

ADOPTED

**MINUTES OF THE GALIANO ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY, February 23, 2013 AT 1:00 PM
AT THE SOUTH ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL,
GALIANO ISLAND, B.C.**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Ken Hancock	Chair
	Sandy Pottle	Local Trustee
	Louise Decario	Local Trustee
	Robert Kojima	Regional Planning Manager
	Kris Nichols	Island Planner

There were approximately sixteen (16) members of the public present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Welcomed the audience, made introductions and introduced the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hancock asked for any additions or changes to the agenda; the agenda was amended by:

- Adding item 2.1 – Trust Fund Board News - Laughlin Lake Nature Reserve Update

The agenda was approved as amended by consent.

2.1 Trust Fund Board News - Louise Decario

Trustee Decario made an announcement that a property has been added to the Laughlin Lake Nature Reserve using Section 99 of the *Local Government Act* (new ecological lot).

3. GREEN SHORES FOR HOMES PROGRAM AND INTREGATED WATERSHED AND SHORELINE MAPPING WORKSHOP

3.1 Overview - Robert Kojima

Regional Planning Manager Kojima gave the context and overview of the Shoreline Workshop. He spoke of the need to protect the shorelines, gave examples of development that occurs along the shoreline and stated that Galiano has a Shoreline Development Permit Area. He introduced the workshop presenters.

3.2 Integrated Shoreline Mapping – Paul De Greeff

Mr. De Greeff discussed the mapping used in the Shoreline project. He gave an overview of the 6 different types of shoreline classes used: sea cliff, low rock/boulder, bluff, boulder cobble, pebble sand and marsh and fine sediments. He also gave an overview of what makes shorelines vulnerable: sediment transportation system, slope instability, removal of riparian vegetation, pollution, climate change and aesthetic and recreational values. He presented the Galiano Shoreline Map.

3.3 Green Shores – Brian Emmett

Mr. Emmett gave an overview of Green Shores and Green Shores for Homes. He stated that Green Shores was based on 4 principles: connectivity of the coastal processes, maintains or enhances habit diversity and functions, minimizes or reduces pollutants to marine environment and cumulative impacts to the coastal environment. He stated that the near shore zones are very vital for marine species. He also explained the rating system utilized in Green Shores for Homes.

Break (2:30 pm)

3.4 Eelgrass and forage fish mapping – Kate Emmings

Ms. Emmings gave a brief overview of the Islands Trust Fund Board and its programs. She explained why it is important to map biologic features of the shoreline. She also explained the two areas that they are mapping: forage fish habitat and eelgrass beds and their importance.

3.5 Eelgrass and the Importance of Mapping – Nikki Wright

Ms. Wright of SeaChange Marine Conservation Society described the importance of eelgrass habitat and of the need for improved shoreline data. She stated the importance to consider shoreline areas as “beach sheds” illustrating the connectivity along the shoreline.

3.6 Rockfish and their habitat – Lia Chalifour

Ms. Chalifour of the Galiano Conservancy Association gave an overview of the natural history of the rockfish, the conservation areas near Galiano and how their survival also depends on a healthy shoreline and eelgrass and kelp beds.

3.7 Discussion

Many questions and answers were heard.

A specific question was raised regarding a property owner who lives in a bay and what could be done to protect their property. A few options were presented regarding a beach nourishment approach (i.e. replacing sand and gravel) and that the owner should contact a geomorphology expert.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution GL-LTC-17-13

It was Moved and Seconded that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee meeting be adjourned at approximately 4:39 p.m.

CARRIED

RECORDER

CHAIR