



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: August 27, 2021
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trustee (Chair)
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island Local Trustee (Vice Chair)
Paul Brent, Saturna Island Local Trustee
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
David Critchley, Denman Island Local Trustee
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island Local Trustee
Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
Benjamin McConchie, North Pender Island Local Trustee
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island Local Trustee (EC Representative)
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair (Ex Officio)

Staff Present: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Others Present: One member of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Morrison acknowledged that attendees of the meeting were on the traditional and treaty territories of several Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 5.2 TPC RWM 2021-02 – Declared Carried on August 23, 2021
- 7.1 Include discussion of MODUS Planning, Design and Engagement Inc. selection process
- 7.1 Include discussion of recent trustee conversations with the public in regards to the Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP)

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. TOWN HALL

ADOPTED

Jacinthe Eastick enquired as to First Nation engagement in regards to the Policy Statement Amendment Project.

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1 Minutes of Meeting

5.1.1 Trust Programs Committee draft minutes of June 15, 2021

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

5.2 Resolutions Without Meeting

TPC RWM 2021-02 was declared carried on August 23, 2021.

That the Trust Programs Committee meeting of August 27, 2021, be an electronic meeting.

5.3 FUAL

Director Frater spoke to the items in progress.

TPC-2021-041

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee remove the November 6, 2019 activity related to the Fraser Basin Council from the FUAL.

CARRIED

It was suggested that staff use the Activity field in the FUAL to note original target dates and whether the item is on hold.

6. TRUST COUNCIL BUSINESS

None

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Islands Trust 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project update - Briefing

Discussion included:

- the selection process in regards to hiring the engagement consultant MODUS Planning, Design and Engagement Inc. It was noted that questions regarding the hiring of MODUS were encouraged to be directed to the Executive Committee as the Trust Programs Committee was not involved in the hiring decision

ADOPTED

- how a discussion guide recommended by the Executive Committee would fit with an engagement plan developed by the consultant
- the relationship between Islands Trust and the Province in general and the recent Order by the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development that went into effect August 24, 2021 in regards to the prohibition of new applications for private moorage within the southern Gulf Islands and the southeast shoreline of Vancouver Island for the next two years
- whether Trust Council or local trust committees can create moratoriums on activities that are being reviewed by the Province
- some trustees have conducted small community meetings that promote discussion and explanation/education
- the possibility of Trustees speaking notes in regards to specific issues such as desalination
- improving the format or layout of the document so individuals can focus on the aspects that interest them
- separating parts of the Policy Statement that are supported by a general agreement and those parts that don't have general agreement; those parts that don't have a general agreement could be discussed at a later date as the Policy Statement is an ongoing document that needs to be updated on a regular basis
- separating areas of the Policy Statement that relate to powers within Islands Trust jurisdiction and areas that relate to advocacy or cooperation with other agencies
- engaging with the younger public who prefer to use social media to communicate and obtain information
- typical Official Community Plans are longer documents than the current draft Policy Statement

The meeting recessed at 10:41 a.m. and resumed at 10:48 a.m.

7.2 Stewardship Education Program - Briefing

Director Frater spoke to the briefing. Discussion ensued on potential priorities for the temporary community communications position and how it might interact with PSAP work and a "Living in the Trust Area" mailing. Topics included:

- addressing forest management on properties (why we care what we do with the forest on our properties; why forests matter)
- addressing how to assist the public in being aware of actions they can take towards supporting "preserve and protect"
- addressing beachfront issues, including supporting the Green Shores program
- including the Truth Before Reconciliation document in communications materials
- ensuring coordination with Islands Trust Conservancy
- including the science on the impacts to the environment of tree cutting in communication materials
- reviewing previous educational program work done by Islands Trust, such as the "Place in the Islands" book, with a view to potential revision and use
- including connection to resources and current issues (such as the PSAP) on the Islands Trust website in the tax assessment insert

ADOPTED

- including information on the difference between the Trust Council and the Local Trust Committees in the “Living in the Trust Area” mailing
- informing other governments and agencies of the role and mandate of Islands Trust and the need for cooperation
- continuing to create stewardship education webinars
- utilizing a variety of communication methods to connect with the public, including thorough use of social media
- providing basic information to residents regarding Islands Trust bylaws, their obligations, responsibilities and opportunities with a view to minimizing the need for bylaw enforcement

Director Frater will return to the next TPC meeting with a proposal in regards to priorities for the temporary community communications position between now and March of 2022. She indicated that there are many examples of communication material that Islands Trust has produced and they would need to be reviewed in light of reconciliation.

7.3 Trust Programs Committee Budget Requests 2022/23 - RFD

Director Frater presented the RFD, indicating that the recommendations support development of the 2022/23 draft budget and give Trust Programs Committee members and Trust Area Services staff more time to prepare refined budget estimates and business cases informed by Trust Program Committee discussions. It was noted that Trust Council will need to discuss potential future activities of the PSAP before the Committee would be able to estimate budget requirements.

TPC-2021-042

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee defer recommendations on the 2022/23 budget of the Policy Statement Amendment Project to Trust Council.

CARRIED

TPC-2021-043

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee request that the Financial Planning Committee include in the first version of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget \$75,000 as a Trust Programs Committee Strategic Plan projects budget placeholder amount pending TPC consideration of specific budget requests on October 29, 2021, and Trust Council consideration of Policy Statement Amendment Project funding.

CARRIED

TPC-2021-044

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to prepare business cases for undertaking 2018-2022 Strategic Plan projects related to Secretariat Services, Policy Statement Amendment Project, Climate Change Indicators and

ADOPTED

Stewardship Education Program for consideration by Trust Programs Committee in October 2021.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. WORK PROGRAM

10.1 Trust Programs Work Program

By general consent the Committee adopted the Work program as presented.

11. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is an electronic meeting on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Deb Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder