



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: January 31, 2019
Location: John Braithwaite Community Centre
 145 West 1st Street
 North Vancouver, BC

Members Present: Sue Ellen Fast, Chair
 Dan Rogers, Local Trustee
 Kate-Louise Stamford, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner
 Jaime Dubyna, Planner 1
 Diane Corbett, Recorder

Also Present: Members of the Public – 4

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 Fast called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in Territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Chair Fast introduced trustees and staff in attendance and offered introductory and explanatory remarks about the composition and structure of Islands Trust.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

- 10.3 Advocacy Request for New Brighton Dock

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. TOWN HALL

Al Dierks of North Vancouver inquired about the organization of Islands Trust.

The Chair referred him to the Islands Trust website. She described the geographic expanse of the Trust, and noted that Islands Trust only addresses land use, including rezoning, subdivision, environmental and ecosystem protection. With thirteen Local Trust Areas (LTA), there are twenty-six trustees, two per LTA. There are around 45 to 50 employees in three different offices.

The Local Trust Committees serve the Islands Trust mandate, directed by the Province through the *Islands Trust Act*. The region is protected and is set aside for nature, recreation, beauty, wildlife, water, ecological services and living sustainably.

Robert Williams, Eastbourne Keats Island, announced he was here to hear about the Shoreline Protection Committee. He reported he is involved with the Keats fire equipment group and inquired about issues of infrastructure on the island provided by the Regional District.

Trustee Rogers responded that he has tried to get improvements. The Local Trust Committee (LTC) has a protocol with the Regional District to meet from time to time. Local Trustees can bring items to the attention of the Regional Director. Trustee Rogers urged the speaker to talk to the Area F Director about such issues.

Mr. Williams noted that there were maintenance items on the dock that had not been attended to. He perceived (as did others on Keats, he noted) that generally Keats does not get its tax dollars (no paved roads, no sewer, no school) and thought increased spending on a few items on Keats would be appropriate.

Trustee Rogers announced he would be happy to speak with members of the community regarding this issue and advocate with the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).

Trustee Stamford noted anyone could advocate to the SCRCD regarding the Keats Landing ramp. The LTC could also bring forward issues to the SCRCD. The Trustee suggested members of the public copy the Area F Director, Mark Hiltz, on any correspondence to the SCRCD.

Tom Fox, Melody Point, Keats Island, commented on the difficulty finding a place to tie up in the summer when he has gone to shop in Gibsons; it is first come first served. There should be some kind of consideration to have a spot where Keats Islanders can go.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Local Trust Committee Meeting dated December 13, 2018

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- P. 3, third last bullet: delete last sentence, "This is a difficult situation."

By general consent the minutes of December 13, 2018 were adopted as amended.

4.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting – none

4.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – none

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Follow-up Action List dated January 23, 2019

Island planner Zupanec responded to trustee inquiries regarding the communication project for the *Riparian Areas Regulation* Bylaws Nos. 140 and 141. Staff was working to secure a date, possibly in April, for a Community Information Meeting on Gambier at the Gambier Community Centre, and also looking for a date for a webinar to be delivered from the northern office in April.

There was discussion about the water connection to East Trail Island, mentioned at the last meeting when the SCRCD Water Management Plan was referred to the LTC. Staff reported the SCRCD had not yet responded to verify the water connection on their end.

5.2 Hosting Alt'Kitsem / Howe Sound Forum May 2019

Following up from the delegation at the last meeting, Trustee Rogers reported on his discussions with senior Islands Trust staff about hosting the Howe Sound (Community) Forum on April 26, 2019 (moved from the originally planned date of May 3). He noted Camp Fircom would be willing to make the venue available without a rental charge for the hall. Staff had indicated this would not require a project charter. The Trustee indicated he and Trustee Stamford would work with the director of the camp and Ruth Simons to put together a budget.

GM-2019-001

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee offer to “host” the April 26, 2019 Howe Sound Forum at Camp Fircom, Gambier Island, and that it directs staff to request a maximum of \$3000 from LTC Project Specific Reserve Fund to cover off expenses related to food, transportation and First Nation attendee costs.

CARRIED

5.3 Passage Island Access

Trustee Rogers reported on access issues being reported by residents of Passage Island, including concerns about losing access to Fisherman’s Cove, and an inadequate landing location on Passage Island. The LTC had done some advocacy around trying to get the island a proper dock. Trustee Rogers indicated he wanted to flag this item as there may be a request for advocacy.

GM-2019-002

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee arrange a protocol meeting with staff and the Director of Area A, Metro Vancouver, when time and staff are available.

