



## **Trust Programs Committee Minutes of a Special Meeting**

**Date:** April 2, 2025  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Kristina Evans, Chair/South Pender Trustee  
Tobi Elliott, Gabriola Trustee  
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee  
Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Trustee  
David Graham, Denman Trustee  
David Maude, Mayne Trustee  
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Trustee (EC Representative)  
Susan Yates, Gabriola Trustee  
Laura Patrick, Islands Trust Council Chair and Salt Spring Trustee  
(Ex Officio TPC member)

**Members Regrets** Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Trustee  
Alex Allen, Vice-Chair/Hornby Trustee

**Members Absent:** Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee

**Staff Present:** Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
Stefan Cermak, Director, Planning Services  
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor  
Jason Youmans, Senior Policy Advisor  
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that attendees of the meeting were in locations across the territories of the Coast Salish People. Trustees and Staff introduced themselves.

### **2. AGENDA**

#### **2.1 Review of Agenda**

No late item nor changes to the agenda were presented for consideration.

#### **2.2 Approval of Agenda**

**By general consent** the agenda was approved as presented.

**ADOPTED**

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION**

**3.1 Resolution Without Meeting 2025-01 - set Special Meeting of April 2, 2025**

Presented for information.

**4. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS**

**4.1 Islands Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw No. 183 - Discussion**

Chair Evans provided a document to the Committee in regards to potential motions to recommend amendments to the draft Bylaw collected from previous meetings of the Committee of the Whole. These potential motions had not yet been discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee recessed at 9:22 a.m. and resumed at 9:27 a.m.

Chair Evans indicated that there were two outstanding recommendations from the latest Committee of the Whole meeting, those being related to draft Policy Statement sections 3.4.17 and 3.4.18.

**TPC-2025-005**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request Trust Council amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item 3.4.17 to read "Where required, identify appropriate locations for waste transfer stations for the removal of waste from the Islands Trust Area."

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-006**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request Trust Council amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.4.18 by amending the title to be "Wastewater Disposal Systems" and amend "new septic systems" to "wastewater disposal systems".

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-007**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.4.25 to read "Identify new, protect existing, and support the acquisition and protection of safe public access to marine shorelines and along marine shorelines that are appropriate for low-impact, public recreational use and do not adversely impact the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment."

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTED**

**TPC-2025-008**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.4.20 to read: "Identify appropriate locations and types of facilities for low-impact and active recreational activities, and discourage high-impact activities that may adversely impact the preservation and protection of the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment."

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-009**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.4.22 to add the words "and support" after "Identify" and before "safe", such that it would read "Identify and support safe public access to community marinas, boat launches, and docks."

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-010**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide recommendations in regards to a new policy to identify and protect safe anchorages and to discourage anchorage in sensitive marine locations.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-011**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.4.25 such that the words “, including Indigenous Peoples’ cultural heritage sites and marine harvesting areas” be added to the end of the sentence.

**CARRIED**

**By general consent** the Committee deferred discussion of the Freshwater section until Freshwater Specialist William Shulba can be present at a future meeting.

**TPC-2025-012**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.5.5 by moving the last phrase to the beginning, and to replace one use of the word "fish" to "amphibian", such that it would read, "Strive to ensure that water quality in lakes, streams and wetlands is maintained, and that freshwater use is not to the detriment of other uses of

**ADOPTED**

the waterway, such as fish and amphibian habitat uses, Indigenous cultural and spiritual uses, and aesthetic and recreational uses.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-013**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide an analysis of protecting agriculture land that is not in the Agriculture Land Reserve to draft Policy Statement Section Directive Policies – Agriculture Land.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-014**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to craft a new advisory policy under the agricultural land section that captures the following items:

- Indigenous food sovereignty and food security
- general island community food security
- cultivating food forest practices
- encouraging Indigenous-led agricultural initiatives

**CARRIED**

The Committee recessed at 11:41 a.m. and resumed at 12:15 p.m.

The Committee then addressed agenda item 6.

**6. NEXT MEETINGS**

**By general consent** Trust Programs Committee requested staff to poll members of their availability for an April 29, 2025 meeting either in the morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. or in the evening.

Committee then returned to agenda item 4.1.

**4.1 Islands Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw No. 183 - Discussion**

**TPC-2025-015**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide an analysis of adding saltwater intrusion to draft Policy Statement section Directive Policies – Freshwater.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-016**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.5.21 by changing the title to "Marine Docks" and move the last phrase to the beginning of the policy, such that it would read,

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"Consider the cumulative effects of docks, and limit or prohibit new docks in areas identified as culturally significant by Indigenous Governing Bodies and Indigenous Knowledge Holders, in areas that provide critical habitat for species at risk, and in areas of recreational significance."

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-017**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the draft Trust Policy Statement item No. 3.5.22 by adding the words "and pollutants" in the heading and in the text.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-018**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide an analysis and potential amendments to draft Policy Statement Section 4.1 – Policy Statement Implementation, to require development of a Policy Statement Implementation Plan that includes, but is not limited to:

- context statements similar to those used in Regional Growth Strategies
- an updated Directives Only Checklist
- implementation agreements with other levels of government and agencies
- targets and a monitoring program to assess Policy Statement implementation
- a program to update Trust Area Official Community Plans to bring them into alignment with the new Policy Statement.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS - NEW**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Kristina Evans, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder