



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 20, 2014
Location: The Manil Room, Gibsons and District Public Library,
 470 South Fletcher Avenue, Gibsons, BC

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

Staff Present: Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner (*via teleconference 10:56 a.m.-1:45 p.m.*)
 Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner (*via teleconference 12:02-12:28 p.m.*)
 Marnie Eggan, Planner (*via teleconference 12:28-12:30 p.m.*)
 Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager
 (*via teleconference 12:47-1:07 p.m.*)
 Courtney Simpson, Regional Planning Manager
 (*via teleconference 11.50 a.m.-1:07 p.m.*)
 Diane Corbett, Recorder

Others Present: 1 Member of the Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

Chair Graham acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. He also acknowledged the presence in the gallery of past Islands Trust Chair Kim Benson.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 14.3 Hunting on southwest peninsula of Gambier
- 14.4 Howe Sound Community Forum request
- 14.5 Annapolis update

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 30, 2014

The following amendment to the minutes was presented for consideration:

- Page 4, item 7.1, first paragraph, line 3: replace “garbage incineration” with “solid waste disposal”.

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.2 Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting – none

3.3 Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes – none

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Follow-up Action List dated March 10, 2014 (*reviewed after item 10.1*)

Island Planner Brzozowski provided an update on the Follow-Up Action List dated March 10, 2014 and responded to inquiries by trustees.

Trustees extended thanks to Islands Trust staff for the time and support for the February 21, 2014 Howe Sound Community Forum webinar.

5. CHAIR’S REPORT

Trust Council met on Hornby Island. During the budget session, Council approved a zero increase budget. Provincial treaty negotiators gave a presentation on the treaty process. The Community Stewardship Award closing date is the middle of April.

6. TRUSTEES’ REPORT

Trustee Hagedorn gave an outline of her activities since the last Local Trust Committee meeting as follows:

- February 7 - Attended Local Planning Committee meeting via teleconference. Highlights include:
 - Gulf Islands Groundwater Protection: A Regulatory Toolkit (hope to distribute to interested groups).
 - Update on Green Shores-Thetis Pilot Project.
 - Integrated Shoreline Watershed Protection.
- February 20
 - Visited Gambier Island for a site visit to review a Development Variance Permit.
 - Attended a telephone conference concerning forage fish mapping in the Gambier Trust Area.
 - Attended a webinar practice with the Provincial Government, and a meeting at

- the Maritime Museum in Vancouver concerning the *Annapolis*.
- February 21
 - Supported Gambier Island Trust Area webinar, that provided an opportunity to review the Cumulative Effects Framework that has been offered by the Provincial Government to First Nations and the communities of Howe Sound.
 - Future of Howe Sound Society is seeking indications of interest from communities, stakeholder groups and First Nations to further explore the possible benefits of applying the Cumulative Effects Framework to Howe Sound.
 - Send expressions of interest to info@futureofhowesound.org.
 - The presentation delivered by Provincial Government Staff is available at: <http://futureofhowesound.org/campaigns/emerging-opportunity-for-howe-sound/>.
- March 4-6 - Attended Hornby Trust Council. Decision highlights include:
 - That the Islands Trust Council add \$5,000 for forage fish mapping to the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee 2014/15 projects budget.
 - That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 156, cited as the “Financial Plan Bylaw, 2014/2015”, with a 0% increase, be Read a First, Second, and Third Time and be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval consideration.
 - That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to the BC Ferries Commissioner to ask that he conduct a performance review of BC Ferries with respect to cost effective management including cost allocations to the non-major routes.
 - That the Islands Trust Council request staff to advise whether Trust Council actions are necessary to implement the new federal communication tower consultation process once the Industry Canada procedure is in effect.
- March 14
 - Attended a follow up meeting with MLA Jordan Sturdy in Horseshoe Bay concerning issues in the Gambier Trust Area.
- February/March 2014
 - Received several telephone calls regarding the current shed on Keats Landing Government Dock.

Trustee Stamford outlined her activities since the last Local Trust Committee meeting as follows:

- February 11
 - Telephone discussion with Metro Vancouver Area A director, Maria Harris, regarding the proposal to build an incendiary plant at Port Mellon. This proposal is one of several at the early stages of consideration by the Metro Vancouver Regional District to provide adequate waste disposal for their municipalities. Trustee Stamford will be following up with staff at Metro Vancouver regarding this issue.
- February 21
 - Attended Cumulative Effects Assessment Framework webinar, hosted by the Islands Trust on behalf of the Howe Sound Community Forum to provide more information and clarity to forum members about a possible regional planning structure for the Howe Sound area.
 - The primary presenters were Kai Elmauer, CEF project coordinator for Forestry

Lands and Natural Resources, and Jeff Juthens, FLNRO Howe Sound regional representative.

