



Islands Trust

ADOPTED

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Regular Business Meeting

Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2014, 9:45 a.m.
Location: Pender Island Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road
North Pender Island, BC

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair
Gary Steeves, Local Trustee
Ken Hancock, Local Trustee

Regrets: None

Staff Present: Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Justine Starke, Island Planner
Shannon McConchie, Recording Secretary

Media and Others Present: There were fifteen (15) members of the public present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Introductions were made and Chair Luckham acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Coastal Salish Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2.1 Additions and Deletions

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

12.2 Southern Gulf Islands Agricultural Plan Update for May 15

By general consent, the agenda was approved, as amended.

2.2 Questions from Public on Agenda Items

None

3. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None

5. PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes

5.1.1 North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2014

The April 24, 2014, minutes were amended as follows:

9.2 paragraph one, that “therefore not reviewed” be amended to read “therefore not yet reviewed by staff”.

9.2 paragraph three, that “insufficient” be amended to read “no”.

By general consent, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2014 were adopted as amended.

5.2 Public Hearing Records and Community Information Meeting Notes received.

5.2.1 North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record of April 24, 2014

By general consent, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record of April 24, 2014, as presented, was received.

5.2.2 North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Community Information Meeting Notes of April 24, 2014

By general consent, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Community Information Meeting Notes of April 24, 2014, as presented, was received.

5.3 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting

None

5.4 Advisory Planning Commissions / Task Force to be received.

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Follow-up Action List

Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Kojima provided information from the Follow-up Action Report dated May 14, 2014.

Trustee Hancock asked for background information regarding Item 10.1 LUB Technical Amendments Project. RPM Kojima reviewed the item and noted that the LTC's progress is waiting on the pending staff report.

NP-2014-054

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Land Use Bylaws Technical Amendments Project be removed from the Follow-up Action List and added to the Projects List.

CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 John Hastings re: Einar's Hill Bypass

Jon Hastings addressed the Moving Around Pender (MAP) project for Einar's Hill Bypass and, in addition to asking for a public meeting on the project, he noted the following concerns:

- A lack of information to the property owners and neighbours.
- Such land use could increase the risk of fire in an area where fire suppression is difficult or impossible.
- Lack of clarity on who will carry liability.

Chair Luckham noted that the Einar's Hill Bypass is not an LTC project.

Niall Parker spoke on behalf of MAP and explained that the goal of the bypass is to get people out of cars and improve safety for cyclists. He noted that a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) statutory right of way already grants access for the bypass.

There was discussion on the project and the following points were raised:

- Licence to occupy protocol provides guidance for notifying neighboring property owners by registered mail.
- A survey should be considered prior to mailing any communications.
- The environmental impact of the bypass has not been addressed
- The community may not have a full understanding of who the project stakeholders and decision makers are.

Sara Steil, director of Pender Islands Trust Protection Society read a statement and submitted copies to the public record. The statement noted the following points:

- A multi-use trail may draw small motor vehicle traffic
- The area's fragile eco-system will be put at risk
- Fire protection in the area is not adequate.
- An alternative of developing the shoulder of Einar's Hill, instead of a separate trail, could be considered.
- The safety of Einar's Hill, in general, should be addressed.

Tony Bachmeier commented that although there are lines on the map indicating that there is a public road, no such road exists until the government puts money into it.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Letter from Peter Pare re: Amendment to Magic Ferry Designated Route

Chair Luckham noted that given the overlap this item would be addressed in conjunction with item 7.1.

9. APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, BYLAWS AND REFERRALS

9.1 NP-ALR-2014.1 (Piskor) Staff Report

Planner Starke reviewed the application and stated the recommendation.

NP-2014-055

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee forward application NP-ALR-2014.1 (Piskor) to the Agriculture Land Commission for review and THAT the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee supports the proposal as it improves the viability of the farm without compromising agricultural capacity.

CARRIED

9.2 NP-RZ-2012.2 (Clam Bay) Memo

NP-2014-056

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That North Pender Island Local Trust Committee has reviewed and agreed with the Islands Trust Directive Policy Checklist as attached to the memo dated May 13, 2014.

CARRIED

NP-2014-057

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That North Pender Island Local Trust Committee enters into a cost recovery for the legal services review in order to review the temporary and permanent covenants associated with NP-RZ-2012.2 application.

CARRIED

9.3 North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Proposed Bylaw No.194

NP-2014-058

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That Bylaw No. 194, cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 1, 2014", be adopted.

CARRIED

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1 Conservation Subdivision

Planner Starke provided a verbal update on the Conservation Subdivision workshop that is tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2014.

11. REPORTS

11.1 Work Program Report & Memo

Trustee Hancock described the progress on the Shoreline Review Project. He noted that the brochure, "Shoreline Matters", had been created and a discussion took place regarding distribution of the brochure.

NP-2014-059

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee request staff to mail out the Shoreline Matters brochure to North Pender waterfront properties.

CARRIED

NP-2014-060

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee request that the Shoreline QR Code Project be placed on the projects list.

CARRIED

NP-2014-061

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee remove the Land Use Bylaw Amendments from the Top Priority list.

CARRIED

Trustee Hancock introduced a new potential project titled "Age and Disability Friendly Communities". A discussion ensued regarding the scope of the project and the viability of a new project at this point in the Trustees' term. The Trustees concluded that the project could begin with a narrow focus of addressing accessible parking on the island.

NP-2014-062

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Local Trust Committee add Age and Disability Friendly Community Planning to the Top Priorities List with an initial focus on review of disability parking and access issues in the commercial and community services zones.

CARRIED

11.2 Applications Report

Planner Starke reviewed the Applications Report dated May 2014.

11.3 Bylaw Enforcement Reports

None

11.4 Expense/Budget Reports

The March 2014 Local Trust Committee Expense Report was available.

11.5 Adopted Polices and Standing Resolutions

Presented for information

11.6 North Pender LTC Web Page

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee website can be found at:

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender

11.7 Chair Report

Chair Luckham spoke regarding the upcoming Trust Council meeting on Saturna, and noted that the Community Stewardship Awards will be announced.

11.8 Trustees Report

Trustee Steeves provided an update regarding the realtor signage initiative. He reported that although he had contacted all island realtors with an offer to convene a meeting, there did not appear to be enough interest to move forward.

Trustee Hancock provided an update regarding his attempts to address community concerns with safety on Einar's Hill. He also noted that the Pender Island Library Society hosted a discussion of Island's Trust at which he presented a Power Point. Trustee Hancock concluded by sharing that he had attended the Southern Gulf Island's Economic Development Committee meeting. A highlight from the meeting was that a draft study was presented regarding economic challenges and opportunities in the Southern Gulf Islands.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. at the Pender Island Community Hall (Upstairs).

12.2 Southern Gulf Islands Agricultural Plan Update for May 15

Discussion ensued regarding whether Pender Island would have a representative involved in the Southern Gulf Islands Agricultural Plan.

Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer provided background information and advised that such initiatives only work when farmers are involved from the beginning.

NP-2014-064

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Local Trust Committee direct staff to contact the Capital Regional District planning staff to inquire as to Islands Trust Involvement in this Request For Proposal contract process which closes May 30th, 2014, and as to the appointment of a “key coordinator” from North Pender Island.

CARRIED

13. TOWN HALL MEETING

Chair Luckham invited the public to make comment.

Sara Steil asked the Trustees to consider distributing the Shoreline Matters brochure to those who use the beaches, but may not live on the waterfront. She also commented that pleasure craft sewage pollution regulations are a concern for shoreline health. She noted that since Pender Island does not have a pump out station, the surrounding waters are a free dumping zone.

Anne Burdett spoke to the Local Trust Committee regarding canine feces on beaches. Trustee Hancock agreed with Ms. Burdett and commented that there is a need to lobby for bag stations to the appropriate bodies in charge of each of the beaches of concern.

14. ADJOURNMENT

NP-2014-060

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

CARRIED

Peter Luckham, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Shannon McConchie, Recorder