



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: May 22, 2024
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Kristina Evans, Chair/South Pender Island Trustee
Alex Allen, Vice-Chair/Hornby Island Trustee
Sam Borthwick, Denman Island Trustee
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island Trustee (EC Representative)
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair and Thetis Island Trustee
(Ex Officio TPC member)

Member Absent: Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Trustee

Staff Present: Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Joe Elliott, Senior Indigenous Relations Advisor
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

Others Present: No member of the public was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and acknowledged that attendees of the meeting were in locations across the traditional 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No member of the public was present.

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

ADOPTED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION

6.1 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting

6.1.1 Trust Programs Committee (TPC) Minutes of April 15, 2024

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

6.2 Resolutions Without Meeting (RWM)

None.

6.3 Follow Up Action List

Director Frater spoke to the FUAL items that were in progress and also spoke about recent staff changes including hiring a temporary contract person to backfill the Program Coordinator who is on a temporary placement with the Planning department; and that the current Senior Policy Advisor, Tyler Brown, will be leaving Islands Trust at the end of the month.

As Chair Evans was experiencing poor connectivity to the meeting, Vice-Chair Allen assumed the role of Chair for the rest of the meeting.

7. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS

7.1 Survey Results Reports from January – March, 2024 webinars - Briefing

Director Frater introduced the Briefing. Committee discussion included:

- the possibility of future webinars on wildfire to focus on other parts of the Trust Area, that being Howe Sound and the northern islands
- general public feedback indicates a positive response to the webinars.

7.2 Stewardship Education Program - Request For Decision (RFD)

Director Frater introduced the RFD. Committee discussion included:

- available land title information prevents inclusion of apartment buildings and building stratas in a mail-out
- the challenge of reaching Trust Area residents who are renters needs to be addressed
- a potential future webinar could address the need to know where on the islands is rainwater infiltrating into groundwater and thereby helping to replenish the amount of groundwater in order to protect those areas

ADOPTED

- the possibility that a webinar on invasive species plant removal could be combined with native plant gardening

Trustee Peterson left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

TPC-2024-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee endorse the Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter, dated May 15, 2024.

CARRIED

Trustee Peterson returned to the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Committee discussion continued:

- focusing on invasive species plant removal is a “negative” action that may not resonate with the public as much as “positive” actions
- combining the topic of invasive species plant removal with the topic of gardening with native plants will not support being able to provide sufficient detail on each of the two topics, and some members of the public may only be interested in only one of those two topics
- the positive aspect of invasive species plant removal in supporting pollinators and the native plants could be emphasized

TPC-2024-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee direct staff to develop project charters for the following four webinars – Groundwater Conservation, Living With Fire, Invasive Species Plant Removal, and Native Plant Gardening.

CARRIED

7.3 Trust Programs Committee 2025/26 Business Cases - Request For Decision

Director Frater introduced the RFD. Committee discussion included:

- possibility of increasing the suggested amount for both programs
- staff had advised coordination groups of the total funds for secretarial services and suspect the groups would likely ask for more support if Islands Trust could provide more
- staff availability to create, publicize, and deliver the programs is a limiting factor

TPC-2024-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to draft the following fiscal year 2025/26 business cases for consideration at the next regular business meeting:

- Secretariat Services (\$17,000)
- Stewardship Education (\$17,000)

CARRIED

ADOPTED

Committee recessed at 11:30 a.m. and resumed at 11:40 a.m.

8. BUSINESS - OTHER

8.1 Recommendations for Trust Council's Strategic Plan - Kunming-Montreal COP15 Global Biodiversity Framework - Draft Trustee Request For Decision for Trust Council

Trustee Fast introduced the draft Trust Council RFD, indicating that a working group of herself and Trustees Allen, Elliott, Patrick and Smith have been discussing the Global Biodiversity Framework and its various aspects. The working group has not presented the draft RFD to the Regional Planning Committee. Committee discussion included:

- the subject of the RFD is in regards to the Kunming-Montreal COP15 Global Biodiversity Framework but the content is about only one aspect of that Framework, that being integrated spatial planning.

TPC-2024-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee amend the draft Trust Council Request For Decision by changing the subject to "Recommendations for Trust Council's Strategic Plan – Integrated Spatial Planning Approach."

CARRIED

Director Frater stated that she will notify the Director, Planning Services of the direction provided by the Trust Programs Committee in regards to this topic so that the Director, Planning Services can advise the Regional Planning Committee.

TPC-2024-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee forward the amended Draft Trust Council Request For Decision in regards to Integrated Spatial Planning as amended to Trust Council.

CARRIED

8.2 2023/24 Annual Report – Approval of Trust Programs Committee Section - Request For Decision

Director Frater presented the RFD.

TPC-2024-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee approve the text attached to the Request For Decision for inclusion in the 2023/24 Annual Report for approval by Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS - NEW

ADOPTED

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 26, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

11. WORK PROGRAM

Director Frater introduced the Work Program, noting that the Trust Council and Trust Council's Committee of the Whole will be discussing the draft new Policy Statement so it is expected that the Committee's former responsibility to advise on content may be altered.

TPC-2024-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee remove item #1 Policy Statement Amendment Project from the Active Projects List.

CARRIED

TPC-2024-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee forward the Work Plan to Trust Council as amended.

CARRIED

12. CLOSED MEETING

The meeting was not closed.

13. RISE AND REPORT

As the meeting was not closed, there was no need to consider this.

14. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Kristina Evans, Chair

Certified Correct:

Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder