

**ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL  
TRUST PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2012**  
**LADYSMITH B.C.**

**Present:      Committee Members**

Alex Allen, Hornby  
Paul Brent, Saturna (Chair)  
Laura Busheikin, Denman (by phone)  
George Grams, Salt Spring (Vice Chair)  
Ken Hancock, North Pender (EC Rep) (by phone)  
Tony Law, Hornby  
Liz Montague, South Pender  
Sheila Malcolmson, Gabriola (ex officio) (by phone)  
Kate Louise-Stamford, Gambier  
Andrew Stone, Bowen

**Staff**

Linda Adams, CAO  
Lisa Gordon, TAS Director  
Clare Frater, Policy Analyst

**Absent:** None

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**1.      REGULAR COMMITTEE BUSINESS****1.1.   Approval of the Agenda**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the agenda be adopted as presented.*

**CARRIED****1.2   Approval of Regular Minutes of February 6, 2012**

*It was Moved and Seconded that the Regular Minutes of February 6, 2012 be adopted as amended.*

**CARRIED****1.3   Follow up Action List**

Staff provided an overview of the work items on the list and explained that the format of the list is in transition while waiting for the implementation of new meeting management software (E-Scribe). In the future, the follow-up action list will follow the format prescribed in the Trust Council Work Program, Follow-up Action Lists and Priorities policy (6.7.i).

**1.4   Indicators Briefing**

Staff provided an overview of the briefing, explaining limitations to some proposed indicators. Trust Programs Committee members indicated that they see an emerging need for economic indicator information and suggested that there may be opportunities to collaborate with regional districts.

## 2. COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 2.1 2011-12 Annual Report – Trust Programs Committee Section

Staff provided an overview of the Trust Programs Committee section of the 2011-12 Annual Report.

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee accept the Trust Program Committee report for inclusion in the 2011-12 Islands Trust Annual Report.***

**CARRIED**

### 2.2 Legislative Monitoring

Staff provided an overview of the legislative monitoring chart and explained that recently announced changes for the *Coastal Ferry Act* will be added to the chart. Trust Programs Committee members discussed that the *Canada Shipping Act Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulation* came into force in May 2012 and that there may be a need for advocacy for tighter regulation in areas such as Active Pass.

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee forward the legislative monitoring chart to Trust Council as amended.***

**CARRIED**

### 2.3 Stewardship Awards – in-camera

At 11:45 a.m.:

***It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1)(b) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, and that the following individuals be invited to remain in the meeting: Linda Adams, Lisa Gordon and Clare Frater.***

**CARRIED**

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 12:35 p.m.

### 2.4 Policy Statement Options

Staff provided an overview of the March 2012 Trust Council motion regarding the Policy Statement and the draft Request for Decision document regarding Policy Statement options.

Trust Program Committee members discussed the need to raise public awareness and understanding of the Policy Statement and its function prior to engaging islanders about potential amendments to the document. Committee members also discussed that they have already noticed that staff briefings and decision documents relating to the draft bylaws are better highlighting relevant Policy Statement information. They also discussed that each objective in the Strategic Plan could have an activity to consider Policy Statement amendments.

***It was Moved and Seconded that the recommendations for the Request for Decision with respect to the Policy Statement be amended to read as follow:***

- 1. That Islands Trust Council agree to add under Objective 4.2 in the draft Strategic Plan the following activity “to address the utility and visibility of the Policy Statement to increase broad understanding of its function.”***
- 2. That Islands Trust Council direct the Trust Programs Committee to review Trust Council policies 1.2.i, 1.3.i and 1.3.ii and recommend amendments to Trust Council***

**(per recommendation #7 in the 2011 Policy Statement Assessment Task Force final report) and to consider addressing Council Policy 1.3.i as a priority.**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Andrew Stone left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

## **2.5 Trust Council's Strategic Plan**

Staff provided an overview of the briefing and explained that the Executive Committee intends to seek public input on the draft strategic plan. Staff explained that the draft presented to the Trust Programs Committee was created by the Executive Committee using trustee comments during the roundtables at the December 2011 and March 2012 Trust Council meetings as well as the information in local trust committee, Trust Council and Trust Fund Board work programs and individual trustee input. Staff explained that the Executive Committee is seeking input from the Trust Programs Committee on which objectives should be priorities and explained that the Executive Committee would like to have seven to 12 objectives. She then explained that the adopted strategic plan will be used as the basis for developing the 2013 – 14 budget and will then be amended to reflect the adopted budget.

Staff reminded the committee that in March 2012 Trust Council requested that the Trust Programs Committee consider recommending inclusion of ferry advocacy in the strategic plan.

Andrew Stone returned to the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Trust Programs Committee members discussed the merit of including new objectives/activities relating to encouraging 'green' infrastructure to improve environmental outcomes or alternatively whether encouraging this infrastructure could be a strategy or activity associated with an objective such as 'improve water quality' or 'mitigate climate change'. Committee members also expressed support for a focus on threats to coastal and marine ecosystems such as oil spills, derelict vessels and heavy industrialization.

Trustee Laura Busheikin left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Committee members also suggested specific activities for the potential strategies "quality review of local planning services" and "review budget setting methodology."

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council that the Strategic Plan include the strategy "advocate for sustainable, affordable and appropriate ferry service" and seeks direction from the Executive Committee regarding work required to advance this strategy.***

**CARRIED**

## **2.6 Advocacy Policy – Briefing**

Staff provided an overview of the draft Advocacy Policy and briefing and noted that the policy ties into the strategic plan and supports the "in cooperation with others" part of the Islands Trust Object.

Kate Louise Stamford and Andrew Stone left the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

A committee member asked whether the policy spoke to advocacy about projects outside or near the Islands Trust Area's borders that benefit from partnership based advocacy. Committee members discussed that some constituents are expecting much stronger leadership on advocacy from Islands Trust on behalf of all British Columbians.

Trustee Laura Busheikin returned to the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Committee members discussed that local trust committees and individual trustees are free to request at any time that the Executive Committee and/or Trust Council take on an advocacy topic. A committee member also suggested that praising good decisions should be part of the advocacy program.

A Committee member noted that policies F7-17 in the draft Advocacy Policy need to be rewritten to sound like policies. Committee members discussed a suggestion that media training be provided to spokespeople. Staff suggested that the communications policy could be amended to recommend media training upon appointment of each new Islands Trust Council Chair, as resources allow.

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee forward the draft Advocacy Policy to Trust Council.***

**CARRIED**

## **2.7 Trust Programs Committee Work Program - Report**

Staff presented the draft Trust Programs Committee work program report.

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee amend its work program as follows: #1 Policy Statement, #2 Advocacy, #3 First Nations Relations with Climate Change, Indicator Program, Vacant Crown Land Profiles and Community Stewardship Awards as continuing items.***

**CARRIED**

***It was Moved and Seconded that the Trust Programs Committee forward its work program report to Trust Council.***

**CARRIED**

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

By consent, the committee agreed to the dates previously set: August 20, 2012 and November 5, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town Hall in Ladysmith.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Clare Frater  
Recorder

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Paul Brent  
Chair