



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 – 9:15am
Location: Thetis Island Community Centre, Forbes Hall Hunter Room
 292 North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

Members Present: Ken Hancock, Chair
 Peter Luckham, Local Trustee
 Sue French, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner
 Jason Youmans, Student Planner
 Stephanie Cottell, Recorder

Media And Others Present: There were three (3) members of the public in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:25 am, welcoming those present and introduced himself, the local trustees and staff. He acknowledged Thetis Island's location within the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Planner Brzozowski asked to have 2014/2015 budgets added as a new business item. The agenda was approved by general consent.

3. TOWN HALL

Dan Geisbrecht: spoke to concerns regarding Section 5.2.4 of the draft AIOCP 5.2.4 which would prohibit private individual docks on Ruxton Island.

Trustee Luckham: responded that a related amendment recently recommended by Planner Brzozowski will be discussed in the course of the agenda. He asked for more information about the death related to limited dock access.

Dan Geisbrecht: elaborated on the historical tragedy.

Ernie Hunter: spoke to emergency access of the community dock on Thetis, not intended for everyday resident use. He supports fewer/shared docks.

Dennis Rutherford: expressed kudos on Jason Youmans' report, yet he felt it missed out interrelated land transportation infrastructure issues.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Local Trust Committee Draft Minutes of June 5, 2013

The minutes of the June 5, 2013 Thetis Island Local Trust Committee were reviewed and adopted by consensus with the following amendments:

- Change the date in the header from '2012' to '2013';
- Item 16, page 6, delete the words 'approximately \$8000' and replace with 'is unknown at this time';
- Item 17, page 6, change the next meeting date to read July 24, 2013.

4.2 Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting Log Dated May 28, 2013

Received for information.

4.3 Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – None.

4.4 Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission Draft Meeting Minutes Of June 19, 2013

Received for information.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Follow Up Action List Dated July 16, 2013

Planner Brzozowski presented the Follow Up Action list.

Discussion followed regarding the timeline for working with Ian Ralston regarding options for the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR). Planner Brzozowski indicated that Staff was looking at Autumn 2013 for further work.

5.2 Stewarding Our Shores Speakers Evening

Planner Brzozowski noted that the Resolution Without Meeting currently in progress could be voted on at the LTC meeting.

TH 023/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Local Trust Committee endorse the August Shoreline Awareness Event plan dated July 17, 2013 as presented.

CARRIED

Discussion followed regarding video and other logistics.

- 8. **DELEGATIONS** – None.
- 9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.
- 10. **APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS** – None.
- 11. **LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

- 11.1 **Shoreline Protection Concepts and Options**

- 11.1.1 Staff Report Dated July 15, 2013

Planner Brzozowski provided the report on the first part of her report, outlining concepts and options for shoreline protection on Thetis Island. Discussion followed. Trustees Luckham and French will collaborate on a feedback form for the speakers' event with six to eight questions.

Trustees are supportive of other strategies suggested by Planner Brzozowski (page 4 of report) excepting the online decision-making tool.

Planner Brzozowski spoke to the second part of her report requesting a more formal direction from the LTC as to their participation with a pilot of the Greenshores Program. Discussion followed.

TH 024/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Local Trust Committee commit in principle to standing as a pilot Local Trust Area for the Greenshores draft credit rating system subject to further information about the timeline, planning staff time commitment, and available resources.

CARRIED

The LTC may explore a request in the 2014/2015 LTC budget for a contractors' session in the event such a session is not held through the Greenshores project.

- 11.2 **Community and Shared Docks Case Study**

- 11.2.1 Report Dated July 13th, 2013

- 11.2.2 Case Studies From the BC Coast

Jason Youmans spoke briefly to the report. Its purpose was to serve as a general resource document for communities as well as local trust committees.

Discussion followed. The Trustees were pleased with the report, and had questions regarding parking/land footprint (consider adding these details to report). The idea of pre-zoning for shared or community docks was also discussed.

Denis Rutherford: spoke to his appreciation of report and suggested clarifying upland issues and strengthen the language.

Dan Geisbrecht: remarked on the excellent report, good benchmark numbers.

TH 025/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Local Trust Committee receive for information, the attached report titled "Community and Shared Docks: Case Studies from the B.C. Coast", distribute the report to other Local Trust Committees, and post it to the Islands Trust website.

CARRIED

11.3 Ruxton Island Community Dock Technical Study

11.3.1 Memo Dated July 2013 To Be Distributed

The memo was not available for distribution; it conveyed a message that the revised study will be received for the August 3, 2013 meeting.

11.4 Associated Islands Community Plan Update

11.4.1 Staff Report Dated July 15, 2013

Planner Brzozowski presented the reformatted and revised Community Plan draft, as well as a comprehensive revision tracker. She presented an additional revision as a late item, as follows:

Item 5.2.4 and 5.2.5 respectively:

"5.2.4 The Local Trust Committee may permit individual private docks accessory to residential uses. These docks should be regulated by zoning."

"5.2.5 The LTC should not permit individual private docks on Ruxton Island"

Discussion followed.

TH 026/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee receive revised draft of the Thetis Associated Islands Official Community Plan dated July 15, 2013 and endorse the revised draft with the following amendments:

- Item 5.2.8: delete the words “Temporary Use Permits should be encouraged for aquaculture leases in the Plan area”;
- Item 7.2.5: add the words “participation in the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program”;
- Item 8.3.2: replace Cowichan Valley Regional District with BC Ambulance (or appropriate body as researched);
- Item 6.3.3: replace the words “management strategy for its designated parklands” with “parkland management plan”;
- Item 1.3.2: add Dayman Island to the list of associated islands;
- Item 16.7.4: add a brief definition for accessory structures and uses, and home occupation (to be consistent with definitions in the Section 4 preamble).

CARRIED

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities And Project Reports Dated July 16, 2013

The Program Priorities and Projects report was presented and discussed.

12.2 Applications Log

12.2.2 Report Dated July 16, 2013

The Applications Log report was presented and discussed.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expenses

12.3.1 Expense Report Dated May 31, 2013

Trustee French identified an inconsistency in the May and June budget reports. She will follow up with Nancy Roggers.

12.3.2 Expense Report Dated June 30, 2013

Refer to 12.3.1 above.

12.4 Chair's Report

Chair Hancock reported that he was preparing for the next Trust Council meeting on Lasqueti which will have workshops on freedom of information and advocacy.

12.5 Trustees' Reports

Trustee French – No report.

Trustee Luckham reported on a meeting with the Valdes Island Conservancy. They expressed concerns about lack of support from the Islands Trust. Efforts continue to arrange a meeting with Chief Thomas or designate.

12.6 Advisory Planning Commission Report

Dennis Rutherford and Dan Geisbrecht reported that the process is moving along well, they are happy with the effort on the part of staff.

Thanks were expressed to the Advisory Planning Commission from the Chair and Trustees.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Proactive Bylaw Enforcement of Illegal Structures on the Foreshore Memo Dated June 18, 2013

The memo and associated report was discussed. No further action on this matter was desired by the LTC. Trustee French suggested that information on this topic be posted to the Islands Trust website under Information and Education on the Foreshore with links from each island's page.

13.2 Salt Spring Island Trust Area Bylaw No. 468 Referral Request for Response

TH 027/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

to advise the Capital Regional District that the Thetis Island area interests are unaffected by Bylaw 468.

CARRIED

13.3 Budgets for 2014/2015

Planner Brzozowski advised Trustees that LTC budget requests for 2014/2015 will be presented and discussed at the next LTC meeting on September 25, 2013.

14. BYLAWS – None.

15. **ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE** – None.

16. **TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**

Ernie Hunter: inquired as to the small cost and great benefit of copying DVDs of presentations/speakers. He also asked about the status of the Official Community Plan/Land Use Bylaw (OCP/LUB) amendments to allow ocean loop geothermal exchange systems.

Trustees responded that there were plans in place to make DVDs of speakers.

Also, that the possible amendments regarding ocean loop geothermal exchange systems are on the Projects List.

6. **CLOSED MEETING**

TH 028/13

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee close the next part of the July 24, 2013 business meeting to discuss matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(a) of the *Community Charter* to consider appointments to the Advisory Planning Commission and that staff be invited to attend this meeting.

CARRIED

Chair Hancock closed the meeting at 12:50 pm.

7. **RECALL TO ORDER**

The regular business meeting was recalled to order at 12:55 pm.

Chair Hancock rose to report the appointment of Mary Forbes and Steve Frankel to the Thetis Island Advisory Planning Commission for a term expiring on July 25, 2014.

17. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Upcoming Meeting dates are on the calendar, and should be kept as up to date as possible along with submission to the “latest news” feature on the website.

17.1 Special LTC Meeting for a Community Information Meeting regarding Ruxton Island and the Associated Islands OCP/LUB, Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 12:00 pm, Naylor Bay, Ruxton Island, BC

17.2 Special LTC Meeting for a Shoreline Stewardship Event, Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm, Overbury Resort, Thetis Island, BC

17.3 Regular LTC Meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 9:15 am at Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall) North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:00 pm.

Ken Hancock, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Stephanie Cottell, Recorder