



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2013
Location: Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade (Hwy 1)

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

Regrets:

Staff Present: Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (by phone)
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services
Clare Frater, Policy Analyst – Recorder
Laura Stringer, Communications Specialist (by phone)

Media and Others Present:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following addition to the agenda [or deletions or reordering of items] were presented for consideration:

- 5.2 Land Use Planning for Economic Opportunities.

TPC-2013-128

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee amend the agenda to include handout Land Use Planning for Economic Opportunities document in item 5.2.

CARRIED

TPC-2013-129

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee November 4, 2013 agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES/COORDINATION

3.1 Minutes of previous Meetings

3.1.1 August 12, 2013

TPC-2013-130

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Programs Committee Minutes of August 12, 2013 be amended by replacing the word “summarizing” in item 4.3, with “illustrating” and that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3.2 Follow-up Action List

The follow-up action list was provided for information and review. There was no discussion.

4. TRUST COUNCIL BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Briefing – BC Ferries Advocacy Research Program Update

Clare Frater, Policy Analyst, provided an update on BC Ferries Advocacy Research Program on the work undertaken since Trust Program Committee’s last meeting. She advised that the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens’ Services will not be providing records in response to the Islands Trust’s Freedom of Information request until December 18, 2013. She also advised that the upcoming provincial consultation about BC Ferries may be completed by December 31, 2013.

Committee members discussed potential challenges relating to the upcoming consultation.

By general consent the Committee directed staff to circulate by e-mail Trust Council’s 2012 submission and the November 3, 2013 Times Colonist editorial to all trustees as a reminder of all the key points, and directed staff to provide printed copies of Trust Council’s 2012 submission to all local trust committee chairs for distribution at local trust committee meetings.

The Islands Trust Chair reported that she was preparing for a November 22, 2013 meeting with Jordan Sturdy, MLA and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Staff reported that it will be challenging to proactively develop a submission given the short consultation timeline and the lack of information about the consultation.

TPC-2013-131

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

The Trust Programs Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that staff resources be available to respond to the *Water Sustainability Act* and to respond to any statements being made by the Province on implementing its vision for coastal ferries.

CARRIED

4.2 Briefing – Water Education Project Update

Laura Stringer, Communications Specialist, provided an update about Water Education Project activities undertaken since Trust Programs Committee's last meeting. She invited Committee members to submit feedback on the new water resource webpages and asked them to encourage water organizations to link to website.

By general consent the Committee requested that staff send a briefing about the water education project to local trust committees encouraging them to promote the website and highlight it in trustees newsletters and notice boards.

4.3 Briefing – Trust Council Economic Sustainability Session Update

Clare Frater, Policy Analyst, provided an update on the Economic Sustainability Session planning.

By general consent the Trust Programs Committee requested that staff provide a sign at the Trust Council Economic Sustainability Session with the Policy Statement definitions of sustainability.

The Trust Programs Committee discussed the need for the breakout session to talk about successes, and for the need to maximize guest participation in breakout sessions.

TPC-2013-132

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee recommend to the Executive Committee that they consider preparing a news release that announces successes of the Trust Council Economic Sustainability session.

CARRIED

The Committee members discussed that the session could be introduced with remarks that address varying perceptions of sustainability on different islands – some island populations are dropping and some are looking for growth.

4.4 Briefing – Islands Trust Council Strategic Plan – TPC Input

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer, asked for input from the Committee to the Islands Trust Council Strategic Plan.

TPC-2013-133

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee recommends to Trust Council that the following changes be made to the 2011-14 Trust Council Strategic Plan:

3.1.1 delete "and identify gaps"

3.1.2 "Fill identified gaps" be changed to "Identify gaps and make recommendations about"

3.1.3 delete "Develop an on-going water stewardship program"

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the need for the Trust Council agenda to have time to discuss the BC Ferries consultation.

Trustee Brent advised that the Financial Planning Committee is looking at the need to cut some programs to avoid a significant financial increase. Trust Programs Committee members discussed the need for the \$20K allocated for BC Ferries research and the members proposed deleting \$15K from the budget.

4.5 Briefing – Indicator Program Update

Clare Frater, Policy Analyst, provided an update on the Indicator Program on the work undertaken since Trust Program Committee's May 2013 meeting. She advised that the work to date will be used at the Trust Council Economic Sustainability session.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Correspondence from John Tylee re Economic Dependency Report

By general consent the Committee requested that staff work constructively with Mr. Tylee and Mr. Holman to see if an agreement can be reached about the Economic Dependency Report.

5.2 Land Use Planning for Economic Opportunities document

Trustee Law spoke about this document and committee members expressed support for sharing it at the Trust Council economic sustainability session.

6. WORK PROGRAM

6.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

TPC-2013-134

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee forward its work program to the Islands Trust Council with the top three items as follows:

1. Create linkages to share economic sustainability models
2. BC Ferries advocacy program - Prepare Trust Council and trustees to participate effectively in the next round of public engagement on BC Ferries
3. Encourage understanding and voluntary stewardship of water resources

with four continuing items as follows: community stewardship awards, legislative monitoring, indicator program and vacant crown land profiles.

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on February 3, 2014 in Ladysmith.

TPC-2013-135

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee adopt the following meeting dates for 2014: February 3, 2014, May 12, 2014, and August 11, 2014 in Ladysmith. An electronic meeting may be held in October or November as required.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Paul Brent, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Clare Frater, Recorder