of topics aligned with Trust Council’s draft strategic plan, or choosing topics to discuss at an upcoming meeting.

The following assumptions were identified:

- Staff would provide guiding questions and a brief presentation for each topic;
- Recommendations for amendments would be captured as resolutions and provided to Trust Council for consideration;
- Policy decisions and recommendations made at one meeting would not be discussed at subsequent meetings until a preliminary review of all topics had been completed; and
- Unresolved discussion items would be carried over to the next meeting.

Trustees favoured a sequential approach as indicated by a majority show of hands.

Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Trustee Gauvreau left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m.

7.3 May 30, 2024 Background on the updated draft Policy Statement - Briefing

Received for information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

By general consent the Committee of the Whole agreed to use the remainder of the scheduled meeting time to discuss additional potential edits to the draft Policy Statement.

Discussion ensued about the definition of the term colonialism detailed within the glossary.

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It was MOVED by Trustee Harris, and SECONDED by Trustee Hunter, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Executive Committee that staff remove the definition of colonialism from the glossary in the draft Policy Statement.

DEFEATED

Some trustees commented that staff should be asked to acknowledge how many Trustees are present and how many votes are in favour of and against each motion when votes are conducted electronically.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.1 Scheduling future Committee of the Whole meetings

Proposed future Committee of the Whole meeting dates and times for consideration:

- September Trust Council (Committee of the Whole)
- Thursday, October 3 (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday, November 6 (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, December 12 (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

By general consent the meeting dates were approved as presented.

10. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Joe Bernardo, Acting Chair

Certified Correct:

Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder