



**Gambier Island
Local Trust Committee
Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

Date of Meeting: January 30, 2014
Location: Gleneagles Community Centre,
6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC

Members Present: David Graham, Chair
Jan Hagedorn, Local Trustee
Kate-Louise Stamford, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner
Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist, Islands Trust Fund
(via teleconference, 11:00 to 11:06 a.m.)
Diane Corbett, Recorder

Media and Others Present: Russ Black, Belkorp Environmental Services Inc. – a.m.
Nancy Grenier, Belkorp Environmental Services, Inc. – a.m.
One (1) member of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Chair Graham acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 14.1 Update to attach to item 14.1: SCRD Staff Report dated January 10, 2014 regarding Temporary Use Permit F-01 for a Concrete Batch Plant
- 14.6 Add maps from Trustee Hagedorn regarding Sensitive Ecosystems
- 14.7 Howe Sound Community Forum Request

By general consent the agenda was approved, as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 24, 2013

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- Page 3, paragraph 2: insert at end of sentence “once the tenures have been issued”;
- Page 3, paragraph 3, end of line 3: replace “is” with “could be”;
- Page 4, paragraph 3: after the phrase “Howe Sound area”, insert “called *101 Things to Do in Howe Sound*”, and delete text from the comma on line 2 to end of the sentence, retaining the period.

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.2 Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 29, 2013

The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- Page 8, paragraph 2, sentence 2: replace fourth word “it” with “her concern”;
- Page 8, paragraph 3: delete second sentence beginning with “Examples”;
- Page 8, paragraph 5, end of line 4: replace “property” with “applicant’s lack of process”
- Page 8, paragraph 6, last sentence: insert “permit” before “process” and insert at end of sentence “by the applicant originally”.

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.3 Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting – none

3.4 Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – none

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Follow-up Action List dated January 28, 2014

Island Planner Brzozowski provided an update on the Follow-up Action List dated January 28, 2014. The item under April 11, 2013 regarding a letter to Minister Terry Lake was removed from the list as the action was considered no longer required.

4.2 Eelgrass Mapping for the Gambier Associated Islands

The following documents were received for information:

4.2.1 Islands Trust Fund Briefing Memorandum dated January 21, 2014

- 4.2.2 Final Report – Nearshore Eelgrass Inventory 2012-2013
- 4.2.3 Gambier Associated Islands eelgrass mapping – Map 3a and 3b

Island Planner Brzozowski gave a brief overview of the Nearshore Eelgrass Inventory report. The author of the report, Kate Emmings, briefly joined the meeting via teleconference to discuss the mapping methodologies utilized. Those islands in the Metro Vancouver Regional District, Bowyer and Passage, received more extensive mapping as more funds were available for those islands than within the remainder of the Local Trust Area, which received a simpler linear projection of the eelgrass bed.

The Ecosystem Protection Specialist responded to questions. Thanks were expressed to her by trustees for the mapping work done.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Graham discussed recent work done by the Executive Committee in reviewing the work of the Trust Council. Trust Council will meet in March and Chair Graham remarked that it appeared there would be an interesting program.

6. TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Stamford had distributed her report via email. Meetings and other activities attended since the last meeting included:

- November 30 – Attended Gibsons ferry information meeting and spoke as a Gambier Islander of Islands Trust concerns about the process of service reductions. There was a huge turnout. Information on Island Trust advocacy work regarding BC Ferries is available at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/advocacy/bc-ferries-advocacy.aspx.
- December 3-5 – Trust Council meeting in Victoria.
- December 10 and 12 – attended early SCR D budget meetings, especially regarding Parks discussions as Gambier Island is organizing its Parks initiatives.
- There is some concern about the future of the SCR D community docks. Eight of nine are in the Local Trust Area.
- January 6 – Met with MLA Jordan Sturdy regarding issues in the Gambier Island Local Trust Area.
- January 16 – Howe Sound Community Forum: There was excellent representation of different jurisdictions. The Forum seems to be moving forward on a planning structure. The trustee talked about the New Brighton dock with Chiefs-in-Council of the Squamish Nation at the Forum, and hopes to arrange for them to speak with Gambier Island residents.

Trustee Hagedorn began her report with a concern that the LTC, and likely other agencies, do not get information in advance about community information meetings held by external agencies (pertaining to industrial applications) so that Trustees can give constituents enough notice to attend those community meetings.

The Trustee outlined recent activities as follows:

- December 3-5 – At Trust Council, discussion included:
 - BC Ferries regarding its process of implementation of service reductions;
 - Concern about Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion and whether to get staff to examine that;
 - Metro Vancouver’s Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project environmental impacts; and
 - Advocacy for foreshore protection.
- January 6 – Met Jordan Sturdy regarding issues in the Trust Area and will hold a follow-up meeting.
- January 6 – Gave input as individual to the Canadian Environment Agency regarding using the highest standards possible when assessing the proposed Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project in the Howe Sound Area.
- January 11 – Attended a public awareness meeting in Squamish regarding the future of Howe Sound.
- January 14 – Participated in Howe Sound Community Forum. There were seven First Nations representatives there, four of whom were elected officials. They have offered Totem Hall in Squamish to be used for the next forum. Will look at a collective vision for the group during a webinar on February 21. Elected officials and staff members will work with the Province to look at a cumulative effects framework.
- January 25 – Attended another meeting regarding public awareness at Squamish Public Library.
- January 26 – Attended a Keats Island Conservation meeting about a 33-acre park on Keats.
- Trustee Hagedorn will follow up regarding an issue of a shelter on Keats Landing dock. Eastbourne Community Association was not interested.

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Nancy Grenier for Belcorp Environmental Services Inc. regarding Garbage Incineration and Potential Port Mellon Site

Russ Black, a specialist in the waste management industry and Vice President, Corporate Development, Belcorp Environmental Services Inc., gave a presentation on recycling and the three processes of solid waste disposal: the incineration process, the landfill process, and the advanced waste-separation process. The presentation discussed the potential facility at Port Mellon proposed by Aqualini Group.

By general consent the meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

8. TOWN HALL SESSION

Eoin Finn, Bowyer Island, stated he was not in favor of the current efforts to reindustrialize Howe Sound. He is particularly concerned about the Woodfibre Liquid

Natural Gas (LNG) plant proposal that would carry LNG by Anvil, Bowyer and Passage Islands. He is not in favour of the Provincial government carrying out the environmental assessment for the LNG proposal and would like the federal agency to conduct the assessment.

He is more in favor of the approach of Howe Sound Community Forum, with a planned approach to the various competing uses: recreation, industry, tourism, residential.

Mr. Finn is also concerned with the lack of disclosure by industrial proponents to the general public in the Trust Area and to agencies with interest in the matter (regarding community meetings advertised over the Christmas break or in the New Year with little notice).

Trustee Hagedorn remarked that she had noticed the lack of time given for input on these proposed projects.

Chair Graham thanked Mr. Finn for his comments.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – none

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1 Sustainability Guide

Islands Planner Brzozowski gave a verbal update on developments pertaining to the Sustainability Guide.

Trustee Hagedorn thanked staff for the work done and urged the Island Planner to use the guide as a tool for building relationships, suggesting that copies of the Sustainability Guide be forwarded to Directors Maria Harris of Metro Vancouver Regional District and Lee Turnbull of Sunshine Coast Regional District.

10.2 Foreshore Protection

The following documents were received for information:

- 10.1 Staff Report dated January 20, 2014
- 10.2 Draft Project Charter
- 10.3 Staff Report dated November 16, 2013

Islands Planner Brzozowski reviewed the January 20, 2014 Staff Report and discussed the draft Project Charter.

Feedback and questions from Trustees on the Project Charter were discussed. Staff recorded proposed additions and changes to the Charter. Trustees were supportive of this opportunity to educate the public. Trustees discussed potential topics for the educational event in July 2014.

ADOPTED

Comments from trustees included:

- This process would serve as a good purpose for the Advisory Planning Commission; the APC should be involved to learn of the detail and objectives.
- There is a lot of information available, including shoreline types, eelgrass mapping, and current regulations. What people seem to want is to do something, to do it right, and right away. Could have a shoreline architect stand at the beach and look at the values, forces, what climate change will bring, potential ways to mitigate factors. Show how to do foreshore protection on properties.
- Bring information together. It is very complicated. There are different kinds of shorelines with different considerations, and different levels of readiness to accept foreshore protection. Follow through with education to build groundwork for regulation.
- Look at types of shorelines with examples of different challenges.
- Look at best practices on engineered foreshore protection for landowners.

GM-2014-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee:

- Review and revise the draft Project Charter for Foreshore Protection; and
- That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the Project Charter for Foreshore Protection as amended.

CARRIED

10.3 Official Community Plan Advocacy Policies Implementation

Islands Planner Brzozowski provided an update on Official Community Plan advocacy policies implementation and responded to trustee inquiries and concerns.

Woodlots on Gambier Island were discussed and the lack of community engagement was seen as an issue to be addressed.

GM-2014-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to write a letter to the Sunshine Coast District Forestry Officer requesting a meeting to discuss a public consultation process prior to the issuance of wood lot licenses on Gambier Island.

CARRIED

GM-2014-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair to write a letter to Maria Harris, Director, Area A, Metro Vancouver, stating:

- that the consideration of the Port Mellon site for a Metro Vancouver incinerator plant contravenes policies in the Islands Trust Policy Statement;
- that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee opposes the consideration of Port Mellon as a site for Metro Vancouver garbage disposal; and
- that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee looks forward to meeting with Maria Harris to discuss this further.

CARRIED

The trustees urged that residents of the Gambier Trust Area support the Islands Trust in advocacy.

10.4 Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation and Use of Brochure

Islands Planner Brzozowski responded to trustees' inquiries pertaining to the implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) in the Gambier Island Trust Area. There was concern that RAR was being triggered in one instance because of a subdivision application, and not being triggered in another situation where a stream was being disturbed. On Gambier Island, none of the watersheds have been verified for RAR-applicability, which has complicated the mapping needs for RAR.

GM-2014-004

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a report exploring options to implement the Riparian Areas Regulation in the Gambier Island Trust Area.

CARRIED

11. APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS – none

12. BYLAWS – none

13. REPORTS

13.1 Work Program Reports

13.1.1 Top Priorities Report and Projects List dated January 28, 2014

Staff noted that a staff report regarding electronic meetings would likely be on the March agenda.

13.2 Applications Log

13.2.1 Report dated January 28, 2014

Received for information.

13.3 Trustee and Local Expenses

13.3.1 Expenses posted to November 2013

13.3.2 Expenses posted to December, 2013

The expense reports were received for information.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Sunshine Coast Regional District Referral regarding Temporary Use Permit for Concrete Batch Plant

Comments from trustees on the application included:

- Makes more sense to make the concrete there than to truck it.
- Issue: consideration of noise – There is a camp directly across from there; noise travels farther on water.
- Foreshore and docks – How will they get the equipment in?
- Environmental monitoring – What is being done?
- Because it is a wilderness area and Gambier Island residents use it and the outstations and the camp, is the work going to be limited to weekdays?

By general consent the meeting was recessed at 1:38 p.m. and reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

14.2 Sunshine Coast Regional District Referral regarding Agricultural Area Plan

The referral of the Sunshine Coast Regional District Draft Agricultural Area Plan of November, 2013 was received.

Trustee Hagedorn noted one of the goals for the Agricultural Area Plan was more supportive government policies and regulations for agriculture. The trustee pointed out a number of agricultural initiatives that had started up in the Local Trust Area, such as at Camp Fircom on Gambier Island and Barnabus on Keats Island.

GM-2014-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to amend the Projects List and add to the Food Security Project a reminder to refer to the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Area Plan objectives 6.1 and 6.2, as follows:

- 6.1 Ensure that land use policies and bylaws reflect and support the Sunshine Coast's agricultural vision and this Plan.
- 6.2 Consider changes to Official Community Plans and zoning bylaws to establish more clear and defined goals and objectives to recognize and support agriculture and food production.

CARRIED

14.3 Hunting Issues, Southwest Corner of Gambier Island

Trustee Stamford explained there were issues of hunters coming onto the populated southwest area of Gambier Island and shooting randomly. Several examples were described. The Trustee had received requests from constituents to get that area of Gambier Island removed from the hunting profile. The area is primarily zoned single family residential, allowing domestic agriculture, agriculture and accessory uses.

Trustee Stamford indicated she would talk to the Conservation Officer and Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator about this issue.

14.4 Meeting with Members of Legislative Assembly

Trustee Hagedorn and Trustee Stamford met with MLA Jordan Sturdy at Horseshoe Bay on January 6, 2014 at his constituency office regarding Trust Area issues.

14.5 Advisory Planning Commission Terms Expire March 1, 2014

14.5.1 Memorandum dated January 17, 2014

The memorandum was received for information.

Island Planner Brzozowski explained she had emailed all the current Advisory Planning Commission members inquiring about their interest in continuation with the APC. There also was an advertisement in *The Coast Reporter*. The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is February 14, 2014.

14.6 Sensitive Ecosystem Maps

Trustee Hagedorn spoke briefly about maps she had displayed containing information on sensitive ecosystems in the Trust Area, and suggested that Trustees bring large informative maps to meetings.

GM-2014-006

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request planning staff to work with the Trust Area Services staff in creating a map that highlights sensitive ecosystems, marine and land, in the Gambier Island Trust Area for discussion at the Local Trust Committee meeting, for future planning purposes.

CARRIED

14.7 Howe Sound Community Forum Request

Trustee Hagedorn described a request she received from Ruth Simons of the Howe Sound Community Forum for help to support a webinar on February 21. The Provincial government agreed to share information about the Cumulative Effects Framework. Discussion ensued.

GM-2014-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide technical support for a Cumulative Effects Framework webinar on February 21, 2014 hosted by the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee for the Howe Sound Community Forum.

CARRIED

15. ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE

15.1 Gambier Pages

Island Planner Brzozowski announced she had been carrying out a thorough review and update of numerous web pages as part of her spring cleaning.

16. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Gibsons and District Public Library, 470 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, BC.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

David Graham, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Diane Corbett, Recorder