



Trust Council Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: September 26 to September 28, 2023
Location: Pender Islands Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island

Executive Present:

1. Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Trustee
2. Tobi Elliott, Vice-Chair, Gabriola Trustee
3. David Maude, Vice-Chair, Mayne Trustee
4. Timothy Peterson, Vice-Chair, Lasqueti Trustee (electronic attendance)

Trustees Present:

5. Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
6. Judith Gedye, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
7. Sam Borthwick, Denman Trustee (regrets Thursday, September 28)
8. David Graham, Denman Trustee
9. Susan Yates, Gabriola Trustee
10. Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Trustee
11. Ben Maberley, Galiano Trustee (regrets as noted)
12. Joe Bernardo, Gambier Trustee
13. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Trustee
14. Alex Allen, Hornby Trustee (regrets Thursday, September 28)
15. Grant Scott, Hornby Trustee (regrets Thursday, September 28)
16. Mikaila Lironi, Lasqueti Trustee
17. Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Trustee (hybrid participation as noted)
18. Aaron Campbell, North Pender Trustee
19. Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee
20. Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Trustee (electronic)
21. Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Trustee
22. Mairead Boland, Saturna Trustee
23. Lee Middleton, Saturna Trustee (regrets Wednesday & Thursday)
24. Kristina Evans, South Pender Trustee
25. Dag Falck, South Pender Trustee
26. Ken Hunter, Thetis Trustee (electronic)

Staff Present:

Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
David Marlor, Director, Legislative Services (DLS)
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services (DTAS)
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services (DAS)
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services (DPS)
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Luckham expressed gratitude to First Nations and Indigenous Peoples whose home has been these islands since time immemorial.

2. CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All 26 trustees were present.

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 11.2.7 – Bylaw No. 190, Executive Committee Sponsorship of NAPTEP Fees – Request For Decision (RFD); provided by the Executive Committee and emailed to all trustees
- 14.4 – Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SS LTC) resolution without meeting (RWM No. 05-2023) requests Trust Council advocacy to the Province regarding the “Homes for People” actions that support rural island communities

Trustee Evans brought forward a request to add an agenda item for discussion about local trust committee (LTC) agendas being distributed more than five days in advance of a meeting. DLS Marlor noted that Trust Council provides model meeting procedures bylaws for LTCs and that LTCs adopt their own meeting procedures bylaws, including agenda distribution guidelines.

By general consent Trust Council adopted the agenda as amended.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations as presented in items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3.

3.1.1 June 2023, Trust Council draft meeting minutes
That Trust Council adopt the minutes as presented.

3.1.2 Trust Council Follow-Up Action (FUAL) List
Received for information.

3.1.3 Resolution without Meeting (RWM) Report
Received for information.

4. CLOSED WORKING SESSION

TC-2023-055

It was MOVED by Trustee Maude and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott, that the meeting of September 26, 2023, be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90, (1)(i)the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

At 1:22 p.m. the meeting was closed to the public and at 3:07 p.m. the meeting was reopened to the public.

Chair Luckham reported that Trust Council discussed in-camera legal opinions on Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*, Trust Council had come to conclusions on how it would be interpreted, and a news release was planned.

5. EXECUTIVE

5.1 Consent Agenda Items

CAO Hotsenpiller updated Trust Council on Wednesday's Visioning Session which would welcome Chief Eric Pelkey from the W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council.

CAO Hotsenpiller provided a verbal update on Executive Committee / Minister meetings at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and commented on the benefits of Islands Trust traditionally hosting a UBCM breakfast where Ministers, MLAs, electoral area directors and ministry senior staff come together in a collegial sharing of current work, issues, projects and focus.

CAO Hotsenpiller highlighted a meeting with Minister Fleming regarding moving forward with transportation initiatives.

Chair Luckham acknowledged past trustee Rob Botterell joining Trust Council in person at the Pender Islands Community Hall. Botterell was a former Bowen Island Trustee, serving between 1984-1986 and now a resident of Pender Island.

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations as presented in items 5.1.1 and 5.1.2.

5.1.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report
Received for information.

