



## Trust Council Committee of the Whole

### Minutes of a Regular Meeting

**Date:** September 25, 2024  
**Location:** Vancouver Island Conference Centre – Dodd Narrows Rooms A/B  
101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo BC

**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. Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Municipal Trustee (electronic attendance)
6. Judith Gedye, Bowen Municipal Trustee
7. Sam Borthwick, Denman Trustee (electronic attendance)
8. David Graham, Denman Trustee
9. Susan Yates, Gabriola Trustee
10. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Trustee
11. Ben Mabblerley, Galiano Trustee
12. Joe Bernardo, Gambier Trustee
13. Alex Allen, Hornby Trustee
14. Grant Scott, Hornby Trustee
15. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Trustee (electronic attendance)
16. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Trustee (electronic attendance)
17. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Trustee (electronic attendance)
18. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Trustee (electronic attendance)
19. Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Trustee
20. Mairead Boland, Saturna Trustee
21. Lee Middleton, Saturna Trustee
22. Kristina Evans, South Pender Trustee
23. Dag Falck, South Pender Trustee (electronic attendance)
24. Ken Hunter, Thetis Trustee

**Members Regrets:**

25. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Trustee
26. Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee

**Staff Present:**

Julia Mobbs, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
David Marlor, Director, Legislative and Information Services  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services  
Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor  
Jeffery Lloyd, Senior Technical Analyst  
Daphne Shaed, Computer Application Support Technician  
Lori Foster, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

**Members of the public present:** There were two members of the public in attendance

**1. CALL TO ORDER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Acting Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 11:37 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

**8.1 Future Committee of the Whole Meeting Chairpersons**

**By general consent** the agenda was approved, as amended.

**3. TRUST AREA SERVICES**

**3.1 Updated Draft Policy Statement Potential Additional Revisions - Discussion**

Acting Chair Elliott indicated that discussion would focus on Objective 3.

The meeting recessed for a break at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued with focus on objectives listed within the document and the following comments were noted:

- Guiding Principles are statements of values and beliefs and guide decision making but are not directive policies;
- Objectives should be accomplished together in parallel and not necessarily prioritized;
- Object is an order from the Province to protect and advance three principles;
- Trust Council has previously determined that every decision must include a reasoned recognition of all the elements specified in the mandate, and while one element may gain priority, reasons for that decision must be clear and have considered the other elements; and
- Document is intended to be read as a whole and individual items are to be measured in context equally with others.

**TC-COW-2024-011**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Patrick, and SECONDED by Trustee Evans,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the first sentence in each objective description box be removed (for example “This objective advances principle 2.1.2”) because it is not necessary to link each objective to only one “Guiding Principles and Priorities”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell left the meeting at 2:14 p.m. and Trustee Borthwick left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

**TC-COW-2024-012**

**It was MOVED by Trustee EVANS, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that Part 3 title be changed to read Objectives, Directive and Advisory Policies.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell returned to the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Trustee Borthwick returned to the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

**TC-COW-2024-013**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Hunter,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the word “prioritize” be replaced with the words “and advance” from sections 3.3.2 to 3.3.7 in Objective 3.

**DEFEATED**

Discussion continued on Section 3.3.1 and Director of Legislative and Information Services Marlor clarified that there is relevant criteria when staff screen proposed bylaws against the Policy Statement, if the Policy Statement is engaged, and how it can be addressed through implementation policy.

It was noted that in Section 3.3.3 Western redcedar is not included on the species list and discussion was undertaken regarding the broadness of term “associated ecosystems”.

**TC-COW-2014-014**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye, and seconded by Trustee Luckham,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that staff be directed to seek a qualified biologist to review draft policy 3.3.3 to assess if the phrase “and associated ecosystems” is required.

**CARRIED**

**TC-COW-2014-015**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott, and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that staff add Western redcedar after Coastal Douglas-fir in Draft Policy Statement Section 3.3.3.

**CARRIED**

**TC-COW-2014-016**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Evans, and SECONDED by Trustee Boland,** that the Committee of the Whole recommend that staff replace the word “maintain” the with word “sustain” in Draft Policy Statement Section 3.3.1.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maberley left the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and returned at 2:56 p.m.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Draft Trust Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2024 – for adoption.**

**By general consent** the Trust Council Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of August 22, 2024 were adopted.

**5. FOLLOW UP ACTION LIST AND UPDATES**

Received for information.

**6. CLOSED MEETING - None**

**7. RISE AND REPORT - None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Future Committee of the Whole Meeting Chairpersons**

Acting Chair Elliott indicated that if Executive Committee did not receive new expressions of interest to chair future Committee of the Whole meetings by October 3, 2024 then the previously determined rotation will remain in effect with Trustee Peterson chairing the October 3, 2024 meeting. She further indicated that if Executive Committee received expressions of interest then a new rotation would be determined with an effective date of November 6, 2024.

**9. NEXT MEETINGS**

Scheduled to be held electronically:

- 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.)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

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Tobi Elliott, Acting Chair

Certified Correct:

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Lisa Millard Meeting Administrator/Recorder