

**ADOPTED**



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

**Date:** May 29, 2025  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Kristina Evans, South Pender Island Local Trust Area (LTA) (Chair)  
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti Island LTA (Executive Committee Representative and Vice-Chair)  
Tobi Elliott, Gabriola Island LTA  
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipality  
Lisa Gauvreau, Galiano Island LTA  
David Graham, Denman Island LTA  
Jamie Harris, Salt Spring Island LTA  
David Maude, Mayne Island LTA  
Susan Yates, Gabriola Island LTA  
Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Island LTA and Islands Trust Council Chair (Ex Officio)

**Members Absent:** Deb Morrison, North Pender Island LTA

**Staff Present:** Rueben Bronee, Chief Administrative Officer  
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

**Others Present:** Two members of the public

**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 peoples. Trustees and Staff introduced themselves.

**2. AGENDA**

**2.1 Review of Agenda**

Chair Evans requested to reorder the agenda so that item 7.5 would be addressed after item 7.3 and that item 7.8 would be addressed after item 7.5.

**By general consent** the agenda was reordered.

## **ADOPTED**

The Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP) – Additional Policy Revisions Request For Decision was provided to the Committee as an expected late item for agenda item 7.7.

### **2.2 Approval of Agenda**

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No member of the public wished to speak.

### **4. DELEGATIONS**

None.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **6. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION**

#### **6.1 Draft Minutes of Previous Meeting**

6.1.1 Trust Programs Committee Minutes of May 7, 2025

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

#### **6.2 Resolutions Without Meeting**

6.2.1 TPC RWM 2025-02 - Set Special Meeting of April 29, 2025

Provided for information.

#### **6.3 Follow Up Action List**

Received for information.

### **7. BUSINESS – WORK PROGRAM ITEMS**

#### **7.1 Policy Statement Amendment Project – The Islands Trust Object - Briefing**

Senior Policy Advisor Youmans introduced the Briefing. Committee discussion included the advantages and disadvantages of including an interpretation of the Islands Trust Object in the preamble to the draft new Policy Statement.

#### **7.2 Policy Statement Amendment Project - Moorage Policy - Request For Decision**

**ADOPTED**

This item was postponed from the May 7, 2025 meeting. Senior Policy Advisor Youmans introduced the Request For Decision.

**TPC-2025-050**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee add a new directive policy 3.5.19 to the Marine Shoreland section that reads:

**Vessel Moorage**

Prohibit the moorage of vessels in sensitive marine areas, including, but not limited to, eelgrass meadows, kelp forests, forage fish spawning areas, estuaries and mud flats.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Motion from Trustee Yates in regards to light pollution in the Islands Trust Area**

This item was postponed from the May 7, 2025 meeting.

**TPC-2025-051**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council that concerns regarding light pollution in the Trust Area be addressed by adding a new Directive Policy in Objective 3: Directive Policies - Ecosystem Integrity that reads:

**3.3.9: Light Pollution**

Minimize light pollution through the application of Dark Sky Principles.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Policy Statement Amendment Project – Definitions - Request For Decision**

Director Frater presented the Request For Decision.

**TPC-2025-052**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to revise the glossary of terms in the draft new Policy Statement redline version by adding the recommended definitions in Appendix 1 of the Request For Decision titled “Policy Statement Amendment Project – Definitions.”

**CARRIED**

**7.8 Policy Statement Amendment Project – Part 4: Implementation - Request For Decision**

Senior Policy Advisor Youmans presented the Request For Decision.

**TPC-2025-053**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

## **ADOPTED**

that Trust Programs Committee revise Part 4: Implementation of the draft Policy Statement in accordance with Appendix 2 of the Request For Decision titled “Policy Statement Amendment Project – Part 4: Implementation” in the Trust Programs Committee agenda of May 7, 2025.

**CARRIED**

### **TPC-2025-054**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to bring “context statements similar to those used in Regional Growth Strategies” in the Trust Programs Committee agenda of May 29, 2025, on page 150, to a future Trust Programs Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Committee recessed at 10:27 a.m. and resumed at 10:36 a.m.

#### **7.4 Policy Statement Amendment Project – Copy Edits - Request For Decision**

Senior Policy Advisor Youmans presented the Request For Decision, indicating that the edits are generally of a proofreading nature related to spelling, punctuation, grammar and formatting. Committee amendments to the recommended edits included:

- all references to the “*Islands Trust Act*” will be written in full rather than referred to as “the Act”
- reject proposed edit #20
- reject proposed edit #29 and replace with alternative: replace “goals” with “objective”
- reject proposed edits #61, #62, #64 and #65
- replace proposed edit #63 with alternative: add “and routes”
- reject proposed edit #70

Trustee Gauvreau left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

- amend proposed edit #71 by retaining the words “, or established or designated upland land uses, anchorages or moorages.”

### **TPC-2025-055**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to revise the draft new Policy Statement redline version in accordance with the recommended copy edits in Appendix 1, as amended, of the Request For Decision titled “Policy Statement Amendment Project – Copy Edits.”

**CARRIED**

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### **7.6 Policy Statement Amendment Project – Recommended Edits that respond to First Nations’ feedback - Request For Decision**

Director Frater presented the Request For Decision. Committee amendments to the recommended edits included:

- reject Proposed Amendment #7 and potentially refer it to either a future meeting of Trust Programs Committee or of Committee of the Whole for further discussion
- edit Proposed Amendment #15: add the word “identified” in front of the word “archaeological”

#### **TPC-2025-056**

##### **It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to amend the Policy Statement redline version in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 1, as amended, of the Request For Decision titled “Policy Statement Amendment Project (PSAP) – Recommended Edits that respond to First Nations’ feedback.”

**CARRIED**

Committee recessed at 12:20 p.m. and resumed at 1:00 p.m. Trustees Harris and Yates joined the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

#### **TPC-2025-057**

##### **It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to amend the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan to include key initiative 1.1.2, colour coded to indicate that the initiation timeline is to be determined, as “Work with Indigenous Governing Bodies to co-design and implement future Policy Statement amendment review processes that ensures ongoing and more regular review and amendment of the Policy Statement”.

**CARRIED**

The Committee then addressed the Work Program agenda item.

## **9. WORK PROGRAM**

### **9.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Update - Request For Decision**

This item was postponed from the May 7, 2025 meeting. Director Frater presented the Request For Decision, noting that the Future Projects list will be amended by changing the due dates for business cases to be September, 2026 rather than September, 2025.

#### **TPC-2025-058**

##### **It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

**ADOPTED**

that Trust Programs Committee approve the proposed Work Program report as amended, and forward it to Trust Council for approval.

**CARRIED**

**7.7 Policy Statement Amendment Project – Additional Policy Revisions - Request For Decision**

This item was an expected late item. Senior Policy Advisor Youmans presented the Request For Decision. Director Frater stated that the proposed Bylaw will be reviewed by legal counsel.

Chair Evans requested that Trustee Harris be removed from the electronic meeting and he was removed at 1:46 p.m.

Committee amendments to the additional policy revisions included:

- 3.5.22 – remove the words “Limit or”
- 3.4.20 – edit to include the word “access”

**TPC-2025-059**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee revise the draft new Policy Statement in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 1 of the Request For Decision titled “Policy Statement Amendment Project – Additional Policy Revisions”, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**8. BUSINESS - NEW**

None.

**10. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, July 30, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**11. CLOSED MEETING**

The meeting was not closed.

**12. RISE AND REPORT**

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

**ADOPTED**

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Kristina Evans, Chair

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Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder