



Trust Council Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: June 18-20, 2019
Location: Galiano South Community Hall
141 Sturdies Bay Rd, Galiano Island, BC

Executive Present: Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Island
Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair, Bowen Island Municipality
Laura Patrick, Vice Chair, Salt Spring Island
Dan Rogers, Vice Chair, Gambier/Keats Island

Trustees Present: Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipality
David Critchley, Denman Island
Laura Busheikin, Denman Island
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island
Tahirih Rockafella, Galiano Island
Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island
Alex Allen, Hornby Island
Grant Scott, Hornby Island
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti Island
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island
David Maude, Mayne Island
Ben McConchie, North Pender Island
Deb Morrison, North Pender Island
Peter Grove, Salt Spring Island
Paul Brent, Saturna Island
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island
Steve Wright, South Pender Island
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island

Regrets: Cameron Thorn, South Pender Island

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
David Marlor, Director Local Planning Services
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services
Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder
Jackie O'Neil, Geographic Information Systems Technician
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor, (Tuesday – Wednesday)
Facilitator, Allison Habkirk for Strategic Planning (Tuesday)
Nigel Hughs, Computer Application Systems Technician (Tuesday)
Lesly Valor, Acting Policy Advisor (Wednesday)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and acknowledged the meeting was being held on Coast Salish territory.

On behalf of the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee (LTC), Trustee Wolverton welcomed Trust Council to Galiano Island.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

New Business for consideration:

- That items 6.4 and 8.4 be addressed together;
- That item 15.1 be considered for discussion;
- Add reconciliation to the September Trust Council agenda;
- That correspondence received by the Executive Committee from Bob Turner dated June 10, 2019 be circulated to trustees;
- Add New Business 4.5 Trans Mountain Pipeline announcement and pending news release.

By General Consent, the agenda was adopted as presented.

3. PENELAKUT TRIBE ADDRESS

Councillor Ken Thomas and Band Manager Jim Chisholm addressed Trust Council speaking on working together cooperatively within the Salish Sea.

Chair Luckham gave blankets to Councillor Thomas and Band Manager Chisholm thanking them for their address.

Just after the Penelakut Tribe address, Chair Luckham advised Trust Council of the Federal Government's approval of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion.

TC-2019-041

It was Moved by Chair Luckham and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That Islands Trust Council express its disappointment in the approval of the Trans Mountain Pipeline and that it is resolutely opposed to the expansion of the pipeline.

CARRIED

Trustees Kaile and Brent Opposed

4. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Resolutions Without Meeting

Received for information.

4.2 Adoption of March 12-14 Trust Council Draft Minutes

Chair Luckham thanked trustees who sent grammatical changes to staff that did not require discussion.

TC-2019-042

It was Moved by Trustee Langereis and Seconded by Trustee Wright,

That the March 12-14 Trust Council draft minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4.3 Trust Council Follow Up Action List (FUAL)

Chair Luckham called for any questions or discussion on the FUAL. None were heard and the list was received as presented for information.

4.4 Trustee Round Table

Trustees spoke on recent meetings, advocacy items, applications, and community issues pertaining to their local trust areas. The climate change emergency lens was a focus to some roundtable comments.

4.5 Trans Mountain Pipeline announcement and pending news release

See item 3 resolution **EC-2019-041**.

5. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION (began at 2:35 PM)

5.1 Summary of March 13, 2019 Trust Council Strategic Planning Session – Briefing

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Hotsenpiller reviewed Trust Council's work from the March Strategic Planning session on Gabriola Island, the goals arising from that session, and the objectives moving forward.

5.2 Strategic Plan 2019-2022: Identification of strategies – Briefing

CAO Hotsenpiller answered questions from trustees.

5.3 Facilitated Planning - Outline & Session - Allison Habkirk

Facilitator Allison Habkirk answered Trust Council's questions on the process they would be involved in for the Strategic Planning session as presented in the outline and identification of strategies.

At 2:40 PM, Trust Council broke into groups as prescribed in the session outline.

At 4:40 PM, Trust Council returned to the council table from the strategic planning break out session.

Discussion ensued on strategic items.

The resulting session outcomes were recorded by Facilitator Habkirk to be reported back at the September Trust Council meeting.

By General Consent, the Trust Council June meeting was recessed at 5:36 PM on Tuesday June 18th, 2019.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 the Trust Council June meeting reconvened at 8:01 AM.

Chair Luckham welcomed Trust Council to the full day meeting.

Trustee Thorn, South Pender Island - regrets. There were 25 trustees present.

6. EXECUTIVE

6.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Hotsenpiller updated Trust Council on the Victoria office renovation project and the finishing detail. He asked if there were any questions on the report. None were heard.

6.2 Executive Committee Work Program Report

CAO Hotsenpiller commented on the recently amended Executive Committee work program. No questions were heard.

6.3 Update on Islands Trust Act Amendments request to MIN MAH –Briefing

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the report noting this was an item from last term’s council and awaits direction from the current term council.

6.4 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies – Briefing

Item 8.4 was addressed in conjunction with this item as requested under new business. Discussion ensued on the following points:

- Collecting and measuring data, need for information, work with other agencies to collect data,
- Rotational reviews of official community plans,
- Mitigation of sources of green house gasses (GHG) i.e. transportation, Coordination/collaboration with regional modeling data sources i.e. Eco City World Summit,
- Grants for data work,
- Local trust committees reviewing these briefings on LTC agendas,
- Joint committee meetings.

TC-2019-043

It was Moved by Trustee Fast and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That Trust Council direct staff to add agenda items 6.4 and 8.4 regarding climate emergency tools and strategies to all Local Trust Committee’s upcoming agendas and suggest to the Bowen Island Municipality.

CARRIED

TC-2019-044

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That the reports on the climate emergency received at Trust Council be referred to the Trust Programs Committee, Local Planning Committee, and the Islands Trust Conservancy and that they be requested to make recommendations to Trust Council with regards to developing a climate emergency strategy for inclusion in the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

6.5 Continuous Learning Plan

Trust Council was reminded of the Freedom of Information webinar on June 25th. The Continuous Learning Plan was received for information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Private Managed Forest Land Advocacy- Trustee Rockafella RFD

Trustee Rockafella spoke to the report.

TC-2019-045

It was Moved by Trustee Rockafella and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That the Islands Trust Council request that the Chair respond to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development's consultation on the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and request that the Act require standards that are equivalent to Crown forest land regulations and that Section 21 be amended to allow local governments to regulate, but not prohibit forest management activities.

CARRIED

Trustee Brent Opposed

7.2 Internet Connectivity Advocacy – Trustee Critchley RFD

Trustee Critchley spoke to the report.

TC-2019-046

It was Moved by Trustee Critchley and Seconded by Brent,

That Trust Council, by a letter signed by the Chair, request the appropriate agencies of Canada and the Province of British Columbia to take steps to facilitate and fund the safe and reliable improvement of internet connectivity throughout the Trust Area and in particular to encourage the provision of additional landing sites to service area in the Trust Area that may request such service through the Connected Coast project.

CARRIED

TC-2019-047

It was Moved by Trustee Critchley and Seconded by Brent,

That Trust Council request the Executive Committee to undertake advocacy for the provision of improved internet services to the islands of the Trust Area.

TC-2019-048

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Colbourne,

That this matter be postponed until the conclusion of Trust Council's decisions around the strategic planning priorities.

CARRIED

Trustees in favor - Fenton, Colbourne, Busheikin, Morrison, Rogers, Patrick, Fast, Stamford, Langereis, Wolverton, Dodds, Wright, Kaile

As a result of **TC-2019-048**, **TC-2019-047** was not voted on.

7.3 Livestreaming of meetings – Trustee McConchie RFD

Trustee McConchie spoke to the report.

TC-2019-049

It was Moved by Trustee McConchie and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That Trust Council request staff to prepare a report about the costs and feasibility of filming and streaming videos of public meetings through the new Islands Trust website and social media.

CARRIED

TC-2019-050

It was Moved by Trustee McConchie and Seconded by Trustee Colbourne,

That Trust Council request that each local trust committee and Trust Council committees indicate whether it has an interest in filming and streaming its public meetings.

CARRIED

7.4 Low carbon catering for Islands Trust Events - Trustees Stamford & Busheikin

Trustee Stamford spoke to the report.

TC-2019-051

It was Moved by Trustee Stamford and Seconded by Trustee Busheikin,

That the Islands Trust adopt a practice of providing low-carbon catering by:

- Looking for a caterer that focuses on locally sourced products where possible even if it means paying extra,
- Making meals vegetarian with a meat option,
- That red meat not be offered unless it is sourced “on-islands,”
- Clearly communicating the principles of low-carbon, local, vegetarian focus to potential caterers.

The following amendment was presented:

It was Moved by Trustee Grant and Seconded by Trustee Dodds,

That **TC-2019-051** be amended to read, That the Islands Trust adopt a practice of providing the best option for low-carbon catering.

CARRIED

Trustee Critchley Opposed

The question on the motion, as amended, was then called,

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:13 AM and reconvened at 10:27 AM.

7.5 Islands Trust Policy Statement Review - Trustee Wright RFD

Trustee Wright spoke to the request for decision.

Trustees discussed the recommendation in the report.

TC-2019-052

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That the Islands Trust Council rescind the June 2017 motion delegating the review of the Policy Statement to the Executive Committee, and that the Trust Programs Committee conduct a full review and update of the Islands Trust Policy Statement including the establishment of a subcommittee Task Force to;

- consider the 2010-2011 the Islands Trust Council's Policy Statement Assessment Task Force's Final Report;
- review and edit the current 1994 Policy Statement;
- provide recommendations regarding further actions.

DEFEATED

Trustees For: Middleton, Kaile, Wright, Langeries, Brent, Morrison, Maude, McConchie, Scott
Trustees Opposed: Dodds, Rockafella, Wolverton, Grove, Stamford, Fast, Luckham, Patrick, Rogers, Busheikin, Colbourne, Fenton, Critchley, Johnston, Allen, Peterson

8. LOCAL PLANNING

8.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report

Director Marlor reviewed his report.

8.2 Local Planning Committee Work Program Report

Chair of the Local Planning Committee (LPC), Trustee Busheikin, updated Council on the committee's current work.

TC-2019-053

It was Moved by Trustee Busheikin and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That the Islands Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Local Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

8.3 Interpretation of Islands Trust Policy Statement Policy 4.4.2 – Briefing

Director Marlor spoke to the report and discussed case law.

8.4 Climate Change Emergency – Local Planning Tools for Mitigation and Adaptation – Briefing

See item 6.4.

8.5 Saltwater Intrusion Mapping – Briefing

Director Marlor reviewed the briefing speaking to the mapping produced by the province.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 PM.

9. COLLABORATION / ENGAGEMENT

9.1 Community Presentation

A lunch and learn field trip to Galiano Conservancy's Millard Learning Center, 10825 Porlier Pass Road, was attended by trustees who were given a tour of the Nuts'a'maat forage forest.

The meeting reconvened at 1:33 PM.

Trustee Critchley left at 1:33 PM sending regrets. 24 trustees present.

9.2 Delegations & Town Hall

9.2.1 BC Community Bus Coalition – Delegation

Steven Earle from the British Columbia Bus Coalition gave a slide show presentation with a request for supporting community bus service in the trust area and amending *Passenger Transportation Act*.

9.2.2 Gulf Islands Forest Preservation – Delegation

Susan Hannon, using a Power Point presentation, spoke to preserving island forests opposing industrial level clearcutting on private land not zoned forestry.

9.2.3 Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership Society – Delegation

Randy Cunningham gave a presentation on the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Society, which was recently formed. The society is seeking to qualify for the Municipal and Regional District Tax which raises revenue for local tourism.

Trustees asked questions regarding tourism impacts on the islands and First Nations engagement.

9.2.4 Gulf Islands Alliance (GIA) re: clear cutting on PMFL – Delegation

Susan Yates read a statement which spoke on implementing the Coastal Douglas fir (CDF) tool kit asking Trust Council to regulate logging in the Trust Area by working with the appropriate ministries.

Town Hall

The following comments were heard from members of the public:

Perimino from Salt Spring Island – spoke to a ministry letter received stating local trust committees having authority regarding forestry. He sought clarification on this.

Director Marlor and Trustee Grove clarified that the letter was incorrect and this is being sorted out.

Michael Sketch, from North Pender, addressed Council on land use planning services, protecting lands, contrary zoning on agricultural lands and read from the Policy Statement. He felt some applications were approved contrary to the Trust mandate and the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*. He cited the rezoning of James Island.

Kiyo Okuda, from Galiano, acknowledged we are on First Nations land and spoke to authorities that have created unsustainable systems. Called for protection of the amenities that the Trust is responsible for.

Sheila Anderson, from Galiano, asked Council to consider three things: the need for ongoing, proactive public education; create a tourism management policy; and more respect for official community plans (OCPs), that all staff reports consider OCP's.

Akasha Forest, from Galiano, thanked Trust Council for declaring a climate emergency and requested that this be the lens through which all work and important decisions are made. She said human activity is destroying the trust through extraction for economic gain. She called for continued public education of the Trust mandate.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING - Wrap up

CAO Hotsenpiller reviewed and summarized yesterday's sessions and the work that emerged from the breakout groups.

TC-2019-054

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee Wright,

That Trust Council request the CAO provide a draft Strategic Plan to bring back to Trust Council in September.

CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATION

11.1 Director of Administrative Services Report

Director Mobbs reviewed her report.

11.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report

Chair of the Financial Planning Committee (FPC), Trustee Grove, presented the work program.

TC-2019-055

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That the Islands Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

11.3 March 31, 2019 Audited Financial Statements - RFD

Questions on changing auditors were heard. FPC Chair, Trustee Grove, spoke to the good reputation of the current auditors and the committee's audit process.

TC-2019-056

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Trust Council approve the audited financial statements of the Islands Trust including the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Operations, the Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended March 31, 2019.

CARRIED

11.4 Bowen Island Levy Analysis – Briefing

Director Mobbs spoke to the briefing and answered questions noting property values influence the levy.

12. TRUST AREA SERVICES

12.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

Director Frater reviewed the report.

12.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

Chair of Trust Programs Committee (TPC), Trustee Morrison, spoke to recent committee work.

TC-2019-057

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That the Islands Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

12.3 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

Islands Trust Conservancy Chair, Trustee Stamford, spoke to the report.

12.4 Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2022 – RFD

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the request for decision introducing Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor (SIPA).

SIPA Wilcox lead Trust Council in a witness ceremony which is Coast Salish Protocol and spoke to the work of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Discussion to add Indigenous Law and protocol to the Continuous Learning Plan was heard and to add this as a session at September's Trust Council meeting.

TC-2019-058

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee Colbourne

That Trust Council approve the Islands Trust Reconciliation Action Plan (RAPlan) 2019-2022.

CARRIED

12.5 2018-19 Draft Annual Report – RFD

Director Frater spoke to the report, that the final copy of the Annual Report will present with some minor changes. There were no questions

TC-2019-059

It was Moved by Trustee Patrick and Seconded by Trustee Stamford

That the Islands Trust Council approves the 2018/19 Draft Annual Report, as amended, for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

12.6 Draft Revised Policy Statement Engagement Plan – Briefing

Director Frater presented the briefing on the Policy Statement engagement plan noting that each local trust area will have customized sessions.

12.7 Development of Strategic Communications Plan – Briefing

Director Frater presented the briefing.

Comments were heard, that Islands Trust is behind the curve on social media platforms.

12.8 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards – Briefing

Director Frater presented the briefing which was received for information. The selection of recipients will be held in-camera.

13. CLOSED MEETING (Separate Agenda)

TC-2019-060

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Rogers

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to:

(b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity; and that staff be invited to attend the closed session.

CARRIED

At 5:00 PM the meeting was closed to the public.

At 5:18 PM the meeting was re-opened to the public.

By General Consent, item 15 Correspondence was addressed next.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 *Islands Trust Act Interpretation -Trustee Wright dated May 28, 2019*

Received for information.

15.2 *Bowen Island, Mayor Ander re: Electrifying the BC Ferries Fleet - dated May 6, 2019*

Chair Luckham will inform Mayor Ander that electrifying BC Ferries will be addressed through our Strategic Planning process.

15.3 *VICC Climate Leadership Plan re Mayor's working group & federal funding request*

Discussion on the working group ensued, noting only one representative from each regional district would be invited to the working group.

TC-2019-061

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That Trust Council request a seat at the table of the working group for the Vancouver Island Climate Change committee and that the Executive Committee appoint someone to be their representative.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:30 PM on June 19th.

Thursday, June 20, 2019 the Trust Council June meeting reconvened at 8:01 AM.

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order and moved to the scheduled closed session.

At 8:05 AM the meeting was closed to the public.

13. CLOSED MEETING (Separate Agenda)

TC-2019-062

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;
 - (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- and that staff be invited to attend the closed session.

CARRIED

At 9:43 AM the meeting was reopened to the public.

14. EXECUTIVE – continued

14.1 Trust Council Scheduling - Briefing & Discussion

Discussion ensued on the briefing presented by CAO Hotsenpiller.

16. SUMMARY / UPDATES

16.1 Trustee Updates

16.1.1 BC Ferries (Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs)

Trustees spoke to recently attended meetings.

16.1.2 First Nations

None

16.1.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee (Trustee Middleton)

Trustee Middleton updated Council on a recently attended meeting.

16.1.4 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA)

Trustee Patrick updated Council on SSIWPA's status.

16.1.5 Howe Sound Community Forum

Trustee Stamford spoke to the upcoming forum in October.

16.1.6 Anchorage Roundtable Update

This item is still a top priority for Executive Committee.

16.2 Priorities Chart

By General Consent, the Priorities Chart was received for information.

16.3 Proposed September Trust Council Agenda Program

TC-2019-063

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Colbourne,
Trust Council requests the Executive Committee realign the schedule to meet transportation needs.

CARRIED

TC-2019-064

It was Moved by Trustee McConchie and Seconded by Trustee Johnston,
That Trust Council on Bowen Island be extended to two full days starting Tuesday and Wednesday.

CARRIED

TC-2019-065

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,
That the September Trust Council schedule provide time to address the Reconciliation Action Plan.

CARRIED

TC-2019-066

It was Moved by Trustee McConchie and Seconded by Trustee Dodds,
That the correspondence received from Trustee Wright be added for discussion to the September Trust Council meeting.

CARRIED

16.4 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

Discussion was heard in support of the BC Community Bus Coalition delegation.

TC-2019-067

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Morrison
That Trust Council request the Executive Committee investigate options proposed by the BC Community Bus Coalition.

CARRIED

17. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Islands Trust Council will be held on Bowen Island September 17-18, 2019.

18. ADJOURNMENT

TC-2019-068

**It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Johnston,
That the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 AM.**

CARRIED

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/ Recorder