



**Minutes of Islands Trust Council Meeting
September 11-13, 2012
Bowen Island, BC**

Present:

Executive Committee: Sheila Malcolmson, Chair (Gabriola)
David Graham, Vice Chair (Denman)
Ken Hancock, Vice Chair (North Pender)
Peter Luckham, Vice Chair (Thetis)

Trustees: Wolfgang Duntz, Bowen
Andrew Stone, Bowen
Laura Busheikin, Denman
Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola
Louise Decario, Galiano
Sandy Pottle, Galiano
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier
Jan Hagedorn, Gambier
Alex Allen, Hornby
Tony Law, Hornby
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti
Susan Ann Morrison, Lasqueti
Brian Crumblehulme, Mayne
George Grams, Salt Spring
Peter Grove, Salt Spring
Paul Brent, Saturna
Pam Janszen, Saturna
Mike Jones, South Pender
Liz Montague, South Pender
Sue French, Thetis

Regrets: Jeanine Dodds, Mayne
Gary Steeves, North Pender

Staff: Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Cindy Shelest, Director, Administrative Services
Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Twenty-three trustees were in attendance. Trustees Absent: Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island, Gary Steeves, North Pender Island and Andrew Stone, Bowen.

Chair Sheila Malcolmson welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Approval of Agenda/Notice of New Items

By General Consent, Council agreed to extend the September 12 Delegation and Town Hall Session from 60 to 90 minutes.

DECISION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

1. GENERAL

1.1 Resolutions Without Meeting

The following Resolution Without Meeting was Carried on July 11, 2012: RWM 03-2012: "That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 145, cited as "Islands Trust Council Trust Officials Indemnification Bylaw, 2012" be adopted.

1.2. June 2012 Trust Council Meeting - Draft Minutes

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council approved the June 2012 Trust Council Meeting Minutes, as amended.

1.3 Trust Council Follow-Up Action List

The Trust Council Followup Action List, dated August 28, 2012, was provided for information.

2. LOCAL PLANNING

2.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report

Provided for information.

2.2 Local Planning Committee Report

By General Consent, the Local Planning Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of August 2012 were: 1) Encouraging Green Technologies; and 2) Development Permit Monitoring.

2.3 Local Planning Services Three Year Plan

The Local Planning Services 2011-2014 Plan was provided for information. This report includes projects and top priorities of local trust committees, allocation of staff resources, work carried out by the Local Planning Committee and proactive policy work by the Bylaw Enforcement office.

2.4 Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation Briefing

A Briefing outlining the status of the implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) in the Trust Area was provided for information. Staff will continue to monitor and report upon the completion of legislative action to implement the RAR in the Local Trust Areas; and to provide educational material on RAR to the public.

2.5 Green Shores for Homes Briefing

A Briefing outlining the status of the Green Shores for Homes Program, a four year program to develop a credit/incentive system for homes based on the Green Shores system was provided for information.

2.6 Food Security Guide and Implementation Briefing

A Briefing on the status of food security implementation in the Trust Area was provided for information, detailing the resulting work both planned and undertaken as a result of the five resolutions passed by Council in December 2010.

2.7 Bylaw Enforcement Investigations Report Briefing

Staff highlighted the current status of bylaw enforcement investigations in the Trust Area, and provided a chart detailing the Bylaw Enforcement Notice Dispute Adjudication System. Trustees asked questions about Short Term Vacation Rentals, unconventional dwellings and proactive versus complaint-driven enforcement.

2.8 Model Fee Bylaw Amendments

Staff introduced the amended Model Fees Bylaw and reported on the work of the joint Fee Task Force, which was created last term and comprised of members from the Local Planning and Financial Planning Committees. Key issues addressed by the Task Force were to improve cost recovery for application processing and to remove the obligation for a local trust committee to consider extraordinary processing fees in advance of deliberating on the merits of an application. The model fee bylaw would allow each local trust committee to determine whether it wished to amend its fee bylaw in accordance with the recommendations.

Resolution TC 153/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Model Fee Bylaw Amendment proposal submitted to Trust Council be referred to the Financial Planning Committee.

IN FAVOUR - 9

Malcolmson-Gabriola; Hagedorn-Gambier, Allen-Hornby; Grams-Salt Spring;
Grove-Salt Spring; Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna; Jones-South Pender

OPPOSED: 14

(Rudischer-Gabriola, Busheikin-Denman; Graham-Denman, Johnston-Lasqueti, Stamford-Gambier, Crumblehume-Mayne, Law-Hornby, Montague-South Pender, Duntz-Bowen, Pottle-Galiano, Decario-Galiano, Morrison-Lasqueti, French-Thetis, Luckham-Thetis)

MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC 154/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council adopt the amended Policy 5.6.i (Application Processing Services); endorse the attached Model Fee Bylaw; recommend that local trust committees amend their fee bylaws substantially in accordance with the Model Fee Bylaw; and encourage local trust committees to adopt Development Approval Information bylaws.

Some trustees expressed a desire for the bylaw to be reconsidered by the Local Planning and Financial Planning Committees before making a decision.

IN FAVOUR– 3
(Duntz-Bowen; Graham-Denman; Luckham-Thetis)
OPPOSED– 20
MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC 155/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council refer the Model Fees Bylaw to the Financial Planning Committee and Local Planning Committee for reconsideration.

CARRIED

Resolution TC 156/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to distribute documents related to litigation affecting the Islands Trust, and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and staff be invited to attend the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting closed to the public at 3:25 pm and reopened at 3:28 pm.
The meeting recessed at 3:28 pm and reconvened at 3:50 pm.

Trustee Andrew Stone joined the meeting.

**2.9 Trust Council Bylaw No. 148 - Development Approval Information Bylaw,
Galiano Island - Decision**

Resolution TC 157/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 148, cited as "Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Development Approval Information Bylaw No. 148, 2012" be read a first time.

CARRIED

Resolution TC 158/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 148, cited as "Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Development Approval Information Bylaw No. 148, 2012" be read a second time.

CARRIED

Resolution TC 159/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 148, cited as "Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Development Approval Information Bylaw No. 148, 2012" be read a third time.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE

3.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

Provided for information.

3.2 Executive Committee Report

By General Consent, the Executive Committee Report was endorsed, as presented. The top work program priorities as of August 2012 were: 1) Policy; 2) Strategic Planning; and 3) Organizational Effectiveness.

3.3 Trust Council Plan for Continuous Learning 2011-2014

Provided for information.

Trustee Peter Johnston requested an opportunity to discuss whether any of the proposed learning topics or sessions could be held outside of the meeting, i.e., via webinar. Chair Malcolmson advised him to propose the subject as a new business item for consideration during the Call for New Business Items later in the meeting.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL/FINANCE

4.1 Director of Administrative Services Report

Provided for information.

4.2 Financial Planning Committee Report

By General Consent, the Financial Planning Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of August 2012 were: 1) First Draft of 2013/14 Budget; 2) Complete 2012/13 Forecast; 3) Develop policies on Carbon Neutrality and Whistleblowing; and Complete draft revisions of Policies 7.2.v Restructure Study Cost Allocations and 7.2.vi Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation.

4.3 June 30, 2012 Quarterly Financial Statement

Resolution TC 160/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That Islands Trust Council approve the June 30, 2012 Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

2. JOINT SESSION WITH BOWEN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Members of the Bowen Municipal Council and Islands Trust Council, along with senior staff discussed issues of mutual interest and concern, including Crown land acquisition, ferry fares and service, derelict vessels, affordable housing and the Burnco Mine.

Don Marshall, a resident of Bowen Island and recipient of the 2012 Community Stewardship Award for climate change, was acknowledged and presented with his award.

The meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution TC 161/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c),(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to: labour relations and other employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust, and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; 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, 4 of the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting closed to the public at 8:21 am and reopened to the public at 8:35 am.

REFRESHER ON STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FAIRNESS

Chief Administrative Officer Linda Adams provided a presentation to Council members, reviewing standards of conduct, open meetings and the principles of fair decision making.

DECISION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

4. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - continued

4.4 March 31, 2012 Year End Financial Statement Allocation to Local Trust Committees

A Briefing outlining the method used to produce the March 31, 2012 year-end financial statements allocated to local trust committees was provided for information.

4.5 2011/12 Trustee Remuneration and Expense Report Briefing

The 2011/12 Trustee remuneration and expense report was provided for information.

4.6 Public Accountability Principles Briefing

A Briefing outlining the Financial Planning Committee's examination of the principles of public accountability was provided for information. Included was an inventory of some of the public accountability practices currently in place at the Islands Trust.

4.7 Draft 2013/14 Budget Principles and Assumptions Briefing

A Briefing outlining the draft budget assumptions and principles developed for the 2013/14 budget was provided for information.

4.8 Timeline for 2013-14 Budget Process

Resolution TC 162/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council approve the timeline for the 2013/14 budget process as presented.

CARRIED

OIL SPILL RESPONSE SESSION

Trustees were provided with an opportunity to learn and ask questions about oil spill response in the Salish Sea. Presentations were provided by representatives of the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC) and the Island Oil Spill Association, San Juan County. Following the session trustees were invited by the WCMRC to see response vessels and beach cleaning equipment set up at a beachfront area in Snug Cove.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 pm and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

DELEGATIONS AND TOWN HALL SESSION

1. Citizens for Safe Technology, Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology and Bowen Islanders for Safe Technology

On behalf of the Citizens for Safe Technology, Gulf Islands for Safe Technology and Bowen Islanders for Safe Technology, Jayeson Hendyrsan addressed Trust Council regarding concerns with the BC Hydro Smart Metering program.

2. Friends of Mannion Bay

On behalf of the Friends of Mannion Bay, Michael Lightbody expressed their concerns about derelict and abandoned vessels and live-boards.

3. Denman Opposes Coal and Gulf Islands Alliance

Patti Willis and Graham Brazier, on behalf of Denman Opposes Coal, and David Critchley on behalf of Gulf Islands Alliance provided a joint presentation about concerns with the proposed Raven Coal Underground Coal Mine and the proposed action they would like the Islands Trust to take.

4. Future of Howe Sound Society

On behalf of the Future of Howe Sound Society, Peter Snell made a presentation to Council members about the threats posed to Howe Sound by the proposed Burnco Aggregate Project at McNab Creek.

5. Will Husby, Bowen Island

Will Husby addressed Council members regarding his concerns about the water lot applications for private moorages at Cape Roger Curtis on Bowen Island.

6. Peaceworks et al

On behalf of Peaceworks et al, Lisa Barrett addressed Council members about the need for the establishment of a federal Department of Peace.

CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Raven Coal Mine Followup (Trustee David Graham)

Resolution TC 163/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To add Raven Coal Mine Followup as a New Business Item.

CARRIED

2. Smart Meter followup (Trustee Tony Law)

Resolution TC 164/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To add Smart Meter Followup as a New Business Item.

CARRIED

3. Department of Peace (Trustee Ken Hancock)

Resolution TC 165/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To add Department of Peace as a New Business Item.

IN FAVOUR – 18

OPPOSED – 6

(Duntz-Bowen; Grove-Salt Spring; Grams-Salt Spring; Brent-Saturna;
Janszen-Saturna; Jones-South Pender)

CARRIED

4. Opposition to Burnco Mine (Trustee Kate Louise Stamford)

Resolution TC 166/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To add Opposition to Burnco Mine as a New Business Item.

CARRIED

5. Continuous Learning outside of Trust Council meetings (Trustee Peter Johnston)

Resolution TC 167/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To add Continuous Learning Outside of Trust Council Meetings as a New Business Item.

IN FAVOUR – 23

OPPOSED – 1

(Law-Hornby)

CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLANNING

CAO Linda Adams provided a brief review of Council's strategic planning process and public consultation program to date, followed by Council deliberations to decide on a proposed strategic plan for the 2011-14 term.

Resolution TC 168/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council delete Item 1.7 'greenhouse gas emissions' from the 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

IN FAVOUR – 8

(Rudischer-Gabriola; Allen-Hornby; Hancock-North Pender; Grove-Salt Spring;
Grams-Salt Spring; Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna; Jones-South Pender)

OPPOSED – 16

(Stone-Bowen; Duntz-Bowen; Busheikin-Denman; Graham-Denman; Malcolmson-Gabriola;
Pottle-Galiano; Decario-Galiano; Hagedorn-Gambier; Stamford-Gambier; Law-Hornby;
Morrison-Lasqueti; Johnston-Lasqueti; Crumblehume-Mayne; Montague-South Pender;
Luckham-Thetis; French-Thetis)

MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC 169/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council delete Strategy 4.1 “Use land use planning tools and decisions to support economic opportunities compatible with conservation of resources and protection of community character” from the proposed 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

IN FAVOUR - 13

OPPOSED - 11

(Duntz-Bowen; Malcolmson-Gabriola; Decario-Galiano; Pottle-Galiano; Allen-Hornby; Law-Hornby; Grove-Salt Spring; Grams-Salt Spring; Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna; Montague-South Pender)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 170/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed 2011-14 Strategic Plan under Objective 2 - Protect coastal marine ecosystems – by adding a new strategy “Develop mechanisms for proactive bylaw enforcement of illegal structures on the foreshore”.

IN FAVOUR – 17

OPPOSED – 7

(Duntz-Bowen; Busheikin-Denman; Graham-Denman; Allen-Hornby; Grove-Salt Spring; Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 171/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed 2011-14 Strategic Plan under Strategy 2.4 by adding “Advocacy with respect to potential impacts of the proposed Raven Coal Mine upon Baynes Sound and proposed Burnco Gravel Mine upon Howe Sound”.

CARRIED

Resolution TC 172/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed strategic plan for 2011-14 by amending strategy 4.4 by deleting (as described in Trust Council’s toolkit, Affordable Housing Guide) so it reads “use of land use planning tools and decisions to improve the availability of affordable/accessible/appropriate housing” and add a new activity for the 2013-14 fiscal year that the “Local Planning Committee establish a Task Force to review unconventional and unpermitted provision of affordable housing and propose model policies to address such situations”.

Resolution TC 173/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To Amend the Motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed strategic plan for 2011-14 by amending strategy 4.4 by deleting (as described in Trust Council's toolkit, Affordable Housing Guide) so it reads "use of land use planning tools and decisions to improve the availability of affordable/accessible/appropriate housing" and add a new activity for the 2013-14 fiscal year that the "Local Planning Committee establish a Task Force to review unconventional and unpermitted ~~provision of affordable~~ housing and propose model policies to address such situations".

On the Amendment

IN FAVOUR – 18

OPPOSED – 6

(Busheikin-Denman; Hagedorn-Gambier; Allen-Hornby; Law-Hornby;
Brent-Saturna; Janszen-Saturna)

CARRIED

Resolution TC 174/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To Amend the Motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed strategic plan for 2011-14 by amending strategy 4.4 by deleting (as described in Trust Council's toolkit, Affordable Housing Guide) so it reads "use of land use planning tools and decisions to improve the availability of affordable/accessible/appropriate housing" and add a new activity for the 2013-14 fiscal year that the "Local Planning Committee establish a Task Force to review ~~unconventional and~~ unpermitted housing and propose model policies to address such situations".

On the Amendment

IN FAVOUR – 22

OPPOSED – 2

(Duntz-Bowen; Grams-Salt Spring)

CARRIED

Staff noted that the Bylaw Enforcement Manager will be looking at the policies and coming back with recommendations on how to enforce bylaws.

On the Amended Motion:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed strategic plan for 2011-14 by amending strategy 4.4 by deleting (as described in Trust Council's toolkit, Affordable Housing Guide) so it reads "use of land use planning tools and decisions to improve the availability of affordable/accessible/appropriate housing" and add a new activity for the 2013-14 fiscal year that the "Local Planning Committee establish a Task Force to review unpermitted housing and propose model policies to address such situations".

(Graham-Denman; Law-Hornby; Crumblehulme-Mayne; Grove-Salt Spring; Grams-Salt Spring)
IN FAVOUR – 5
OPPOSED – 19
MOTION FAILS

Resolution TC 175/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council amend the proposed 2011-14 Strategic Plan by adding a new Strategy 6.4 – "Review service delivery regarding application processing", with an activity in Fiscal Year 2013-14 to "consider development and use of a quality management system pilot on Salt Spring Island for processing of development applications".

CARRIED

Resolution TC 176/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council adopt the Goals, Objectives and Strategies identified in the "Islands Trust Strategic Plan for 2011-14", as amended September 12, 2012; endorse the activities, phases and success measures identified for the 2012/13 fiscal year in the amended "Islands Trust Strategic Plan for 2011-14"; and request the Financial Planning Committee and staff to use the proposed activities for the 2013/14 fiscal year in the amended "Islands Trust Strategic Plan for 2011-14" as a basis for developing a proposed budget for the 2013/14 fiscal year.

CARRIED

DECISION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

5. TRUST AREA SERVICES

5.1. Director of Trust Area Services Report

Provided for information.

5.3. Trust Fund Board Report

Trustee Tony Law, Chair of the Trust Fund Board highlighted the Board's accomplishments as of August 2012 in the areas of Strategic Planning/Administration, Covenant and Property Acquisition, Property and Covenant Management, Communications and Fundraising. A written report was provided for information.

5.3 Trust Fund Board Audited 2011-12 Financial Statements

Provided for information.

5.4 Trust Fund Board Five Year Plan

Resolution TC 177/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Islands Trust Fund Five-Year Plan 2013-2017 and request that the Chair provide a letter of support for the Plan for submission to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, subject to the satisfactory completion of the review period by Local Trust Committees and Bowen Island Municipality.

CARRIED

5.5 Trust Programs Committee Report

By General Consent, the Trust Programs Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of August 2012 were: 1) Advocacy Program; 2) Indicator Program; and 3) Community Economic Sustainability.

5.6 Advocacy Policy

Resolution TC 178/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council adopt new Policy 6.10.iii - Advocacy.

The Advocacy Policy is intended to provide guidelines for advocacy activities in the context of legislation and policy and ensure that advocacy positions are credible and supported by public process.

CARRIED

5.7 Trust Council Position re Union of BC Municipalities Resolutions

Resolution TC 179/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the positions Executive Committee will take at the September 2012 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meeting as indicated in the attached document entitled 'Draft Trust Council Positions on Selected UBCM Resolutions (2012).

The selected resolutions are those most relevant to the Islands Trust mandate, policy statement, and current issues in island communities and Bowen Island Municipality.

CARRIED

5.8 Derelict Vessel Advocacy in the Strategic Plan

A briefing from Municipal Trustee Andrew Stone to the Trust Programs Committee regarding the need for continued advocacy to senior levels of government to find solutions for derelict and abandoned vessels was provided for information. This issue is included in the 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

5.9 Advocacy on Tanker Traffic

Resolution TC 180/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council authorize the Chair to deliver presentations, on invitation, to regional districts in the Islands Trust Area, in order to share oil spill concerns and to inform a regional alliance of opposition to oil pipeline projects that will expand oil export by barge and tanker within the Islands Trust Area.

IN FAVOUR – 23
OPPOSED 1
(Brent-Saturna)
CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Mid Island Sustainability and Stewardship Initiative re National Marine Conservation Area Reserve Boundary

6.2 Citizens for Safe Technology Society (Sept 6/12)

The above noted correspondence was provided for information.

7. SUMMARY/UPDATES

7.1 Trustee Updates

7.1.1 BC Ferries

Trustee Tony Law provided highlights from his written report to Council members.

7.1.2 First Nations

No reports were provided at this meeting.

7.1.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee

Trustee Pam Janszen advised that the Advisory Committee recently held its first meeting and that a planner has been hired, who resides in Winnipeg.

7.1.4 Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC)

Trustee Hancock reported on behalf of Trustee Gary Steeves that the AVICC Executive strongly support the derelict vessels issue and that the AVICC President will be advocating as such at the upcoming UBCM Convention.

7.2 Priorities Chart

The Islands Trust Priorities Chart highlights the current top priorities of Trust Council and its Committees, the Trust Fund Board and Local Trust Committees.

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council approved the Priorities Chart, as presented.

7.3. Proposed September 2012 Trust Council Agenda Program

A draft schedule for the December 2012 Islands Trust Council meeting to be held on Salt Spring Island was provided for information.

7.4. 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.

The meeting recessed at 5:45 pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 am.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Raven Coal Mine Followup (D. Graham)

Resolution TC 181/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Islands Trust Council Chair to inform, by letter, the Environmental Assessment Office and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency that the Denman Local Trust Area (DLTA) extend to the natural boundary of the sea on the east side of Vancouver Island and that the Preservation and Protection of the DLTA has not been adequately addressed in the current assessment of the Raven Coal Mine application.

CARRIED

Resolution TC 182/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council add 'the preservation and protection of the seabed' and 'policies to address potential impacts on the Trust Area from projects sited outside the Trust boundaries' to the Policy Statement Review Topic List.

CARRIED

8.2 Smart Meter followup (T. Law)

Resolution TC 183/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee to follow up on previous advocacy to the Province with respect to the BC Hydro Smart Meter Program, particularly with regards to enabling an opt-out option.

CARRIED

8.3 Department of Peace (K. Hancock)

Resolution TC 184/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council express its support for legislation to establish a Federal Department of Peace, and urge its Trust Area Members of Parliament to support such legislation.

Trustees both supported the intent and expressed opposition on this issue not being part of the mandate.

Staff advised that this direction would involve minimal staff resources in writing a single letter to the federal government.

IN FAVOUR - 21
OPPOSED – 3
(Duntz-Bowen; Stamford-Gambier; Jones-South Pender)
CARRIED

8.4 Howe Sound Management Plan (K. Stamford)

Resolution TC 185/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council encourage the Howe Sound Community Forum to approach the BC and Canadian governments to partner on a land and water use management planning process for the Howe Sound Region.

Staff advised that this could result in substantially more staff resources than just writing a letter of support.

Resolution TC 186/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To Amend the Motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council encourage the Howe Sound Community Forum to approach the BC and Canadian governments to ~~partner on~~ support a land and water use management planning process for the Howe Sound Region.

IN FAVOUR - 4
(Rudischer-Gabriola; Allen-Hornby; Johnston-Lasqueti; Janszen-Saturna)
OPPOSED – 20
AMENDMENT FAILS

Staff suggested tabling the motion and working with Trustee Stamford on a revised motion for consideration by Council.

Resolution TC 187/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To Table the Motion.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 9:15 am
The meeting reconvened at 9:40 am.

8.4 Howe Sound Management Plan – continued

Resolution TC 188/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council advocate for a comprehensive Howe Sound management plan to assure a balanced relationship between community development and the protection of unique biophysical qualities of the region.

To Amend the motion as follows:

Resolution TC 189/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council advocate for a comprehensive Howe Sound management plan to maintain a balanced relationship between industrial ~~community~~ development and the protection of unique biophysical qualities of the region.

Trustees questioned whether this amendment changes the original intent of the motion.

IN FAVOUR - 2
(Rudischer-Gabriola; Luckham-Thetis)
OPPOSED – 22
AMENDMENT FAILS

Resolution TC 190/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

To Amend the motion as follows:

That the Islands Trust Council advocate for a comprehensive Howe Sound management plan to assure a balanced relationship between ~~community~~ development and the protection of unique biophysical qualities of the region.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amended Motion:

That the Islands Trust Council advocate for a comprehensive Howe Sound management plan to assure a balanced relationship between development and the protection of unique biophysical qualities of the region.

CARRIED

8.5 Continuous Learning outside of Council meetings (P. Johnston)

Resolution TC 191/12

It was Moved and Seconded:

That the Islands Trust Council ask Executive Committee to move a significant portion of Continuous Learning away from Council meetings, and use conference calls, webinars or other methods of distance education.

IN FAVOUR – 22
OPPOSED – 2
(Rudischer-Gabriola; French-Thetis)
CARRIED

PLANNING BEST PRACTICES – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Staff provided a brief presentation on planning best practices in relation to public engagement, including approaches to community engagement, successful examples in the Trust Area and an evaluation of the recent use of the PlaceSpeak system for the Strategic Plan public consultation process.

Trustees provided numerous comments and feedback about the Placespeak system, finding its use both positive and onerous.

TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustees met in an informal roundtable format to provide updates on activities in their local trust areas.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Next meeting: December 4-6, 2012 on Salt Spring Island.

Sheila Malcolmson, Chair, Islands Trust Council

Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator & Recorder