



Islands Trust

Committee Acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: March 6, 2019

Location: Snaw-Naw-As Health Centre Boardroom
700 Capilano Road
Lantzville, BC

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair
Sue Ellen Fast, Trustee
Laura Patrick, Trustee
Dan Rogers, Trustee

Staff Present: Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner
Nadine Mourao, Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately two (2) members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

"Please note, the order of agenda items may be modified during the meeting. Times are provided for convenience only and are subject to change."

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations, welcomed the public and introduced Trustees, Staff and Recorder.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated December 12, 2018 - for adoption

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- Page 3, 10.3 strike the line "Director Marlor will be attending all Council meetings in the Bowen municipality."

By general consent the minutes dated December 12, 2018 were adopted as amended.

3.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting - none

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Follow-up Action List dated February 26, 2019

Received for information.

5. TOWN HALL

No comments from the public.

6. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - none**7. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS****7.1 Presentation on the Ecological Significance of the Islands and Islets in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Archipelago**

Planner Zupanec provided a presentation and the following key points were noted:

- Presentation based on the Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) roundtable presentation video, which is posted on the resources page of their website www.mabr.ca;
- Significant areas of the islands in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Archipelago have a high concentration of biodiversity and herbaceous areas untouched by deer and other foragers;
- The Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (MABRRI) have information posted to their website regarding bull kelp restoration in the area;
- The Ballenas-Winchelsea Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaws (LUB) included specific zoning to restrict development and limit the footprint of residents; and
- MABR discussed at their previous meeting erecting totems to represent the boundaries of the biosphere using windfall.

Discussion ensued and the following was noted by Trustees:

- Interested in the totem project and possible signage for the islands to lessen the impact of tourism;
- Recognized there is no enforcement mechanism for the nature protected areas and a need for leadership to facilitate;
- A potential partner for eco monitoring of the islands may be the MABRRI;
- Enquired whether there is a marine trail for the area with designated camping spaces; and
- Suggested a proactive article regarding the islands to significantly help with awareness.

A member of public noted the following:

- Tourists are visiting the islands for camping and hiking, with their pets, many damaged the area with campsites, hiking, and fires;
- Enquired about possible signage for islands, especially where tourists camp and hike;
- Suggested hiking pathways to limit impact; and
- Invasive plant species are problematic.

Trustee Sue Ellen Fast left the meeting at 11:07 am and returned to the meeting at 11:09 am.

7.2 First Nations Engagement – discussion

Discussion ensued and it was noted by Trustees:

- Interested in a standing resolution regarding First Nations Relationship building being brought forward to Islands Trust (IT) by Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor and possible workshops; and
- Extending an invitation to local First Nations for a boat tour.

8. DELEGATIONS - none**9. CORRESPONDENCE - none**

(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)

10. NEW BUSINESS - none**11. REPORTS****11.1 Trustee Reports**

Trustee Rogers deferred his report until the next meeting.

Trustee Patrick deferred her report until the next meeting.

Trustee Fast reported the following:

- Will enquire what is happening with marine trails in Howe Sound and whether they are being used and if there are marine trails in the Ballenas-Winchelsea area; and
- Looking into digital tools for geo fencing and ways let people know how to protect the area without physical signage.

11.2 Chair's Report

Chair Luckham reported the following:

- Attending Trust council next week and members of the public are welcome.

11.3 Trust Conservancy Report dated November, 2018

Received for information.

11.4 Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area E Director Update

Bob Rogers from Electoral Area B, RDN reported the following:

- Provided an overview of the RDN electoral areas;
- Relationship with local First Nations is of great importance;
- RDN working on their Strategic Plan for the next 4 years with a focus on the environment with respect to housing and carbon footprint; and
- Thanked Trustees for the boat tour invitation.

11.5 Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nation Representative Report (verbal report) - none**11.6 Applications Report - none****11.7 Trustee and Local Expense Report - none****11.8 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

Received for information.

11.9 Local Trust Committee Webpage**EX-2019-001****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea) move that Staff update the website with the slide presentation on the Ecological Significance of the Islands and Islets in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Archipelago.

CARRIED**EX-2019-002****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea) move that the Coastal Douglas-fir toolkit be added to the resource page of the website.

CARRIED**12. WORK PROGRAM****12.1 Top Priorities Report dated February 26, 2019**

Received for information.

12.2 Projects List Report dated February 26, 2019

Received for information.

Discussion ensued and the following key points were noted by Trustees:

- Regarding a boat tour of the Ballenas-Winchelsea archipelago;
 - Requested invitations to the boat tour to include a representative from the local First Nations, MABR and Bob Rogers from the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) for relationship building;
 - Interested in inviting a local kayak or boat tour operator;
 - Possible dates for tour in the high tourist season in order to see impact of tourism on the islands;
 - Enquired about special project funding; and
- Interested in public outreach and possible video of the Ballenas-Winchelsea archipelago and its ecological significance.

EX-2019-003**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea) move that the “Coordinate a boat tour” from Projects List and place the same activity under the number one (1) Top Priority of “Advocacy” as an activity and remove “develop a presentation to MABR” from the activity list.

CARRIED**EX-2019-004****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea) move that Staff request funding from the Special Project Fund of up to \$1,500.00 for a Ballenas-Winchelsea boat tour and Staff recommend the logistics and suggested invitees.

CARRIED

EX-2019-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea) add item “Develop Educational Outreach” to the Projects List.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED MEETING - none

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 10:00 am at Snaw-Naw-As Health Centre Boardroom, 700 Capilano Road, Lantzville, BC

15. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct:

Nadine Mourao, Recorder