

ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL  
TRUST PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
VICTORIA B.C.

**Present:**

Committee Members

Staff

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

Lisa Gordon, TAS Director  
Clare Frater, Policy Analyst  
Laura Stringer, Communications Specialist

**Absent:**

Laura Busheikin, Denman

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

**1.1 Approval of the Agenda**

*It was agreed by consent to adopt the agenda with a change to place item 3.3 ahead of 3.2.*

**2. REGULAR COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**2.1 Approval of Regular Minutes of August 20, 2012**

*It was agreed by consent to adopt the Regular Minutes of August 20, 2012.*

**2.2 Follow up Action List**

The committee reviewed the list and had no comments.

**2.3 Indicators Briefing**

Staff provided an overview of the briefing and suggested that 100% Census data may be available in early 2013.

**3. TRUST COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 Briefing – TPC items on Trust Council’s Strategic Plan**

Staff explained that following Trust Council’s adoption of its Strategic Plan in September, staff were requested to use it as a basis for development of the 2013/14 budget. Staff are now working to estimate some preliminary costs for the approved activities and to identify some options or phases for them. Staff asked committee members for input on potential options and phases for activities that Trust Programs Committee is responsible for. Committee members provided input on the following topics:

### 3.1 “Encourage understanding and voluntary stewardship of water resources”:

Committee members supported the idea of asking island water groups for their water education materials and best practices. Members discussed that regional districts focus their education initiatives on community water services and there is a gap in both groundwater regulation and education. Staff committed to bringing an inventory of local water education materials to the February or May 2013 meeting with a report about water stewardship education initiatives that local groups suggest.

### 4.1 Create linkages between islands and Regional Districts to share effective and appropriate economic development models

Committee members supported the idea of developing a proposal for a half-day economic development session at the December 2013 Islands Trust Council meeting that will include regional directors. They discussed that the session could focus on current and proposed economic development activities, roles, gaps, barriers, case studies, and successes; and could be video-recorded.

### 4.2 Advocate for sustainable, affordable and appropriate ferry service

Staff updated the committee on the Executive Committee’s work regarding the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s BC Ferries consultation process. Committee members suggested that there be a focus on the economic impact of ferries, the notion that ferries are ‘subsidized’ while other provincial public transportation systems are ‘funded’ and the fact that island communities settlement patterns were based on ferry service expectations. Staff noted that the Financial Planning Committee is also considering a budget submission for a study of the socio-economic impacts of ferry fares and service changes.

## 3.2 Briefing – Advocacy Policy implementation

Staff advised that they will be providing an overview of the Advocacy Policy to Local Planning Services staff at their November 27, 2012 professional development day, and may develop orientation materials for trustees that can be delivered via distance education.

## 3.3 Request for Decision – NMCA

Staff reported that the Islands Trust has indicated its support for a national marine conservation area in the southern Strait of Georgia for almost a decade. After several years of study, a formal consultation process is now underway focused on a specific boundary. While federal and provincial agencies are aware of Trust Council’s support in principle, it would be useful to confirm support now that more details are available about the extent of the proposed boundaries. Staff invited feedback on the Request for Decision document so it could be improved before submission to the Islands Trust Council.

It was noted that the NMCA initiative might not proceed without support from the Islands Trust Council.

A number of points and suggestions were raised regarding potential improvements to the Request for Decision document.

***By consent, the committee amended the two proposed motions in the Request for Decision document and added a third motion proposing that the Islands Trust be included in a joint management approach to the National Marine Conservation Area Reserve.***

***It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Trust Programs Committee forward the National Marine Conservation Area Request for Decision report to Trust Council as amended.***

**CARRIED**

### 3.4 Briefing – Legislative Monitoring

Staff provided an overview of the legislative monitoring chart and explained that further changes will be made before it is presented to the Islands Trust Council. Committee members suggested small changes to the chart.

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

**CARRIED**

### 3.5 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

Staff presented the draft Trust Programs Committee work program report. Some trustees suggested changes to the report.

*By consent, the committee decided to forward its work program report to Trust Council as amended.*

## 4. **NEXT MEETING**

*It was **MOVED and SECONDED** that the Trust Programs Committee approve Monday, February 4, 2013; Monday, May 13, 2013; Monday, August 12, 2013; and Monday, November 4, 2013 as 2013 meeting dates.*

**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Clare Frater  
Recorder

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Paul Brent  
Chair