



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

**Date:** April 29, 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  
Jamie Harris, Salt Spring 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)

**Members Absent:** Alex Allen, Vice-Chair/Hornby Trustee  
Deb Morrison, North Pender Trustee

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

**Others Present:** One member of the public was present

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

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 additional items were presented for consideration.

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

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

**ADOPTED**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Maxine Leichter of the Friends of the Gulf Islands spoke in regards to the correspondence received.

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 2025-04-22 Friends of the Gulf Islands re: Islands Trust Policy Statement**

Committee discussion included:

- the need for staff analysis in regards to the proposals
- the timing of considering public input in regards to the Policy Statement

**6. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS**

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

Committee discussion included:

- the need for a definition of watersheds
- the possibility that all recommendations be advisory rather than directive
- encouraging freshwater “harvesting” may lead to commercial or industrial activities that negatively impact the supply of freshwater

Committee recessed at 10:11 a.m. and resumed at 10:16 a.m.

**TPC-2025-028**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to draft a new advisory policy 3.5.6 that reads “Encourage freshwater storage in areas where the quality or quantity of groundwater is likely to be inadequate or unsustainable”.

**TPC-2025-029**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee amend the above motion by replacing the word “areas” with “groundwater regions”.

**CARRIED**

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

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-030**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

**ADOPTED**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to add a new principle under the heading "Collaborate with Island Municipalities" in section 2.2 Cooperation Principles to read: "to collaborate with Islands Municipalities, particularly in the areas of conservation planning, communications and engagement, the Policy Statement, and other areas supporting the Islands Trust Object."

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-031**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to add to the glossary of terms the following definitions: "recreational significance", "active recreation", "natural heritage sites", and "watersheds", and add "marine" sections to "sensitive ecosystems", and define all relevant terms.

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-032**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to add a new directive policy 3.4.26 (Public Access to Public/Crown land) that reads: "Identify and support the acquisition and protection of public access to publicly-owned lands."

**CARRIED**

Committee discussion continued:

- possibility of reversing the order of the Organizational Policy Alignment section with the Statutory Bylaw Approval Process section
- possibility of the "Directives Only Checklist" to be the "Directive Checklist"
- possibility of retaining the definitions of the Object on page 5 of the current Policy Statement

Trustee Elliott left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**TPC-2025-033**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide advice about including the text from the current Policy Statement "The Islands Trust Object and it's meaning" through to the next heading, "Guiding Principles", amended to include First Nations, in Section 1.1 of the Draft Policy Statement.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Elliott returned to the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

**TPC-2025-034**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to reorder section 2 by making 2.2 Reconciliation Principles and 2.3 Cooperation Principles.

**ADOPTED**

**CARRIED**

**TPC-2025-035**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide advice about the wording around Reconciliation, including whether “healing process” should be in the Trust Policy Statement or not.

**CARRIED**

Committee recessed at 12:10 p.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Committee discussion continued:

- Trust Council had removed all the advocacy policies from the Draft Bylaw
- Trustee Fast intends to send a message to the Committee in regards to management of styrofoam in docks

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**By general consent** the Committee set the start of the May 7 meeting to 9:00 a.m.

**8. CLOSED MEETING**

The meeting was not closed.

**9. RISE AND REPORT**

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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Kristina Evans, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder