



**Islands Trust Council
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
March 8-10, 2011
Galiano Island, BC**

Present:

Executive Committee:

Sheila Malcolmson, Chair (Gabriola)
Louise Bell, Vice Chair (Denman)
Peter Luckham, Vice Chair (Thetis)
Gary Steeves, Vice Chair (North Pender)

Local Trustees:

David Graham, Denman
Deborah Ferens, Gabriola
Louise Decario, Galiano
Sandy Pottle, Galiano
Joyce Clegg, Gambier
Jan Hagedorn, Gambier
Fred Hunt, Hornby
Tony Law, Hornby
Jen Gobby, Lasqueti
Susan Ann Morrison, Lasqueti
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne
Colin Shew, Mayne
Derek Masselink, North Pender
George Ehring, Salt Spring
Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring
Dian Johnstone, Saturna
Beverley Neff, Saturna
David Greer, South Pender (March 9-10)
Wendy Scholefield, South Pender
Sue French, Thetis

Municipal Trustees:

Alison Morse, Bowen
Nerys Poole, Bowen

Staff:

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services
Craig Elder, Director, Administrative Services
Mac Fraser, Director, Local Planning Services
Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator

Absent:

David Greer, South Pender (March 8)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Call to Order/Notice of New Items

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Chair Sheila Malcolmson welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Twenty-five members of the Islands Trust Council were present. Trustees Absent: David Greer, South Pender.

Chair Sheila Malcolmson welcomed newly elected Saturna Local Trustee Dian Johnstone to the Council table.

Galiano Club Food Program

Members of the Galiano Club Food Program provided a presentation and overview of the activities of the Galiano Club Food Program and the importance of encouraging local farming to sustain local food production.

Information and Decision Items

Additions to the Agenda:

6. Correspondence - 6.1 Gulf Islands Alliance re: Carbon Trading
7. New Business - 7.1 Garth Hendren, CRD Director re: Mail In Ballots

By General Consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

1. General

1. Trust Council Follow-Up Action List

The Trust Council Follow-up Action List as of February 2011 was provided for information.

2. Previous Minutes of Islands Trust Council

By General Consent, the Minutes of the December 2010 Trust Council meeting were approved as amended.

3. Resolutions Without Meeting

RWM 01-11 was provided for information.

2. Trust Area Services

1. Director of Trust Area Services Report

Provided for information.

2. Trust Programs Committee Report

By General Consent, the Trust Programs Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of February 2011 were: 1) Advocacy Program; 2) Policy Statement; and 3) Community Stewardship Awards.

3. Policy Statement Review: Gas Tax Funding

Resolution TC 100/11

It was Moved by Trustee Nerys Poole and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Policy Statement Review Options: re: Gas Tax Funding document in principle and request the Executive Committee to oversee the development of a detailed funding application to the Gas Tax Fund administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

The Gas Tax Fund provides the opportunity to undertake a full scale review of the Islands Trust Policy Statement with external funding. Pursuing this grant opportunity during the current term of Trust Council will provide the next Council with the option to conduct the externally funded review as part of its Strategic Plan. The Review will involve public consultation in all 12 Local Trust Areas and Bowen Island Municipality.

Resolution TC 101/11

It was Moved by Trustee Christine Torgrimson and Seconded:

To Amend the Motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Policy Statement Review Options: re: Gas Tax Funding document in principle and request the Executive Committee to oversee the development of a moderate funding application to the Gas Tax Fund administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM).

Staff indicated that there is a greater chance of success applying for a higher level grant. Full funding would include social media costing which would result in a higher level of public knowledge about the Trust.

On the Amendment

IN FAVOUR - 2
(Torgrimson, Salt Spring; Gobby, Lasqueti)
OPPOSED - 23
MOTION FAILS

On the Original Motion

IN FAVOUR - 22
OPPOSED - 3
(Clegg-Gambier; Neff-Saturna; Scholefield-South Pender)
CARRIED

4. Advocacy Roles at the Islands Trust

A Briefing to help trustees and Islands Trust staff understand their roles within the advocacy program, was provided for information. Feedback received from trustees will assist staff in drafting Trust Council's advocacy policy.

5. Marine Advocacy Strategy

A Briefing describing the marine advocacy strategies being followed and the status of related projects was provided for information. The strategy is intended to guide staff and trustees on further actions during this term of office.

6. 2009-2010 Annual Report

Resolution TC 102/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council approve the 2009-2010 Annual Report for submission to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, subject to changes recommended at Trust Council.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

2011-2012 Budget Session

Director of Administrative Services Craig Elder provided an overview of the Financial Planning Committee's draft recommendations for the 2011/12 budget, including discretionary and non-discretionary revenue and expenses, a review of the proposed OCP/LUB budget, a preliminary proposal for a general property tax increase, and the impact of the proposed budget on the General Revenue Fund surplus. A question and answer period followed.

Decision and Information Items (continued)

7. Legislative Monitoring

The Legislative Monitoring Chart, listing all provincial and federal legislative changes and court rulings relevant to the Islands Trust including new and amendment acts and regulations, was provided for information.

8. Trust Fund Board Report

The Trust Fund Board quarterly report, highlighting the accomplishments as of February 2011 in the areas of Strategic Planning/Administration, Covenant and Property Acquisition, Property and Covenant Management, Communications and Fundraising, was provided for information.

9. Trust Fund Board Name Change

Resolution TC 103/11

It was Moved by Trustee Christine Torgimson and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Trust Fund Board's request to the provincial legislature to amend the Islands Trust Act to change the organization name of the Islands Trust Fund to the Islands Trust Conservancy.

After significant research and evaluation, the Trust Fund Board has concluded that its funding efforts would be more successful if the name of the Islands Trust Fund was changed to better reflect its purpose and operations.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

10. Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) – North Pender

Trustee Derek Masselink left the meeting at 4:35 p.m., declaring a conflict of interest under section 100 of the Community Charter.

Resolution TC 104/11

It was Moved by Trustee Christine Torgrimson and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a Natural Area Exemption Certificate for the remainder of the land described as "Lot 16, Section 23, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 22162" PID 003-329-887, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for the NAPTEP program.

This is the 8th NAPTEP application from the North Pender Island Local Trust Area and the 20th overall since the Program's inception. This is the first application for 2011.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Derek Masselink returned to the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

3. Local Planning

Local Planning Committee Chair George Ehring acknowledged the contribution of departing Director of Local Planning Services Mac Fraser during his four year tenure with the Islands Trust. On behalf of Trust Council, Chair Sheila Malcolmson also expressed appreciation for his contribution.

1. Local Planning Committee Report

By General Consent, the Local Planning Committee report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of February 2011 were: 1) Community Housing; 2) Riparian Area Regulation Implementation; and 3) Protocol with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

2. Director of Local Planning Services Quarterly Report

Provided for information.

3. OCP/LUB Status Report

A status report regarding the scheduled review of Official Community Plans (OCPs) and Land Use Bylaws (LUBs) by Local Trust Committees, was provided for information.

4. Bylaw Enforcement Investigations Report

A Briefing outlining the current status of bylaw enforcement investigations in the Trust Area was provided for information.

The meeting recessed at 5:40 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

All 26 members of the Islands Trust Council were present.

Closed Session

Resolution TC 105/11

It was Moved by Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c) and (g) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to labour relations and other employee relations, and litigation affecting the Islands Trust and that CAO Linda Adams be invited to attend the entire meeting, and that Islands Trust staff be invited to attend Parts 2 and 3 of the meeting.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed to the public at 8:35 a.m.
The meeting reopened to the public at 9:10 a.m.

Decisions and Information Items (continued)

8. Summary/Updates

1. Trustee Updates

a. BC Ferries

Trustee Tony Law provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Ferry Advisory Committees.

b. Gulf Islands National Park

Trustee Wendy Scholefield, Trust Council's representative on the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Park Advisory Board, provided a verbal update on recent activities.

c. First Nations

Chair Malcolmson reported on her attendance at the March 1, 2011 First Nations Community to Community Forum in North Vancouver.

d. National Park Reserve on Bowen Island

Trustee Nerys Poole, Chair of the Bowen Island National Park Council Committee provided a verbal update on the National Park Feasibility Assessment on Bowen Island.

Delegations and Town Hall Session

1. David Maude, Mayne Island

David Maude provided a presentation to trustees regarding his concerns about control of the deer population on the islands.

2. TAG (Transparency and Accountability in Governance)

Julia Lucich, on behalf of the Transparency and Accountability in Governance Team, addressed trustees regarding a number of issues, including accessibility of agenda packages on the website, timing of meetings, and climate change.

3. SIPOA (Saturna Island Property Owners Association)

Bernie Ziegler and Ron Hall addressed Council on behalf of the Saturna Island Property Owners Association regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

4. Bruce Pendergast, Pender Island

Bruce Pendergast provided his perspective on the issue of short term vacation rentals on North Pender Island.

5. Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce

John Quesnel, Mike Best and Tim O'Connor addressed trustees on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

6. Galiano Trails Society

On behalf of the Galiano Trails Society, Bowie Keefer provided a Power Point presentation on how hiking and trail networks can be extended on each island and be interconnected with foot passenger ferry links.

7. BC Farmland Defense League

Barbara Grimmer spoke to Trust Council members on behalf of the BC Farmland Defense League regarding agriculture in the Trust Area.

8. Mike Aston, Pender Island

Mike Aston addressed trustees regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Town Hall speakers included Walter Forestbauer, Galiano Island; Sara Steil, Pender Island; and Olaf Knevezic, Galiano Island.

2011/12 Budget

Craig Elder outlined proposed amendments to the 2011/12 draft budget.

Resolution TC106/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council adopt the summary of management changes to the 2011/12 Islands Trust Budget, as presented.

Since the 2011/12 budget recommendation was made by the Financial Planning Committee in February 2011, the Province notified Islands Trust that the rate charged for employee benefits would be reduced for 2011/12. This non-discretionary change resulted in a reduction of expenses of approximately \$70,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC107/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

To remove the provision for Honouraria for attendance at Council Committee meetings from proposed Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 142.

The provision proposed paying \$250 per meeting to a Council Committee chair and \$150 per meeting to Council Committee members.

Trustees in favour of the motion felt that the lack of an honouraria would not affect the number of trustees participating on Council committees and that the ability to now participate in meetings electronically was a

viable alternative to attending meetings in person. Those supporting the provision felt that the time involved preparing and attending meetings warranted an honouraria.

On the Motion

IN FAVOUR – 15

Poole-Bowen; Bell-Denman; Graham-Denman; Ferens-Gabriola; Hunt-Hornby; Law-Hornby; Gobby-Lasqueti; Dodds-Mayne; Shew-Mayne; Ehring-Salt Spring; Johnstone-Saturna; Neff-Saturna; Greer-South Pender; Scholefield-South Pender; French-Thetis

OPPOSED – 11

Morse-Bowen; Malcolmson-Gabriola; Clegg-Gambier; Hagedorn-Gambier; Decario-Galiano; Pottle-Galiano; Morrison-Lasqueti; Masselink-North Pender; Steeves-North Pender; Torgrimson-Salt Spring; Luckham-Thetis

CARRIED

4. Organizational/Finance

7. Trustee Remuneration Bylaw

This bylaw is consistent with Trustee Remuneration Policy 7.2.i approved by Trust Council in December 2010. It provides a formula for calculation of trustee remuneration that would come into effect after the next local elections in November 2011.

Discussion ensued with trustees expressing both support and opposition for the proposed increases.

Those expressing support for the bylaw believed the increased remuneration levels are about redistributing and recognizing the impact of different levels of workloads on the larger islands. Others felt the increase was significant enough to provide an opportunity for individuals to give up other levels of gainful employment to consider running as a trustee in the next election.

Those opposed to the bylaw believed that remuneration increases were not warranted with the current economic conditions posed on communities. Others felt that serving as a trustee is an extension of community participation and that it was not the time to increase remuneration.

Resolution TC 108/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded.

Islands Trust Council Bylaw 142, cited as the "Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Bylaw, 2011-12" be Read a First Time.

IN FAVOUR – 19

OPPOSED – 7

(Morse-Bowen; Ferens-Gabriola; Law-Hornby; Shew-Mayne; Dodds-Mayne; Johnstone-Saturna)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 109/11

It was Moved by Trustee Jeanine Dodds and Seconded.

That Islands Trust Council amend Schedule B of proposed Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 142 so it reflects a 10% reduction in the LTC Total portion of the remuneration.

Resolution TC 110/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded.

To Table the Motion.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Map IT Application Demonstration

GIS Mapping Coordinator Mark Van Bakel provided trustees with an introduction to the Islands Trust's new online mapping project.

Decision and Info Items (continued)

4. Organizational/Finance

7. Trustee Remuneration Bylaw (continued)

Resolution TC 111/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded.

To Untable the Motion: That Islands Trust Council amend Schedule B of proposed Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 142 so it reflects a 10% reduction in the LTC Total portion of the remuneration.

Craig Elder presented approximate revised remuneration totals by island using the proposed 10% reduction.

Discussion ensued with some trustees feeling the reduction watered down the original intent to address the inequities of workload experienced by the larger islands and to attract a wider range of candidates for the next election.

On the Motion

IN FAVOUR – 10

(Morse-Bowen; Dodds-Mayne; Law-Hornby; Morrison-Lasqueti; Hagedorn-Gambier; Johnstone-Saturna;
Graham- Denman; Malcolmson-Gabriola)

OPPOSED – 16

(French-Thetis; Poole-Bowen; Gobby-Lasqueti; Pottle-Galiano; Decario-Galiano; Neff-Saturna; Shew-Mayne;
Steeves-North Pender; Bell-Denman; Greer-South Pender; Scholefield-South Pender; Masselink-North
Pender; Ehring-Salt Spring; Torgrimson-Salt Spring; Clegg-Gambier; Hunt-Hornby)

MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC 112/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded.

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 142, cited as the "Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Bylaw, 2011-12", as amended be Read a Second Time.

IN FAVOUR – 21

OPPOSED – 5

(Ferens-Gabriola; Law-Hornby; Shew-Mayne; Dodds-Mayne; Johnstone-Saturna)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 113/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded.

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 142, cited as the "Islands Trust Council Trustee Remuneration Bylaw, 2011-12" as amended be Read a Third Time.

IN FAVOUR – 23

OPPOSED – 3

(Ferens-Gabriola; Shew-Mayne; Dodds-Mayne)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 114/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council establish a property tax increase of 1.5% in the 2011/12 budget, and recommend to the Financial Planning Committee that the resulting surplus be used to reduce property tax increases in the 2012/13 fiscal year.

Trustees expressed discomfort borrowing money from taxpayers this upcoming fiscal to pay out for the following fiscal.

IN FAVOUR – 2
(Malcolmson-Gabriola; Bell-Denman)
OPPOSED – 24
MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC115/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council amend Schedule A of proposed Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 142, as per the previous motions affecting the 2011/12 budget.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

4. Organizational/Finance

7. Financial Plan Bylaw 2011-12

The proposed budget for 2011-12 of \$6.85 million would represent a 1% property tax increase over the previous year. Island property owners would pay 64 cents more per \$100,000 of assessed property value, or \$2.87 more on a property assessed at \$450,000 as a result of the Islands Trust's budget decision.

Resolution TC116/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 143, cited as "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2011/2012" be Read a First Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC117/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 143, cited as "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2011/2012" be Read a Second Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC118/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 143, cited as "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2011/2012" be Read a Third Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC119/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 143, cited as "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2011/2012" be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval consideration.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

1. Financial Planning Committee Report

By General Consent, the Financial Planning Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of March 2011 were: 1) Prepare the 2010/11 Budget; 2) Update the Financial Forecast to March 31, 2011; and 3) Development Application Fees Analysis (with Local Planning Committee).

2. Director of Administrative Services Report

Provided for information.

3. December 31, 2010 Financial Statement and Report

Resolution TC 120/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council approve the December 30, 2010 Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

4. Financial Forecast to March 31, 2011 - Briefing

A Briefing, detailing financial and Official Community Plan/Land Use Bylaw forecasts to March 31, 2011, based on expenditures to December 31, 2010, was provided for information.

5. Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw – RFD

Resolution TC 121/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 141, cited as "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2011-2012" be Read a First Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 122/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 141, cited as "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2011-2012" be Read a Second Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 123/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 141, cited as "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2011-2012" be Read a Third Time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 124/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 141, cited as "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2011-2012" be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval consideration.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

5. Executive

1. Executive Committee Report

By General Consent, the Executive Committee Report was endorsed, as presented. The top work program priorities as of February 2011 were: 1) Strategic Planning; 2) Communications; and 3) Organizational Effectiveness.

2. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Provided for information.

3. Records Management Bylaw

Resolution TC 125/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 144, cited as "Islands Trust Records Management Bylaw No. 144, 2011" be read a First time.

Trust Council's adoption of a Records Management Bylaw will launch the transition to a new records management system that will meet the expected standards for local governments in British Columbia.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 126/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 144, cited as "Islands Trust Records Management Bylaw No. 144, 2011" be read a Second time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 127/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 144, cited as "Islands Trust Records Management Bylaw No. 144, 2011" be read a Third time.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

4. Oath of Office

A Briefing addressing whether to consider changing the current oath of office before the 2011 election was provided for information.

5. 2008-2011 Islands Trust Strategic Plan

A Briefing outlining the status of items identified in the 2008-2011 Strategic Plan was provided for information.

6. 2008-2011 Islands Trust Strategic Plan

An updated 2008-2011 Strategic Plan was presented, with amendments to activities, phases and success measures that reflect current progress and the 2011-2012 budget recommended by the Financial Planning Committee.

Resolution TC 128/11

It was Moved by Trustee Christine Torgrimson and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council retain in the 2008-11 Islands Trust Strategic Plan Goal 1, Objective 1.3, Strategy 1.3.6.3 with the following changes:

- *Add LTCs to “who would work on it”*
- *Substitute “subject to grants funding” with “subject to budget (2011/12)”*
- *Substitute “not funded in proposed 2011/12 budget” with “in progress”*

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution TC 129/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the activities, phases and success measures identified for 2011-2012 in the document entitled “Islands Trust Council Strategic Plan 2008-2011 – Adopted September 2009, Updated March 9, 2011.”

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

6. Correspondence

1. **Gulf Islands Alliance re: Carbon Trading – Feb 28/11**

Resolution TC 130/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee to respond to the February 28, 2011 letter from Gulf Islands Alliance, thanking them for their second letter on this subject; stating that although the subject of carbon offsets is currently attracting a lot of public interest, it is complex and requires careful study before Trust Council can adopt a position on the possible use of offsets in land use planning; and indicating the following:

- *That achieving carbon neutrality across our organization is an objective for this term in the Islands Trusts 2008 – 2011 Strategic Plan and, to that end, we are currently planning to include a program on carbon offsets in the June 2011 Trust Council program*
- *That, as currently planned, Trust Council will also hear a presentation about the use of carbon offsets in land conservation, although the IT has no immediate plans for initiating this process in our conservation work as it is not an identified action in the current Strategic Plan,*
- *That the Denman Island trustees had no involvement in the process that used carbon credits to achieve the recent North Denman Lands/MOE development proposal, and*
- *That the Islands Trust has no authority to dictate or restrict the financing tools used by a landowner to finance land use proposals*

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

7. New Business

1. Garth Hendren re: Mail In Ballots (Feb 28/11)

Resolution TC 131/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council directs the Executive Committee to respond to the February 28, 2011 letter from Director Garth Hendren of the Capital Regional District, regarding mail-in ballots.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

8. Summary/Updates (continued)

2. Priorities Chart

By General Consent, the Priorities Chart dated February 2011 was endorsed as presented.

3. Trust Council – Plan for Continuous Learning 2008-11

Provided for information.

4. Quarterly Trust Council Meetings Schedule

By General Consent, the Quarterly Meeting Scheduled was endorsed as presented.

5. 2011 Calendar

A calendar for March – June 2011, listing proposed Trust Council, Council committees, local trust committees and other meetings and activities of interest scheduled to date was provided for information.

6. Proposed June 2011 Trust Council Agenda Program

A draft schedule for the June 14-16, 2011 Trust Council meeting to be held on Denman Island was provided for information.

7. Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council requested the Chair to write to the Delegation participants and to thank them for their submissions.

3. Local Planning Services (continued)

5. Local Planning Services Time Tracking Report

A time tracking report for Local Planning Services, including a summary of hours reported by planning region and unit category for November 2010 – February 2011, was provided for information.

6. Local Planning Committee Participation in Development Application Fee Analysis Project

Resolution TC 132/11

It was Moved by Trustee George Ehring and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council establish a joint Task Force of the Financial Planning Committee and Local Planning Committee to conduct a review of development application fees and report to Trust Council about an appropriate rate of fees at the September 2011 Trust Council meeting; and delegate the development of the terms of reference for the Task Force to the Executive Committee.

Should the Task Force recommend changes to application fees, each Local Trust Committee would need to consider whether it wished to amend its Fees Bylaw before fees would actually change.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

7. Conservation Covenant Management

Resolution TC 133/11

It was Moved by Trustee George Ehring and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the program of using a rent charge to recover costs of monitoring conservation covenants for use by local trust committees; provide local trust committees with the covenant monitoring program briefing and advise them of the implications of committing to any monitoring requirements; and develop options for the monitoring of development permits as a separate analysis.

This will provide for a procedure to monitor costs when new voluntary conservation covenants are negotiated by landowners in association with development applications. The procedure would not apply to existing covenants.

Resolution TC 134/11

It was Moved by Trustee Nerys Poole and Seconded:

Amend the Motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the program of using a rent charge to recover costs of monitoring conservation covenants for use by local trust committees where a conservation covenant is developed as part of an agreement related to a development approval; provide local trust committees with the covenant monitoring program briefing and advise them of the implications of committing to any monitoring requirements; and develop options for the monitoring of development permits as a separate analysis.

On the amendment

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

On the Amended Motion

IN FAVOUR – 21
OPPOSED – 5
CARRIED

(Bell-Denman; Clegg-Gambier; Pottle-Galiano; Johnstone-Saturna; Scholefield-South Pender)

8. Community Housing Task Force

Resolution TC 135/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council approve the extension of the Community Housing Task Force to the end of the current trustees' term of office; and instruct staff to distribute the "Use of Temporary Use Permits for Regulating Affordable Housing" staff report and "Housing Agreements" briefing to local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality.

Continuation of the Community Housing Task Force will provide a focused venue for trustees and staff to monitor and share information on affordable housing in support of the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

9. Food Security Guide and Implementation

A status report on work undertaken or planned to implement food security in the Trust Area was provided for information.

10. Riparian Area Regulation Update

A Briefing on the status of implementation of the Riparian Area Regulation in the Islands Trust Area was provided for information.

11. Revision to Islands Trust Guidelines for Local Trust Committee Sponsored Development Applications

Resolution TC 136/11

It was Moved by Trustee George Ehring and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council approve the revisions to Islands Trust Policy 4.1.xiii, Guidelines for Local Trust Committee Sponsored or Initiated Development Applications and Trust Policy 4.1.viii - Local Trust Committee Local Expense Account as submitted.

The proposed amendments are intended to address concerns about the perception of local trustee objectivity when a sponsored development application is considered by a local trust committee.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

All 26 members of the Islands Trust Council were present.

Planning Session

Team meetings were held with trustees and senior planning staff to review regional issues of the respective Northern and Southern Planning teams.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Next meeting: June 14-16, 2011 on Denman Island.

Sheila Malcolmson, Chair, Islands Trust Council

Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator and Recorder