CARRIED

6. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS – none

7. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

7.1 Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project

Planner Dubyna reviewed the staff report outlining the results of Phase 1 of the Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project. The Planner noted a First Nations consultation event was not held; staff suggested that consultation with First Nations be a substantial part of Phase 2.

Discussion ensued and the following points were made by Trustees:

- Thanks to staff for Phase 1.
- Despite some complaints about the survey, it has given a clear view of the feeling of a lot of people on the island, with a very good response from about half of the properties on the island (168 responses), from all over the island. There were two clear messages:

- Do not impact peoples' current docks and structures. There was a strong concern that this would be an effort to have people remove their docks. They don't want this project to impact their ability to access their property.
- People want to protect the marine environment and the amenities of the area and special places.
- Those come into conflict from time to time. Need a community discussion about how to resolve competing interests of private values and community values.
- Survey revealed issues such as: What is a nonconforming legal structure on the island? A lot of structures are nonconforming; there is confusion as to what is legal, and what is grandfathered. There is need for education on that.
- Discussion of stakeholders on the Working Group member list
- Question about whether it would be more effective for the LTC to have an island-specific working group moving forward and include in the charter outreach to First Nations. One thing of concern: that there would be a long education process as people learned about each other; as opposed to the LTC doing a liaison with the First Nations. Varied interests (land versus fishing rights/interests).
- Make it clear that one of the Out of Scope areas of the Working Group is: to impact current legal waterfront structures (docks or walls); that would alleviate some of the tension around this. If they are current and legal, the objective is not to impact this.
- Keep First Nations in the Working Group from the beginning; we have a request from them to consult early and often. It indicates the door is open at any time.
- Are interested in ways of responding to some of the comments on the survey, such as a process "imposed" or questions "leading", etc.
- For transparency, have comments at the beginning of every survey regarding what has been done to create the survey.
- Note the even split on some of the issues.
- In plain language, outline the difference of what happened at Pender Harbour and what the LTC is looking at, in terms of the process.
- Would like to see a listing of what the LTC or community has more say in, and that we will be required to put certain things in our bylaws. Would like to see clarification of the different options we have; show where the community would have a say, versus where directions come down from higher powers.
- Good to see clear survey results. Like the idea of a Working Group; there is a lot of learning and understanding in the Working Group, community understanding of the issues in the project charter, and of other points of view. Like the idea of the representation from neighbourhoods as opposed to associations, and having a few extra spaces.
- Rescinding of Motion 2018 GM-2018-24 – say what it is
- About half the properties on Keats are waterfront; the only ones that are not water access only are in Eastbourne. Everything outside of Eastbourne, with minor exceptions, is generally water access only.
- In Scope is review of non-compliant structures and Crown leases, by the Local Trust Committee and the Working Group, and options and strategies to address these. The community can look at the analysis and provide input.

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

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to amend the Keats Island Shoreline Protection Charter by:

- a. amending "In Scope" bullet 3 by adding "Potentially" as the first word; and
- b. by adding a second bullet to "Out of Scope" that reads: "Impact current legal foreshore structures and docks".

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

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the 'Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project Phase 2' Project Charter v.1 dated January 2019, as amended.

CARRIED**GM-2019-005****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee deem 'Phase 1' of the Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project to be complete and amend the Top Priorities item to read, "Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project Phase 2".

CARRIED**GM-2019-006****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a work plan and budget for the Keats Island Shoreline Protection Project – Phase 2, and request funding confirmation for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 fiscal years.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on the membership composition for the "Keats Island Shoreline Protection Working Group" Terms of Reference.

GM-2019-007**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee direct that staff solicit expressions of interest for volunteer members of the "Keats Island Shoreline Protection Working Group" from the following:

- a) Skwxwú7mesh / Squamish Nation
- b) Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- c) xwməθkwəyəm / Musqueam First Nation
- e) Sunshine Coast Conservation Association
- f) Representative of the residents of DL 696
- g) Representative of the residents of Melody Point
- h) Representative of the residents of Plumper Cove
- i) 2 representatives of residents of Eastbourne
- j) 2 members at large who are residents of Keats Island.

CARRIED

GM-2019-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the 'Terms of Reference' dated January 2019 for the 'Keats Island Shoreline Protection Working Group' with the proviso that it will be amended to reflect the agreed upon number of members and membership.

CARRIED

GM-2019-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee rescind motion **GM-2018-024**.

CARRIED

Chair Fast recessed the meeting at 12:25 pm and reconvened the meeting at 12:45 pm.

8. DELEGATIONS – none

Chair Fast moved item 12 to before item 9.

