



Islands Trust

**Minutes of Islands Trust Council Meeting  
December 3-5, 2013, Victoria, BC**

**Present:**

Executive Committee:

Sheila Malcolmson, Chair (Gabriola)  
David Graham, Vice Chair (Denman)  
Ken Hancock, Vice Chair (North Pender)  
Peter Luckham, Vice Chair (Thetis)

Trustees:

Wolfgang Duntz, Bowen  
Andrew Stone, Bowen  
Laura Busheikin, Denman  
Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola (December 3 & 4)  
Louise Decario, Galiano  
Sandy Pottle, Galiano  
Jan Hagedorn, Gambier  
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier  
Alex Allen, Hornby  
Tony Law, Hornby  
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti  
Susan Ann Morrison, Lasqueti  
Brian Crumblehulme, Mayne  
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne  
Gary Steeves, North Pender  
George Grams, Salt Spring  
Peter Grove, Salt Spring  
Paul Brent, Saturna  
Pam Janszen, Saturna  
Mike Jones, South Pender  
Liz Montague, South Pender  
Sue French, Thetis

Regrets:

Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola (December 5)

Staff:

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services  
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services  
Cindy Shelest, Director, Administrative Services  
Carmen Thiel, Director, Legislative Services  
Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am. Chair Malcolmson acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

All 26 trustees were in attendance.

### **Approval of Agenda/Notice of New Items**

New Business Item: 7.2 Letter from Denman Island Marine Stewards

By General Consent, the December 2013 Trust Council agenda was approved, as amended.

### **ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP**

Trust Council members participated in a workshop that provided an opportunity for those who have responsibility for economic development in the Trust Area and surrounding areas, to share information about effective, appropriate and sustainable economic development models. Presenters and participants included Trust Area and Quadra and Cortez Islands Regional District Electoral Area Directors, Trust Area MLAs, and representatives from Trust Area Economic Development Commission/Advisory Councils, Trust Area Chambers of Commerce, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, BC Economic Development Association and San Juan Economic Development Council.

### **INVASIVE SPECIES SESSION**

Rachelle McElroy with the Coastal Invasive Species Committee provided trustees with information about invasive species issues in the islands, focusing on high-priority invasive plants and strategies for management.

### **Notice of New Items**

#### **TC-2013-193**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Montague and SECONDED by Trustee Johnston,**  
To add 'Roberts Bank Terminal' as a new business item.

**CARRIED**

#### **TC-2013-194**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Jones and SECONDED by Trustee French,**  
To extend the Delegation and Town Hall Session up to 105 minutes.

**CARRIED**

#### **TC-2013-195**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Brent and SECONDED by Trustee Decario,**  
To add 'BC Ferries Injunction' as a new business item.

**CARRIED**

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council approved adding the correspondence received in relation to existing Agenda Items 4.4, 5.5 and 6.1.1.

By General Consent, the agenda was approved, as amended.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW**

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, briefly reviewed the status of Trust Council's 2011-14 Strategic Plan and identified proposed changes to the Plan in response to requests from Islands Trust bodies and the draft 2014/15 budget recommended by the Financial Planning Committee. Further direction will also be provided to the Executive Committee and the Financial Planning Committee regarding the Strategic Plan and final development of a budget for 2014/15.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **TC-2013-196**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Graham and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**  
That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to distribute documents related to litigation affecting the Islands Trust, and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and staff be invited to attend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed to the public at 5:10 pm and reopened at 5:12 pm.  
The meeting recessed at 5:13 pm.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013**

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 am. All 26 trustees were present.

## **2014/15 BUDGET SESSION**

Staff provided Trust Council with an overview of the Financial Planning Committee's current draft of the 2014/15 Budget. Trustees discussed the proposed revenue, expenses and General Revenue Fund Surplus in detail, and provided comments and recommendations for the Financial Planning Committee to consider when it develops a draft budget package for public comment.

### **TC-2013-197**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to amend the draft 2014/15 Budget prior to public consultation to include funding for a laptop program for trustees.

**CARRIED**

### **TC-2013-198**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Rudischer and SECONDED by Trustee French,**  
To increase the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee budget amount to \$10,000.