5.1.2 Executive Committee Work Program Report
That Trust Council approve the work program report as presented.

5.2 Discussion/Decision Items

5.2.1 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement - Office of the Ombudsperson Report - RFD
DPS Cermak introduced the RFD. Trust Council discussed creating a subcommittee, or including this work to an already assembled committee, to work with staff in an advisory role on this project.

It was MOVED by Municipal Trustee Fast and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Trust Council direct that the recommendations from the Office of Ombudsperson Report titled: "Voluntary Consultation on Bylaw Enforcement Policies and Practices within the Islands Trust", dated August 2023, be implemented, and that staff develop and initiate an associated work plan and project charter.

Debate ensued.

TC-2023-056

It was MOVED by Trustee Evans and SECONDED by Trustee Boland, that Trust Council amend the motion by striking the words “and initiate” and adding the following words at the end of the last sentence “and refer to the Regional Planning Committee”.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on the motion as amended.

TC-2023-057

It was MOVED by Municipal Trustee Fast and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,

that Trust Council direct that the recommendations from the Office of Ombudsperson Report titled: “Voluntary Consultation on Bylaw Enforcement Policies and Practices within the Islands Trust”, dated August 2023, be implemented, and that staff develop an associated work plan and project charter and refer to the Regional Planning Committee.

CARRIED

TC-2023-058

It was MOVED by Trustee Morrison and SECONDED by Trustee Falck, that the work plan and project charter for implementing the recommendations from the Office of Ombudsperson Report titled: “Voluntary Consultation on Bylaw Enforcement Policies and Practices within the Islands Trust”, dated August 2023 be brought back to Trust Council with recommendations from the RPC for review within the next six months.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Review of Trust Council Policies – RFD

DLS Marlor spoke to the RFD.

It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,

A. That Trust Council rescind:

1. Policy 2.1.5 Islands Trust Legislative Structure;
2. Policy 2.1.8 Development Approvals Information Bylaws;
3. Policy 2.2.4 Meeting Procedures Bylaw 101;
4. Policy 4.1.6 Local Trust Committee Guidelines for Authorizing Decisions;
5. Policy 4.1.10 Use of Islands Trust Flag;
6. Policy 4.1.12 Associated Islands Project Prioritization Criteria;
7. Policy 4.3.1 Local/Island Advisory Transportation Committees Policy;
8. Policy 6.11.1 Trustee Staff Responsibility Guide;
9. Policy 7.1.3 Use of Local Trustee Letterhead; and
10. Policy 8.1.1 Staff Organization Chart.

B. That Trust Council request staff to review, update and report back to Trust Council with recommendations for amendments to Trust Council policies, and where possible, combine similar policy documents to reduce redundancies.

TC-2023-059

It was MOVED by Trustee Morrison and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Trust Council amend the motion to exclude 7.1.3 Use of Local Trustee Letterhead.

CARRIED

TC-2023-060

It was MOVED by Trustee Boland and SECONDED by Trustee Middleton,

that Trust Council further amend the motion to exclude Policy 4.3.1 Local/Island Advisory Transportation Committees Policy from the motion.

DEFEATED

The question on the motion, as amended, was then called:

TC-2023-061

It was MOVED by Trustee Gedye and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,

A. that Trust Council rescind:

1. Policy 2.1.5 Islands Trust Legislative Structure;
2. Policy 2.1.8 Development Approvals Information Bylaws;
3. Policy 2.2.4 Meeting Procedures Bylaw 101;
4. Policy 4.1.6 Local Trust Committee Guidelines for Authorizing Decisions;
5. Policy 4.1.10 Use of Islands Trust Flag;
6. Policy 4.1.12 Associated Islands Project Prioritization Criteria;
7. Policy 4.3.1 Local/Island Advisory Transportation Committees Policy;
8. Policy 6.11.1 Trustee Staff Responsibility Guide; and
9. Policy 8.1.1 Staff Organization Chart.

B. that Trust Council request staff to review, update and report back to Trust Council with recommendations for amendments to Trust Council policies, and where possible, combine similar policy documents to reduce redundancies.

CARRIED

5.2.3 Request for a Provincial Review – Briefing

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the briefing that was postponed from the June 2022 Trust Council. Trust Council discussed the overall structure of the organization, what committee would be best to take on this project, as well as a strategic approach.

TC-2023-062

It was MOVED by Trustee Patrick and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick,

that Trust Council request the Governance Committee to recommend and draft a request to the Province to review Islands Trust.

CARRIED

6. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

6.1 Committee Update and Work Program/Matrix – Briefing

Governance Committee Chair Gedye spoke to the briefing and introduced the committee’s work program “matrix” to Trust Council. A change is to be made in the BACKGROUND section of the briefing under the Timeline and WORKPLAN sections on page 69 which should state: “December, 2022.”

Received for information.

6.2 Corporate Planning Framework for Islands Trust – RFD

It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,

1. that Trust Council approve the attached Draft Corporate Planning Framework, and
2. that Trust Council request that Governance Committee continue work on Corporate Plan development.

By general consent the agenda item was postponed until Wednesday, September 27th.

By general consent the meeting recessed for the day at 5:35 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Chair Luckham reconvened the meeting with a territorial acknowledgement at 8:30 a.m. There were 25 trustees present. Trustee Middleton and Maberley provided their regrets.

Trust Council continued with the postponed agenda item 6.2 from the previous day.

6.2 Corporate Planning Framework for the Islands Trust – RFD

Trust Council continued their discussion.

TC-2023-063

It was MOVED by Trustee Luckham and SECONDED by Trustee Gedye,

1. that Trust Council approve the Draft Corporate Planning Framework as attached in the Corporate Planning Framework for the Islands Trust RFD, and
2. that Trust Council request that Governance Committee continue work on Corporate Plan development.

Trust Council discussion included an acknowledgment of the large volume of work this entails, acknowledged staff’s work on the framework, and discussed the availability of staff time and resources.

CARRIED

7. DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION

7.1 Development of a Vision for Islands Trust - Briefing and Session Outline

CAO Hotsenpiller acknowledged the visioning work done in 2016. Trustees moved into breakout groups of 6 to 7 throughout the building and followed Step 2 of the session outline as suggested on page 89 of the agenda.

Trustees reconvened in the main hall at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Luckham introduced guest speaker Chief Eric Pelkey from the Tsawout First Nation. Chief Pelkey told Trust Council the story of The Great Flood, and spoke to trustees and staff about how Nations have respect for each other and their different territories while still remaining one people that are interrelated. Chief Pelkey shared his vision and focus for the future: preservation of nature.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Trustees returned to breakout groups to continue their visioning session with the intention of bringing forward unified statements to the whole group as stated in Step 3 of the session outline on page 89.

Trustees reconvened in the main hall at 11:15 a.m. Trust Council reviewed the visions brought by each group and a discussion ensued.

TC-2023-064

It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick, that Islands Trust adopt as its vision statement the following text: “A vibrant tapestry of caring, diverse, and rural island communities within the Salish Sea that flourish in harmony with nature.”

CARRIED

8. ENGAGEMENT / COLLABORATION

8.1 Lunch Hour - Field Trip

8.1.1 Guided Visit to KELA EKE Kingfisher Forest

8.1.2 Tour of Magic Lake Estates

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Luckham welcomed members of the public, and Trustees introduced themselves. Chair Luckham introduced staff and acknowledged Dr. Risa Smith, appointed trustee to and Chair of Islands Trust Conservancy Board, and also Bruce McConchie, past trustee from South Pender, in attendance.

Trustee Maberley joined the meeting.

8.2 Delegations:

8.2.1 Dave Manning re: Bald Eagles and Trees

Dave Manning, a 19 year resident of North Pender Island, is the coordinator of the project Eagle Watch which has been in effect 18 years. The Eagle Watch project searches for, locates, and monitors eagle nests across the Salish Sea and

shares the data with the Hancock Wildlife Foundation, local conservancy groups on the islands, and local trustees.

Primary nests are located in Douglas fir trees roughly 200 to 400 years old, which he notes are disappearing. Environment and habitat play an important role in success of these nests for the adult eagles to be able to monitor their eaglets and for eaglets to be able to fly to surrounding buffer zone trees. In 18 years, 33 nests have come down due to wind, people taking down trees for views, safety, and other reasons. He stated that “to keep the bald eagles around we need to protect these trees and the surrounding habitat.”

8.2.2 Jennifer Margison re: Proactively address recommendations in Governance Committee Report

Jennifer Margison, Galiano Island resident, addressed Trust Council as a representative of Friends of the Gulf Islands Society whose mission is working to protect the natural environment, surrounding waters, and rural character of the Gulf Islands. The Friends of the Gulf Islands Society suggests Trust Council prioritize six recommendations from the Governance Review Report. Jennifer Margison reviewed the recommendations with Trust Council.

Trustee Gedye, Chair of the Governance Committee reported work to date and noted the following:

- The committee is working well together with their experience set, interest and energy.
- There’s a possibility the committee will be looking for outside consultation in the future.

8.2.3 Peter Pare re: Gulf Islands Sue Big Oil group

Peter Pare, Pender Island resident, shared a presentation titled, Recovering the Costs of Climate Change. Mr. Pare represents a Trust-wide group, The Gulf Islands’ Sue Big Oil Group, who are urging local governments across BC to contribute to the campaign to sue Big Oil companies for a portion of costs associated with the adverse side effects of climate change. He suggested that potential funds from this action could help Islands Trust with costs associated with climate change including adverse health effects. The Gulf Islands’ Sue Big Oil Group asked Trust Council to join the class action lawsuit.

8.2.4 Andy Nowak/Pender Forest Stewards re: Freshwater Security for the Islands Trust Area

Andy Nowak, North Pender Island resident and spokesperson for Pender Forest Stewards, urged Trust Council to implement the key recommendations of the Freshwater Sustainability Strategy and also asked that Trust Council assure action will be taken on their request to protect watersheds in the Islands Trust Area as water security is of immense importance.

8.3 Public Comments

Eight members of the public were present; four electronically and four in-person.

A Pender Island resident spoke to Trust Council having a lighter fossil fuel footprint and suggested that the electric bus option on Pender would be an idea to lower emissions for meetings held on the island. Admires Trustee and staff efforts.

Michael Sketch, North Pender Island resident, addressed Trust Council and spoke to the history of the Islands Trust Act and its vision.

Julia Nichols, W̱SÁNEĆ territory, spoke to Trust Council about the risk of fire on private land and asked Trust Council to expand Development Permit Areas. Fire studies have been done for public land, but not private land, on the Penders. Referencing the Salt Spring Island plan which highlights the importance of a healthy forest in protecting against fire.

Bruce McConchie, former South Pender Island trustee, spoke to Trust Council about his work with seven other coastal community groups in raising awareness regarding the environmental attack that is happening in the waters of the Trust Area undermining TC's efforts to preserve and protect: ship anchorages. Anchorages have been increasing in the Trust Area with twenty one ships currently anchored in these waters spewing out CO2 today. Mr. McConchie asked Trust Council to raise their voices and oppose Bill C-33.

Maxine Leichter (electronic), representing Friends of the Gulf Islands (FGI), urged Trust Council to request that the Province consult with First Nations and amend the *Islands Trust Act* to provide for the appointment of First Nations representatives to Trust Council and/or Trust Executor.

Kees Langereis (electronic), Gabriola Island resident and former trustee, asked Trust Council if Islands Trust sees itself as a trust, or a local government and asked how that impacts decision making for trustees.

Ian Peace (electronic), Salt Spring Island resident, encouraged Trust Council to continue its efforts to map eel grass in the Trust Area so they can be used for proper planning.

Deborah Ferens (electronic), Gabriola Island resident and representative for the Gulf Islands Alliance, stated support for the recommendation of the governance review and support in Section 3 of the *Islands Trust Act*.

Chair Luckham recognized people in political life that have passed on recently: Senator Pat Carney from Saturna Island; Rich Tamboline, former trustee; and Gary Paget, provincial government planner, whose work was instrumental in the beginnings of Islands Trust and who was inducted into the Hall of Excellence in 2014.

9. PLANNING SERVICES

9.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations as presented in items 9.1.1 to 9.1.3.

9.1.1 Director of Planning Services Report
Received for information.

- 9.1.2 Regional Planning Committee Work Program Report
That Trust Council approve the work program report as presented.
- 9.1.3 Bylaw Enforcement Statistical Reports – Briefing
DPS Cermak spoke to the briefing and answered questions. Discussion on the statistical report ensued.
Received for information.

9.2 Discussion / Decision Items
None

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / FINANCE

10.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations as presented in items 10.1.1 to 10.1.3.

10.1.1 Director of Administrative Services Report
Received for information.

10.1.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report
That Trust Council approve the work program report as presented.

10.1.3 June 30, 2023 Financial Report - RFD
That Trust Council approve the June 30, 2023 financial report.

10.2 Discussion / Decision Items

10.2.1 March 31, 2023 Islands Trust Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report - RFD

TC-2023-065

It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau, that Trust Council approve the Islands Trust audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023.

CARRIED

10.2.2 March 31, 2023 Allocated Financial Statements - BRF
DAS Mobbs summarized the briefing that was received for information.

10.2.3 2022-23 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) – RFD
DAS Mobbs summarized the request for decision.

TC-2023-066

It was MOVED by Trustee Bernardo and SECONDED by Trustee Borthwick, that Trust Council approve the 2022/23 Statement of Financial Information.

CARRIED

- 10.2.4 Draft 2024/25 Budget Assumptions, Principles and Guidelines - RFD
DAS Mobbs presented the request for decision, and walked through items in the table on page 187.

TC-2023-067

It was MOVED by Trustee Grant and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott,
that Trust Council approve the 2024/25 Budget Assumptions, Principles,
and Guidelines.

CARRIED

11. TRUST AREA SERVICES

11.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopt the recommendations as presented in items 11.1.2 and 11.1.4.

11.1.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

DTAS Frater spoke to the report stating that no formal replies to the First Nations letters have been received. The Report was received for information.

11.1.2 Trust Area Services Work Program Report

That Trust Council approve the work program report as presented.

11.1.3 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

Received for information.

11.1.4 March 31, 2023 Audited Financial Statements of the Islands Trust Conservancy - Briefing

Received for information.

11.1.5 Legislative Monitoring Report, August 2023 - Briefing

Received for information.

TC-2023-068

It was MOVED by Trustee Yates and SECONDED by Municipal Trustee Fast,

that staff provide Trust Council with the legislative monitoring report quarterly.

CARRIED

11.2 Discussion / Decision Items

11.2.1 Introducing Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Chair – Dr. Risa Smith

Newly appointed ITC Chair Smith gave a comprehensive report to Trust Council on the work of the conservancy. Chair Smith planned to meet with other trustees during the meeting. Praise was given to the ITC staff for their hard work and support.

- 11.2.2 Larmour NAPTEP Application (Salt Spring) – RFD
DTAS Frater introduced the request for decision.

TC-2023-069

It was MOVED by Trustee Patrick and SECONDED by Municipal Trustee Fast,

that Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a NAPTEP Certificate for the covenanted portion of the property described as PID 000-138-452, Lot 1, Section 87, South Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP 27894, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for NAPTEP.

CARRIED

- 11.2.3 Koontz NAPTEP Certificate Gabriola Island – RFD

TC-2023-070

It was MOVED by Trustee Yates and SECONDED by Trustee Gauvreau,

that Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a NAPTEP Certificate for the covenanted portion of the property described as PID 05-788-447, That Part of Lot 3, Section 5, Gabriola Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 6986, Lying to the North West of a Road Dedication by Plan 17829, Except those parts in Plans 21783 and 26145, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for NAPTEP.

CARRIED

- 11.2.4 Snaw-naw-as First Nation Islands Trust Working Group - RFD

At the time of the meeting, the Minister of Municipal Affairs had not approved the protocol agreement. The request for decision was included in the agenda with the hopes that approval would have been received in time for Trust Council. DTAS Frater suggested Trust Council consider the recommendation at this time and then receive a Resolution Without Meeting once approved by the Minister.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- affordability and resources
- Provincial Reconciliation Grant
- member logistics in the working group
- next step in reconciliation, working directly with First Nations

- 11.2.5 Draft Revised Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter V6 - RFD
DTAS Frater presented the request for decision.

It was MOVED by Trustee Scott and SECONDED by Trustee Yates,
that Trust Council approve Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter v7.

The question on the motion was deferred to Thursday's agenda following the closed meeting.

11.2.6 Islands Trust 50th Anniversary Activities – Briefing

This item was deferred to Thursday, noting that the attachment was not included in the original agenda package. The briefing was emailed to all trustees at 9:00 p.m., Wednesday September 27.

11.2.7 Bylaw 190

DTAS Frater provided an overview of the request for decision presented as a late item.

TC-2023-071

It was MOVED by Trustee Stamford and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Trust Council Bylaw No. 190, cited as "Trust Council Natural Area Exemption Certificate Fees Bylaw No. 115, 2006, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2022", be adopted.

CARRIED

By general consent the meeting recessed for the day at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Chair Luckham reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. There were 22 trustees present. The following trustees were absent or sent regrets: Scott, Allen, Middleton, and Borthwick.

12. CLOSED MEETING

TC-2023-072

It was MOVED by Municipal Trustee Fast and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott, That Trust Council close the meeting to the public subject to Sections 90 (1) (c)(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust, receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, and that staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

At 8:35 a.m. the meeting was closed to the public.

At 9:25 a.m. the meeting was reopened to the public then recessed for five minutes.

At 9:30 a.m. the meeting reconvened.

Trust Council addressed item 11.2.5 next, which was deferred from Wednesday.

11.2.5 Draft Revised Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter V6 - RFD
Discussion ensued.

TC-2023-073

It was MOVED by Trustee Scott and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Trust Council approve Policy Statement Amendment Project Charter v7.

CARRIED

11.2.6 Islands Trust 50th Anniversary Activities – Briefing

DTAS Frater introduced the briefing, noting that June 5th, 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of Islands Trust. Discussion ensued on the following:

- legacy project in collaboration with First Nations
- possibility of Provincial agencies and ministries to support celebrations
- focus - future instead of the past
- year-round promotion, webinars and working with First Nations
- thoughts on an acknowledgment vs celebration
- potential invitations to the Minister, and to previous trustees

13. **RISE AND REPORT**

Chair Luckham reported from the closed meeting that the minutes from the previous in-camera meeting were adopted, and that legal advice was received.

7. **DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION**

7.1 **Development of a Vision for Islands Trust - Briefing and Session Outline**

TC-2023-074

It was MOVED by Municipal Trustee Gedye and SECONDED by Trustee Elliott, that Trust Council reconsider Resolution TC-2023-064: “That Trust Council adopt the following vision: A vibrant tapestry of caring, diverse and rural communities within the Salish Sea that flourish in harmony with nature.”

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on the draft vision statement.

It was MOVED by Trustee Evans and SECONDED by Trustee Falck, that Trust Council add the following words at the end of the motion “and First Nations”.

Discussion ensued.

By general consent the amending motion was withdrawn.

It was MOVED by Trustee Morrison and SECONDED by Trustee Stamford, that Trust Council amend the vision statement to insert “, respecting Indigenous rights,” between “...communities” and “...within” so that the vision statement is “A vibrant tapestry of caring, diverse and rural communities, respecting Indigenous rights within the Salish Sea that flourish in harmony with nature.”

Discussion ensued.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. the electronic meeting failed and resumed at 11:03 a.m. The meeting recessed at 11:07 a.m. and resumed at 11:12 a.m.

By general consent the motion was withdrawn.

TC-2023-075

It was **MOVED** by **Municipal Trustee Fast** and **SECONDED** by **Trustee Evans**, that the word “draft” be inserted before the word “vision”.

DEFEATED

TC-2023-076

It was **MOVED** by **Trustee Morrison** and **SECONDED** by **Trustee Mabblerley**, that the Trust Council postpone the decision on the vision statement to the December Trust Council and request staff to provide advice on the process of the vision and mission statement development in light of our responsibilities to reconciliation.

CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Notice of Motion for September Trust Council re: Gabriola LTC request

Trustee Yates withdrew the notice of motion.

14.2 Trustee Peterson re: Disposition of Delegations – Discussion

Due to lack of available time, Trustee Peterson deferred (again) this item to the next Trust Council meeting.

14.3 Trustee Boland re: Trust Council Meeting Schedule and Agenda – Discussion

Trustee Boland presented the discussion item.

It was **MOVED** by **Trustee Boland** and **SECONDED** by **Trustee Campbell**, that Trust Council direct staff to assess the changes to the Trust Council agenda and schedule proposed in Trustee Boland's briefing note, as well as those suggested by other trustees in the related discussion; consult with those trustees who expressed interest at this meeting in changing the TC meeting protocols; and, prepare a memorandum and request for decision for presentation at the next Trust Council meeting recommending revisions to the protocols.

The motion was withdrawn by Trustee Boland.

TC-2023-077

It was **MOVED** by **Trustee Boland** and **SECONDED** by **Trustee Yates**, that Trust Council request staff to update the Council Committee System and Terms of Reference Policy 2.3.1, Section 6.2 as follows: “The agenda will be distributed to committee members and the CAO at least seven days before the meeting.”

CARRIED

14.4 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee requests Trust Council Advocacy

Trustee Patrick presented the item, noting that Salt Spring Island LTC passed Resolution Without Meeting 2023-05 on September 22, 2023, requesting Trust Council advocate to the Province for Homes for People actions that support rural island communities regarding the suite incentives program.

TC-2023-078

It was MOVED by Trustee Elliott and SECONDED by Trustee Patrick, that Trust Council request that Trustees Patrick, Gauvreau, and Elliot work on an advocacy letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding inclusion in the “Homes for People” actions on behalf of local trust committee areas struggling with housing issues in the Trust Area.

CARRIED

15. TRUSTEE SUMMARY UPDATES

15.1 TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustee Morrison spoke to a Development Permit Area issue and the history of larger forest cutting on North Pender asking that trustees understand Trust Council's decision to not allow for local responsibility around forest rights is having a direct impact on North Pender.

Trustee Peterson wrote a letter to the Premier regarding the Secondary Suite Incentive Program requesting the Province include Islands Trust in provincial programs and initiatives.

Trustee Harris raised concerns that Bylaw 530 has still not been read. He would like to hear from Executive Committee on the issue. Chair Luckham stated that the LTC has not brought the issue forward to Executive Committee at this time.

15.2 Trustee Borthwick - Baynes Sound Lambert Channel Ecoforum Report

No report

15.3 Trustee Maude - BC Ferries Ferry Advisory Committee

No report

15.4 Freighter Anchorages / Oceans Protection Plan Update

No report

15.5 Shellfish Aquaculture Management Advisory Committee (SF AMAC)

No report

15.6 Southern Gulf Islands Forum

No report

15.7 Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Community Forum

No report

16. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

Regarding delegation presentation 8.2.3 Peter Pare re: Gulf Islands Sue Big Oil group:

TC-2023-079

It was MOVED by Trustee Morrison and SECONDED by Trustee Yates, that Trust Council request staff to report back on options to join the class action suit to sue big oil with other municipalities at the rate of \$0.50/resident of the Trust Area.

CARRIED

17. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

18. TRUST COUNCIL PRIORITIES CHART

Received for information.

19. NEXT MEETING

19.1 Proposed Upcoming Trust Council Program

The next Trust Council meeting is scheduled to be held in person, December 5-7, 2023, at the Coast Hotel in Victoria, 146 Kingston Street, Victoria BC.

19.1.1 Supporting materials for discussion on climate change action - Briefing
For Trust Council's consideration as an item on December's meeting agenda.

20. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator