



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

**Date:** February 14, 2024  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Kristina Evans, Chair/South Pender Island Trustee  
Sam Borthwick, Denman Island Trustee  
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee  
Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island Trustee  
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island Trustee (EC Representative)  
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair and Thetis Island Trustee  
(Ex Officio TPC member)

**Member Regrets:** Alex Allen, Vice-Chair/Hornby Island Trustee

**Staff Present:** Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
David Marlor, Director, Legislative Services  
Mary Storzer, Senior Policy Advisor  
Tyler Brown, Senior Policy 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 10:00 a.m. and acknowledged that the committee members are fortunate to be able to gather in locations across the territories of Coast Salish First Nations. 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.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION**

**6.1 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting**

6.1.1 Trust Programs Committee (TPC) Minutes of November 6, 2023

**By general consent** the minutes were approved as presented.

**6.2 Resolutions Without Meeting (RWM)**

6.2.1 RWM 2024-01 – Set TPC meeting schedule for 2024

Provided for information.

**6.3 Follow Up Action List**

Director Frater spoke to the FUAL items that were in progress.

**7. BUSINESS - WORK PROGRAM ITEMS**

**7.1 Policy Statement Amendment Project Update – Briefing**

Director Frater provided an update on the project indicating that the primary focus over the last few months has continued to be engagement with First Nations on the staff draft and seeking their written input, but also having meetings with First Nations to talk through any concerns, answer questions, and explain the context. Discussion included:

- a recurring frequently raised topic during meetings with First Nations is the topic of governance as Staff are consistently hearing a desire for Islands Trust Council and local trust committees to more actively respect Indigenous rights to self-governance and co-governance, and for Islands Trust to be actively working to find a path forward to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration)
- potential amendments to the provincial *Land Act* would allow for shared decision-making with First Nations
- all discussions with First Nations have been with Islands Trust Staff and not trustees

**7.2 Wildfire Webinar Two-Part Series Project Charter – Request for Decision**

Senior Policy Advisor Storzer introduced the RFD that sought endorsement and direction for a Wildfire Webinar in March 2024 as part of the Stewardship Education Speaker Series.

Committee discussion included whether there was a need to discuss the agenda item in an in-camera meeting.

**12. CLOSED MEETING**

**TPC-2024-001**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90, (n)the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2); and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 10:46 a.m. and was reopened at 11:00 a.m. without report.

**TPC-2024-002**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90, (g)litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed a second time at 11:01 a.m. and was reconvened in open meeting at 11:12 a.m. without report.

The Committee returned to agenda item 7.2

**7.2 Wildfire Webinar Two-Part Series Project Charter – Request for Decision**

Committee discussion included:

- staff are speaking with Ruth Waldick who could be the moderator
- staff are looking for interested experts to participate

**TPC-2024-003**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee endorse the Wildfire Webinar Project Charter, dated February 14, 2024.

**CARRIED**

**8. BUSINESS – OTHER**

**8.1 Montreal Pledge COP15 Biodiversity Framework and potential impacts for the work of Islands Trust – BRF**

Director Frater presented the Briefing, reminding the Committee that initially this was a matter that a delegation to Trust Council presented which was then referred to the Trust Programs Committee and the Regional Planning Committee for comment. Members of those two committees then struck a working group that discussed the issue and provided a presentation to Trust Council who then requested the two committees to provide possible actions for inclusion in the strategic planning process. Trustee Fast, a member of the trustee working group, spoke to the briefing.

Committee discussion included:

- dynamic spatial planning of mapping can show changes over time which can support land use planning
- the Municipal Protected Areas program supports municipalities to protect nature and advance Canada's 30x30 conservation target
- all of the areas protected by Islands Trust could be registered in that program
- the value of the framework when working on the Policy Statement Amendment Project

Trustee Peterson left the meeting 11:40 a.m.

- water mapping is vital and can avoid community polarization about human needs v. environment

**TPC-2024-004**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee refer the report "Montreal Pledge COP15 Biodiversity Framework and potential impacts for the work of Islands Trust" back to the working group for specific recommendations.

**CARRIED**

**9. BUSINESS – NEW**

None.

**10. WORK PROGRAM**

Director Frater presented the current Work Program (Active Projects and Future Projects).

**TPC-2023-005**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee forward the current work program to Trust Council for their review approval.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 15, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. either electronically (Zoom) or in-person in Nanaimo

The Committee noted that they may require a second meeting in April to separate discussion of the Policy Statement Amendment Project from other normal business.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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Kristina Evans, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

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