**CARRIED**

### **TC-2013-199**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Dodds,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to amend the draft 2014/15 Budget prior to public consultation by including the funding for the Grants Administrator position at the Option C level of \$29,065.

This level would retain the position at two days a week.

In favour – 19  
Opposed - 7

(Grove-Salt Spring; Grams-Salt Spring; Malcolmson-Gabriola; Hancock-North Pender;  
Steeves-North Pender; Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna)

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-200**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hagedorn and SECONDED by Trustee Janszen,**  
That the Islands Trust Council give direction to the Financial Planning Committee to continue to fund the most cost effective way to ensure Trust Council is held on Gambier/Keat Islands in September 2014.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-201**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Janszen and SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to revisit Item 4.5.1 – reinstatement to full time planner 1 for Southern Planning Team.

In Favour - 11

Opposed - 15

(Allen-Hornby; Pottle-Galiano; Decario-Galiano; Busheikin-Denman;  
Montague-South Pender; Steeves-North Pender; Rudischer-Gabriola;  
Stone-Bowen; Duntz-Bowen; Stamford-Gambier; Jones-South Pender;  
Law-Hornby; Hancock-North Pender; Malcolmson-Gabriola; Luckham-Thetis)

**FAILS**

**TC-2013-202**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Johnston,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to work with the Director of Local Planning Services to consider possibilities for reducing Riparian Area Regulations mapping costs by extending the term for completing the mapping over a longer period.

In Favour – 22

Opposed – 4

(Rudischer-Gabriola; Brent-Saturna; Morrison-Lasqueti; Graham-Denman)

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-203**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Janszen and SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to review the Staff Training budgets in the draft 2014/15 Budget for any opportunity for reduction.

In Favour – 23

Opposed – 3

(Steeves-North Pender; Malcolmson-Gabriola; Graham-Denman)

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-204**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Steeves and SECONDED by Trustee Law,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to consider eliminating project request items 4.4.5 (Add Co-op Student Term to Mapping Base Budget) and 4.4.6 (Adding Development Permit Areas to MapIT) from the draft 2014/15 Budget.

In Favour – 6

(Hancock-North Pender; Steeves-North Pender; Stone-Bowen; Brent-Saturna;  
Janszen-Saturna; Pottle-Galiano)

Opposed – 20

**FAILS**

**TC-2013-205**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Busheikin and SECONDED by Trustee Rudischer,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to amend the draft 2014/15 Budget prior to public consultation in a manner that would increase property taxes up to 1.68%.

In Favour – 12

Opposed – 14

(Janszen-Saturna; Brent-Saturna; Allen-Hornby; Law-Hornby; Pottle-Galiano; Decario-Galiano; Hancock-North Pender; Steeves-North Pender; Dodds-Mayne; Crumblehulme-Mayne; Grove-Salt Spring; Grams-Salt Spring; Montague-South Pender; Jones-South Pender)

**FAILS**

**DECISION AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. GENERAL**

**1.1 Resolutions Without Meeting – RWMs-05, 06, 07, 08-2013**

Provided for information.

**1.2 September 2013 Trust Council Meeting Draft Minutes**

By General Consent, the September 2013 Trust Council Meeting Minutes were adopted, as amended.

**1.3 Trust Council Follow-Up Action List**

Provided for information.

**2. LOCAL PLANNING**

**2.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report**

Provided for information.

**2.2 Local Planning Committee Work Program Report**

The top work program priorities as of November 2013 were: 1) Development of Water Quality and Quantity Tool Kit; 2) Greenshores for Homes; and 3) Renewable Energy Technology in the Trust Area.

The Local Planning Committee will consider suggestions from trustees at its next meeting about moving 'Integrated Watershed and Shoreline Stewardship Protection Approach' to the short list.

**TC-2013-206**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Decario and SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**  
That the Islands Trust Council approve the Local Planning Committee Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Bylaw Enforcement Report Briefing**

Staff highlighted the current status of bylaw enforcement investigations in the Trust Area.

**3. EXECUTIVE**

**3.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

Provided for information.

### 3.2 Executive Committee Work Program Report

The top work program priorities as of November 2013 were: 1) Governance, Policy, Strategic Planning, Trust Council; 2) Communications, Advocacy, Policy Statement, Interagency and Public Relations; and 3) Organizational Improvements.

#### **TC-2013-207**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Hagedorn,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the Executive Committee Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

Staff was requested to send the detailed Executive Committee Work program to trustees.

### 3.3 Local Trust Committee Correspondence Policy

This new policy would replace the original policy adopted in 1993 and addresses changes in the work environment, including the advent of electronic mail, the enactment of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and new standards for workplace harassment.

Staff proposed further minor amendments to the policy.

#### **TC-2013-208**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,**

To amend draft Policy 7.4.i. Incoming Local Trust Committee Correspondence by deleting 'BC Government' from Item A.1 and to replace 'pre approved auto reply message' with 'pre approved standard reply message' throughout the policy where applicable.

**CARRIED**

#### **TC-2014-209**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee French,**

That the Islands Trust Council adopt Policy 7.4.i Incoming Local Trust Committee Correspondence: General, dated December 5, 2013 as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **TC-2013-210**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,**

That the Islands Trust Council repeal Policy 7.4.i Handling of Incoming Mail General, dated February 4, 1993.

**CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

## DELEGATION AND TOWN HALL SESSION

### 1. Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards/Denman Island Forage Fish Group

Shelley McKeachie on behalf of the Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards and Edina Johnston on behalf of the Denman Island Forage Fish Group expressed their groups' concerns about the impacts of industrial shellfish aquaculture, particularly the expansion of geoduck aquaculture within the Strait of Georgia.

## 2. Maxine Leichter, Salt Spring Island

Maxine Leichter expressed her concerns about bylaw enforcement in the Islands Trust Area suggested the Trust undertake a study of bylaw enforcement.

## 3. Jan Slakov, Salt Spring Island

Jan Slakov spoke to trustees about the issue of bylaw enforcement in the Islands Trust Area and suggested Council establish a committee to research options on improving bylaw enforcement in the Islands Trust Area.

## 4. Gulf Islands Alliance, Salt Spring Island

On behalf the Gulf Islands Alliance, Chair David Steen asked Council to considering using the Public Trust Doctrine to fight climate change in the Trust Area.

## 5. Help The Kelp, Gabriola Island

On behalf of Help the Kelp, Michael Mehta provided a presentation to trustees about the threats to marine ecosystems and Bull Kelp forests in the Trust Area.

## 6. Save the Salish Sea, Salt Spring Island

On behalf of Save the Salish Sea, Sandra Lecki shared its concerns about the risks of increased tanker traffic in the Salish Sea.

### **DECISION AND INFORMATION ITEMS** - continued

#### 3.4 Trust Council Strategic Plan 2011-2014

##### **TC-2013-211**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Busheikin and SECONDED by Trustee Duntz,**  
To amend Item 2.5.1 by adding the words 'and other stakeholders affected by the shellfish industry' after 'Meet with regulatory agencies responsible for shellfish activities in the Islands Trust Area'.

##### **TC-2013-212**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,**  
To amend the motion: To amend Item 2.5.1 by adding the words 'and other stakeholders and interested parties affected by the shellfish industry' after 'Meet with regulatory agencies responsible for shellfish activities in the Islands Trust Area'.

On the amendment

**CARRIED**

On the amended motion

In Favour – 6  
(Duntz-Bowen; Allen-Hornby; Law-Hornby; Grams-Salt Spring;  
Grove-Salt Spring; Janszen-Saturna)  
Opposed – 20  
**FAILS**

##### **TC-2013-213**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Graham and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**  
That the Islands Trust Council remove under Item 2.5.1, column 4 '(subject to displacement of other advocacy initiatives)'.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-214**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Hagedorn,**  
That the Islands Trust Council add to Item 1.5.3 "Participate in Coastal Douglas Fir and Association Ecosystems Conservation Partnership" with measure of success being "Active Participation" and status being "Depict Galiano's Membership".

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-215**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**  
That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Objectives, Strategies, Activities and Phases (columns 1 – 3) illustrated in the November 19, 2013 version, as amended December 4, 2013, of its Strategic Plan for 2011-2014.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-216**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Financial Planning Committee to use the November 19, 2013 version of its Strategic Plan for 2011-2014 as amended December 4, 2013, for the purposes of finalizing its recommendations regarding the annual budget for 2014-15.

In Favour - 24  
Opposed - 2  
(Steeves-North Pender; Brent-Saturna)  
**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-217**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Johnston and SECONDED by Trustee Decario,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee to make recommendations in March 2014 regarding any further amendments to the Strategic Plan for 2011-2014 that may arise following public input into the 2014-15 budget.

**CARRIED**

**Notice of New Items**

**TC-2013-218**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Busheikin and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,**  
Add as new business 'shellfish aquaculture advocacy report'.

**CARRIED**

**TC-2013-219**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Crumblehulme and SECONDED by Trustee Steeves,**  
Add as new business item 'facilitation of advocacy for coastal protection'.

**CARRIED**

**3.5 Trust Council Plan for Continuous Learning 2011-2014**

Provided for information.

**3.6 Community Interaction Opportunities at Council Meetings (P. Johnston)**

Provided for information and consideration.

Trustees Rudischer and Grams left the meeting.

#### **4. ORGANIZATIONAL/FINANCE**

##### **4.1 Director of Administrative Services Report**

Provided for information.

##### **4.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report**

The top work program priorities for the Financial Planning Committee as of November 2013 were: 1) First Draft of 2014/15 Budget; 2) Complete 2012/13 Year End and Audit; and 3) LTC Expense Policy 4.1.viii.

###### **TC-2013-220**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Steeves and SECONDED by Trustee Grove,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.3 September 30, 2013 Quarterly Statement**

###### **TC-2013-221**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Steeves and SECONDED by Trustee Grove,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the September 30, 2013 quarterly financial report as presented.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.4 Bowen Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation**

At the request of Bowen Island Municipality in their letter dated November 14, 2012 to the Executive Committee, the allocation of expenses included in the municipal pool has been reviewed and management has determined that the current rate of 30% for mapping services has shifted over the years since the initial rate was set and that a 20% allocation is more reflective of the work distribution.

###### **TC-2013-222**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Steeves and SECONDED by Trustee Grove,**

That the Islands Trust Council amend Policy 7.2.vi Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation, Section D.2.2.3.a.i by changing the allocation rate to the Municipal Pool for mapping services from 30% to 20%.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.5 Financial Forecast to March 31, 2014 – Briefing**

Provided for information.

#### **5. TRUST AREA SERVICES**

##### **5.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report**

Provided for information.

##### **5.2 Trust Fund Board Report**

Trustee Tony Law, Chair of the Trust Fund Board, highlighted the Board's accomplishments as of August 2013 in the areas of Strategic Planning/Administration, Covenant and Property Acquisition, Property and Covenant Management, Communications and Fundraising. A written report was provided for information.

### **5.3 Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate Completion Extension – HO-NAP-2011.3**

#### **TC-2013-223**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Law and SECONDED by Trustee Allen,**

That the Islands Trust Council extend the timeline for issuing the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Certificate for NAPTEP application HO-NAP-2011.3 (Hornby Island) until December 2014.

**CARRIED**

### **5.4 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report**

The top work program priorities for the Trust Programs Committee as of November 2013 were: 1) Create Linkages to Share Economic Sustainability Models; 2) BC Ferries Advocacy Program; and 3) Encourage Understanding and Voluntary Stewardship of Water Resources.

#### **TC-2013-224**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Brent and SECONDED by Trustee Law,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the Trust Area Services Work Program Report.

**CARRIED**

### **5.5 Trust Council Participation in National Energy Board Hearings re: Kinder Morgan Pipeline Expansion**

In June 2012, the Islands Trust Council voted to oppose (in principle) oil pipeline projects that lead to the expansion of oil export by barge and tanker from Canada's west coast due to concern about the risk of oil spills that could irrevocably damage coastal environments, economies, and communities. Expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline, as proposed by Kinder Morgan, is expected to significantly increase the amount of oil shipped by tanker through the Trust Area. Once Kinder Morgan files its pipeline expansion application (expected December 2013), the National Energy Board (NEB) will announce details of the hearing process. If it wishes to participate in the process, the Islands Trust Council may need to decide quickly. If passed, this resolution would assist Trust Council to assess the level of involvement it wants in the up-coming NEB hearings about the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline.

