



## Islands Trust Council Highlights September 20-22, 2022

The following is a list of [agenda](#) highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions from its September 20-22, 2022, quarterly meeting. These highlights are not the official minutes. [Visit the meeting site to view the recordings.](#)

### **Policy Statement Amendment Project Updates**

Trust Council requested staff to make a series of amendments to the draft new Policy Statement based on recent engagement feedback and Trust Programs Committee's recommendations. Staff were also requested to continue relationship building with First Nations, and to prepare a new project charter and communications strategy for the incoming Trust Council to consider in early 2023.

### **Advocacy Regarding Housing Supports**

The Islands Trust Council Chair will request the Province to explore housing solutions specific to the rural islands in the Trust Area, including options for stable, secure funding. Trust Council will host a panel session about housing challenges/solutions as part of new trustee education as well as coordinate a round table with key ministers and housing leaders from island communities. Executive Committee was requested to develop a communications strategy and materials to support awareness of this advocacy.

### **Advancing Islands Trust's Reconciliation Efforts**

Staff were requested to work with the Executive Committee to provide a priority list of resources needed to further the Trust's work of reconciliation with First Nations.

### **New Governance Committee Policies Adopted**

Existing committee policies 2.3.2., 2.3.3., and 2.3.4 were amended to include the new Governance Committee and, Trust Council approved new policy 2.3.5, the Governance Committee's terms of reference.

### **Amendments to Trust Council Policies 6.2.1 Priority Setting/Review Guidelines and 6.7.1 Work Program, Follow-up Action Lists and Priority Charts**

Staff were requested to establish criteria to assist local trust committees (LTCs) in selection of LTC projects after adopting amendments to the noted policies which guide priority setting.

### **History and Heritage Conservation Grants-in-Aid Policy 2.1.14 Amendments**

Approval was given to amended policy 2.1.14 which clarifies definitions of terms and updated administrative and application processes for the History and Heritage Conservation grants-in-aid.

### **Executive Committee Sponsorship of NAPTEP Fees**

Trust Council gave three readings to an amendment bylaw and approved new Policy 2.1.16 which will provide a mechanism for Executive Committee sponsorship of the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP).

### **Amendment to FOI Bylaw**

Trust Council gave three readings to an amendment bylaw correcting a technical error in the Islands Trust Council Freedom of Information (FOI) and Protection of Privacy Bylaw. The amendment will be adopted by a resolution without meeting (RWM) decision.

### **Administrative Services Update**

Approval was given to the Islands Trust Statement of Financial Information and its First Quarter (Q1) Financial Report.

### **Carrying Capacity**

Trust Council referred the concept of "carrying capacity" to the Regional Planning Committee for study.