



Islands Trust Conservancy - Executive Committee



Liaison Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019
Time: 1:08 pm
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Islands Trust Conservancy (ITC) Board Members Present: Kate-Louise Stamford, Chair
Linda Adams
Sue Ellen Fast (ITC and EC)
Doug Fenton (joined by teleconference at 1:21 pm)
Robin Williams

ITC Board Member On Leave: Hoops Harrison

Executive Committee (EC) Members Present: Peter Luckham, EC Chair
Laura Patrick
Dan Rogers (joined by teleconference at 1:23 pm)

Staff Present: Kate Emmings, ITC Acting Manager
Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services
Alexandra Trifonidis, Acting Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm. Chair Stamford acknowledged with respect the Lekwungen and Wsanec Saanich peoples on whose traditional territory the meeting was taking place.

1.1 Introductions and Context for Annual Meeting

Chair Stamford welcomed the Executive Committee guests and initiated introductions.

Chair Luckham stated that ITC/EC meetings are important for the effective communications with Islands Trust and that the ITC and the Islands Trust work in parallel.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Item 4.2.1 Working with the Province
 - Amendments to the Forest Practices Code – Trustee Fast

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

3. MINUTES/COORDINATION

3.1 Review of the July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The Islands Trust Conservancy Board received the July 17, 2018 meeting minutes for information.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Items for Information

4.1.1 Introductions

Both the ITC and the EC acknowledged that many of the attendees today have worked together several times over the years.

Review of ITC/EC roles

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Evolution of relationship between ITC and EC
- Cooperative independence between the ITC and EC and the role of that in future relations with the province
- Communication with Islands Trust trustees to add clarity for budget discussions and to build relationship building between elected trustees and appointed members of ITC
- Possible misconception regarding the role of the conservancy plays
- Ways for ITC to communicate the integral role it plays in the Islands Trust

4.2 Items for Discussion/Direction

4.2.1 Working with the Province

Coordination of advocacy

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Should there be a standing item on both EC/ITC agendas?
- ITC board is positioning itself as a more active and engaged body.
- ITC soon to have a new manager and new board member

Actions/recommendations:

That staff add a standing item to the agendas of the ITC/EC regarding consulting with each other for mutual interest.

Amendments to the Forest Practices Code

Trustee Fast brought to everyone's attention that there have been amendments to the BC Forest Practices Code and recommended that they be reviewed from a Trust perspective.

4.2.2 Working with Trust Council

Fund Development Advisory Committee (FDAC)

- FDAC activities to date

The ITC and EC received the provided materials about the work of the FDAC. Discussion ensued over:

- Potential provincial funding request and related process, including timing, amount, use, and the need to collaborate with EC to coordinate provincial funding request
- EC support for ITC to research more funding options
- Consider UBCM as a forum to raise ITC profile with elected officials and other government staff
- request the Conservancy be highlighted or profiled at the Islands Trust UBCM breakfast meeting

Climate Change Emergency Declaration

The ITC and EC members discussed the following:

- ITC input to Trust Council on climate emergency declaration and whether or not the Islands Trust Climate Change Emergency Declaration applies to the ITC
- Role of FireSmart in Climate Change Emergency Declaration, including messaging and communicating to island communities
- Regional Vegetation Management Strategy (as provided in agenda materials)
- Role of Climate Emergency Strategy in the Strategic Plan

Referrals and communication

The overall consensus is communication between the groups is working well.

Discussion ensued around the possibility of future annual Island Planner training with specific mention of including topics to support LTC's. ITC staff are currently doing annual training with planners.

Budget

- Covenant Management and Outreach Position

ITC Acting Manager gave EC an early heads up that ITC will be asking for a budget request for an extension of the new position. ITC does not have an evaluation yet but will be providing one for its budget submission.

- Property Management Formula

ITC Manager provided early information about the ITC intention to create a new Property Management Budget Formula for consideration.

Canada Nature Fund

ITC Acting Manager gave EC background information about this program.

Regional Conservation Plan Reporting

ITC and EC reviewed the Regional Conservation Plan Report provided by staff.

4.2.3 Working with Local Trust Committees (LTCs)

Communicating with LTCs

ITC board members and EC members discussed the following to help mitigate an overall low profile of the Islands Trust Conservancy at the Local Trust Committee level:

- Meetings streamed live
- ITC highlights shared on all islands
- ITC to make a point of coming to the LTCs when feasible

Coastal Douglas-fir (CDF) Tool Kit

- Very informative – LTCs encouraged to use the Tool Kit
- CDF mapping project to begin soon through ITC/LPS staff collaboration
- Legislative powers a concern for some LTCs in protection of CDF forest

Local Trust Area Profiles

Provided to EC for information.

4.2.4 Working with First Nations

Reconciliation Declaration and Action Plan

ITC Reconciliation Declaration provided to EC for information. ITC working on Reconciliation Action Plan.

Crown Land Policy

ITC has not been resourced to do adequate First Nations collaborations for Trust Council's Crown Land acquisition program. With resourcing in the form of a new Senior Intergovernmental Policy Analyst, ITC may be able to move forward on First Nations engagement in the future.

4.2.5 Working with the Public

Website updates

ITC will be updating its website and merging it with the Islands Trust site as part of the website redevelopment project. It is anticipated that the ITC will maintain

much of its visual identity, while merging some webpages with the Islands Trust where there is overlapping content or mutually beneficial content.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be determined in late 2019; in Victoria

6. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Chair

Certified Correct:

Recorder