#### **TC-2013-225**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Hancock and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,**

That the Islands Trust Council direct staff to further examine the financial and staff resources necessary to participate in the National Energy Board hearing process into the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project and provide advice in a Resolution Without Meeting (RWM) for Council to consider early in 2014.

**CARRIED**

### **5.6 Islands Trust Advocacy to Protect BC's Agricultural Land Reserve**

The provincial Cabinet is undertaking a 'core review' of many different provincial operations and bodies, including the operations of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The Islands Trust Policy Statement and Advocacy Policy empowers the Executive Committee and staff to monitor the situation and bring any advocacy opportunities to Trust Council if there is a threat to local farmland in the Islands Trust Area.

**TC-2013-226**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Johnston and SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to provincial representatives to express concern over possible weakening of the British Columbia Agricultural Land Reserve, and asks the Executive Committee to strongly represent the Islands Trust Object in provincial consultations on this issue.

In Favour – 23  
Opposed – 1  
(Busheikin-Denman)  
**CARRIED**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**TC-2013-227**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Graham and SECONDED by Trustee French,**  
That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1) (c),(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to: labour relations and other employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust, and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; CAO Linda Adams be invited to attend the entire meeting, and staff be invited to attend Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed to the public at 4:55 pm and reopened at 5:25 pm.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013**

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 am.

Twenty-five trustees were in attendance. Trustees absent: Gisele Rudischer – Gabriola.

**Decision and Information Items - continued**

**6. SUMMARY/UPDATES**

**6.1 Trustee Updates**

**6.1.1 BC Ferries**

Trustee Tony Law, Chair of the Ferry Advisory Council and various trustees gave verbal updates on Ferry Advisory Council.

Many trustees reported on the high level of anxiety from community members and concern about the lack of consultation with the public about the Province's recent announcement on plans for changes to BC Ferries, including proposing service reduction on many routes within the Trust Area.

**TC-2013-228**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Law and SECONDED by Trustee Hagedorn,**

That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to provide a submission to the BC Coastal Ferries Community Engagement expressing Council's deep concern about the process by which ferry service reductions are being implemented, including:

- Service cuts being imposed on top of fare increases above the rate of inflation that are expected to generate an additional \$190 million this performance term;
- Elimination of sailings that are crucial to ferry users' employment, education and other core activities;
- Absence of any analysis of socio-economic impacts of service reductions;
- Lack of effective consultation with affected communities and of any consultation with local governments;
- Inadequate provision of sufficient information, time and resources to identify alternative options; and
- Abandonment of the previous contractual requirement for BC Ferries to provide appropriate advance notice of schedules.

Suggestion was made to table in order to compose an amendment.

**TC-2013-229**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Law and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**

To table the motion.

**CARRIED**

**6.1.2 First Nations**

Various trustees provided updates regarding first nation issues in their respective trust areas.

**6.1.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee**

Trustee Pam Janszen provided a verbal update in her role as a member of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee.

**6.1.4 Select Committee on Trust Council Input into Future CAO Appointments**

Committee Chair Peter Grove provided a verbal update on the recent meeting of the Committee. Staff was requested to distribute minutes to all trustees for their information.

**6.2 Priorities Chart**

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council approved the Priorities Chart, as presented. The Islands Trust Priorities Chart highlights the current top priorities of Trust Council and its Committees, the Trust Fund Board and Local Trust Committees.

**6.3 2014 Meeting Schedule**

**TC-2013-230**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Crumblehulme and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**

That the Islands Trust Council approve the 2014 Meeting Schedule, dated November 22, 2013.

**CARRIED**

## 6.4 Proposed March 2014 Trust Council Agenda Program – Information

A proposed schedule for the March 2014 Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island was provided for information.

## 6.5 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council requested the Chair to write to the delegation participants and to thank them for their submissions.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Roberts Banks Terminal

#### TC-2013-231

**It was MOVED by Trustee Montague and SECONDED by Trustee Brent,**  
That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) requesting that Port Metro Vancouver be required to study how the increased marine traffic that would result from the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project would impact the ecosystems, species, and communities of the Salish Sea, including an oil spill risk assessment.