12. Work Program Reports

12.1 Top Priorities Report dated January 23, 2019

Received.

It was noted that the Gambier Official Community Plan (OCP) review needed to be started. Staff reported there was a current lack of senior staff resources to carry the project.

12.2 Projects List Report dated January 23, 2019

Received.

Trustee Rogers reported it was learned at Executive Committee the previous day that, after an invitation for consultation on the Trust Policy Statement, an update had been proposed by the Squamish Nation. There was a proposal to meet with them in February or March. Discussion ensued on Squamish Nation consultation.

GM-2019-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request the Director of Trust Area Services to consider the addition of the New Brighton dock to an upcoming agenda of a meeting with the Squamish Nation.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE – none

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Updated Islands Trust Climate Change Webpages

The briefing from the Director of Trust Area Services regarding the update of Islands Trust climate change webpages and the encouragement of the dissemination of the climate change resources contained on the page was received for information.

10.2 District of West Vancouver request for Collaboration on "Collective Impact for Seniors' Project"

The Island Planner reviewed the District of West Vancouver request that the Local Trust Committee be a collaborating partner in the "Seniors Connection Project". Discussion ensued.

GM-2019-011**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to respond to Jill Lawlor via email indicating the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee interest in participating in the Seniors Connection Project as a collaborating partner.

CARRIED**10.3 Advocacy Request for New Brighton Dock – Discussed under 12.2.****11. REPORTS****11.1 Trustee Reports**

Trustee Stamford reported on the following:

- Attended Ministry of Forests Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRORD) webinar on forestry initiatives on Vancouver island
- Application to be a member of West Howe Sound Advisory Planning Commission
- Attended Islands Trust Council meeting in Nanaimo
- Helped organize a strategic action planning session for Ocean Watch Task Force January 25
- Will attend Vancouver Aquarium for the upcoming second edition of Ocean Watch Howe Sound Report to be held mid February

Trustee Rogers reported on the following:

- Attended informal meeting on December 21 with new SCRDC Chair, Area F Director and Alternate Director
- Eelgrass planting at Plumper Cove under auspices of Sea Watch
- Attended meeting with Passage Island residents
- Had discussions around Howe Sound Forum
- Survey on air quality in the Sea to Sky corridor being conducted by the Fraser Basin Council in conjunction with the Sea to Sky Clean Air Society
- Trust Programs Committee agreed to fund the Baines Sound Forum, planned for March, on the basis of almost no staff time involved
- Update on the secretariat proposal and Trust Programs Committee: a report likely would come out in June

- Suggestion for a motion for the next budget to extend the current funding for the Task Force group and Howe Sound Forum.

11.2 Chair's Report

Chair Fast reported on the following:

- Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) discussion about Regional Conservation Plan (RCP)
- Attended meeting January 19 on Bowen: presentation about the Hornby Island Marine Conservation Atlas. A lot of people on Bowen are interested in doing something like this.
- Executive Committee approved some special project funding for a translation dictionary of terms for Saturna area. One of the islands has a heritage registry that has First Nations involvement.

11.3 Trust Conservancy Report dated November, 2018

11.3.1 Regional Conservation Plan

Trustee Stamford reported that:

- ITC met this week. The group has two new staff, a covenant monitoring outreach specialist and acting property management specialist.
- ITC is looking at putting together a fund development committee and how to respond to ongoing concerns of a growing Conservancy with a limited budget.
- RCP is continuing to develop how Local Trust Committees can be utilized in OCPs and other processes.

11.4 Electoral Area Director's Report

Trustee Stamford reported that Electoral Area F Director, Mark Hiltz' focus in communications was about groundwater and water for the Sunshine Coast; SCR D is looking at high yield wells in Granthams Landing area.

SCR D Directors endorsed a provincial referral for private year round moorage on the south side of Plumper Cove, Keats Island, serving two upland strata lots.

11.5 Applications Report dated January 23, 2018

Received.

11.6 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated November, 2018

Received.

11.7 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received.

11.8 Local Trust Committee Webpage – none

11.9 First Nations Activities

GM-2019-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to specifically invite the local First Nations to the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee business meetings.

CARRIED

Trustee Stamford reported she had received correspondence from the Member of Parliament and the Member of the Legislative Assembly who both stated that the New Brighton dock was not within their authority.

13. CLOSED MEETING – none

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 10:30 am at John Braithwaite Community Centre, Meeting Room 3, 145 West 1st Street, North Vancouver, BC

15. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Sue Ellen Fast, Chair

Certified Correct:

Diane Corbett, Recorder