December 8, 2013 is the last day for comment submissions on the CEAA's draft assessment guidelines.

**CARRIED**

### 6.1 BC Ferries Update – continued

#### TC-2013-232

**It was MOVED by Trustee Law and SECONDED by Trustee Luckham,**

To untable the motion:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to provide a submission to the BC Coastal Ferries Community Engagement expressing Council's deep concern about the process by which ferry service reductions are being implemented, including:

- Service cuts being imposed on top of fare increases above the rate of inflation that are expected to generate an additional \$190 million this performance term;
- Elimination of sailings that are crucial to ferry users' employment, education and other core activities;
- Absence of any analysis of socio-economic impacts of service reductions;
- Lack of effective consultation with affected communities and of any consultation with local governments;
- Inadequate provision of sufficient information, time and resources to identify alternative options; and
- Abandonment of the previous contractual requirement for BC Ferries to provide appropriate advance notice of schedules.

And amend the motion by adding the following bullet:

- Lack of due regard for principles articulated in the Coastal Ferry Service contract, which states that "the coastal ferry service is integral to economic growth and development" and the *Coastal Ferry Act* which provides for considering the interests of ferry users.

On the amendment

**CARRIED**

Final motion as amended:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to provide a submission to the BC Coastal Ferries Community Engagement expressing Council's deep concern about the process by which ferry service reductions are being implemented, including:

- Service cuts being imposed on top of fare increases above the rate of inflation that are expected to generate an additional \$190 million this performance term;
- Elimination of sailings that are crucial to ferry users' employment, education and other core activities;
- Absence of any analysis of socio-economic impacts of service reductions;
- Lack of effective consultation with affected communities and of any consultation with local governments;
- Inadequate provision of sufficient information, time and resources to identify alternative options;
- Abandonment of the previous contractual requirement for BC Ferries to provide appropriate advance notice of schedules; and
- Lack of due regard for principles articulated in the Coastal Ferry Service contract, which states that "the coastal ferry service is integral to economic growth and development" and in the *Coastal Ferry Act* which provides for considering the interests of ferry users.

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 BC Ferries Injunction**

Trustees considered correspondence from Dyan Duns Moor-Farley of Gabriola Island, which suggested that the Islands Trust Council should seek a court injunction to stop BC Ferries from making service cuts to coastal ferry routes. Staff noted that in general, a successful application for an injunction would require evidence that a law was being broken and evidence that the Islands Trust Council was so significantly affected by such law-breaking that it would have legal standing in a court action. Trustees noted that consideration of preliminary legal advice indicated that such action was not feasible, but that other advocacy opportunities were being pursued.

## **7.3 Aquaculture Issues**

### **TC-2013-233**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Busheikin and SECONDED by Trustee Graham,**  
That the Executive Committee consider making "shellfish aquaculture issues" a top priority for advocacy.

**CARRIED**

## 7.4 Facilitation of Advocacy for Coastal Protection

### TC-2013-234

**It was MOVED by Trustee Crumblehulme and SECONDED by Trustee Brent,** That Islands Trust Council direct the Executive Committee to study and make recommendations to Council regarding the costs and resources necessary to create an advocacy campaign for the marine and coastal protection of the Salish Sea, and that all related advocacy issues such as aquaculture, oil tanker traffic, coal transport and climate change be included in this examination and that the Executive Committee use this opportunity to rationalize and focus the advocacy work of the Trust Council as it pertains to the marine and coastal environmental protection.

In Favour – 19

Opposed – 6

(Allen-Hornby; Law-Hornby; Johnston-Lasqueti; Morrison-Lasqueti; Dodds-Mayne; French-Thetis)

**CARRIED**

Trustees Steeves, Duntz and Stone left the meeting.

### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

Staff presented an overview of how local trust committees are served by the bylaw enforcement office including communication and policy development, how the Bylaw Enforcement Notification System works and answered questions from trustees.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

By General Consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Next meeting: March 4-6, 2014, Hornby Island, BC.

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Sheila Malcolmson, Chair, Islands Trust Council

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Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator & Recorder