- Trustee Stamford expressed thanks to:
 - Susan Abs, who coordinated the event;
 - Staff at Islands Trust for providing the technical support;
 - FLNRO staff for their informative presentation and responses; and
 - Ruth Simons of Future of Howe Sound Society for making it all possible.
- Trustee Stamford continues to support the Gambier Island Community Association in their projects.
- The public can contact the Sunshine Coast Conservation Office with any concerns about unsafe hunting practices or sightings/run-ins with wildlife at:
 - The Call Centre at 1-800-731-6373. They want to stay informed about activities on the islands and follow up where appropriate.
 - More information about the hunting rules on the islands will be provided in the upcoming trustees' newsletter.

7. DELEGATIONS - none

8. TOWN HALL SESSION – none

9. CORRESPONDENCE – none

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1 Riparian Areas Regulation implementation

Islands Planner Brzozowski outlined the staff report on options for *Riparian Areas Regulation* (RAR) implementation and responded to trustees' inquiries related to the report. Extensive discussion ensued. Chair Graham expressed appreciation for the work staff had done on this matter.

GM-2014-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide an outline of the request for proposals to determine the RAR-applicable watersheds in the Gambier Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

GM-2014-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide information about other communities' course of action in becoming RAR compliant.

CARRIED

11. APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS

11.1 GM-RZ-2004.1 (Convention of Baptist Churches)

Island Planner Sonja Zupanec gave an update on the GM-RZ-2004.1 application. Planner Zupanec had been working with applicants, encouraging them to complete a community engagement plan, to bring everyone up to speed about the status and intent of the application. The applicant had been looking at alternative ways to fulfill obligations of the Land Use Contract. Neither the subdivision nor rezoning applications will be moving forward presently because the applicant is doing more research on options.

11.2 GM-RZ-2013.2 (Gambier Island Sea Ranch)

Island Planner Zupanec updated trustees that the technical details for this application have been sorted out and this will be on the next agenda for consideration of First Reading.

11.3 GM-RZ-2013.1 (Trident Foreshore Lands - Burrard Yacht Club)

11.3.1 Memorandum dated March 10, 2014 regarding application for the marine water adjacent to the Burrard Yacht Club, Gambier Island

Planner Marnie Egan stated there was nothing new to report on the application and responded to questions. A community information meeting and public hearing will be part of the April 10, 2014 Local Trust Committee agenda.

By general consent, the meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

12. BYLAWS – none

13. REPORTS

13.1 Work Program Reports

13.1.1 Top Priorities Report and Project List dated March 10, 2014

The sustainability guide has been completed. Island Planner Brzozowski noted she would post the guide on the website in a few locations, and email it to Metro Vancouver, Bowen Island and the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD). Copies will be brought to trustees at the next meeting. Trustee Hagedorn said she would bring copies to the SCR D Building Department and request that the guide be distributed with building permits.

13.2 Applications Log

13.2.1 Report dated March 10, 2014

Received for information.

13.3 Trustee and Local Expenses

13.3.1 Expenses posted to January 2014

Received for information.

13.3.2 Expenses posted to February 2014

Received for information.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1 Sunshine Coast Regional District Referral for Response regarding Woodlot Licenses Protocol Agreement

The referral from the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), dated February 27, 2014, regarding woodlot licenses on Gambier Island, with the attached SCR-D-Local Trust Committee Protocol Agreement, dated October 2, 1996, was received.

Trustees noted that there were still a number of unanswered questions from community members regarding the woodlots and urged staff to let the SCR-D know about the trustees' concerns and interest in public engagement related to the woodlots. Island Planner Brzozowski advised she would forward the LTC's November 2013 letter regarding the woodlots as an outline of the LTC's position on the matter.

GM-2014-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to schedule a meeting of the Regional Director, the Local Trust Committee and appropriate staff of the Sunshine Coast Regional District to review mutual advocacy issues.

CARRIED

Trustee Stamford and Trustee Hagedorn both urged to continue requesting a meeting and discussion with the District Forester and to include photos of damage done on the island, and inquire how the Forest District could follow up on outstanding issues.

GM-2014-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to send a letter for the Chair's signature to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations regarding community expectations of the woodlot operator on Gambier Island, as well as their concerns based on previous woodlot activities on Gambier Island.

CARRIED

14.2 Amendments to Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 87

Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager, reviewed proposed amendments to the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Procedure Bylaw No. 87 and responded to trustee inquiries on the proposed changes.

GM-2014-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to prepare a draft bylaw to amend "Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw No. 87, 2004" in order to incorporate requested amendments as presented.

CARRIED

14.3 Hunting on Southwest Peninsula of Gambier Island

Trustee Stamford discussed her investigation into hunting regulations, and that she would like to explore possible bylaw provisions to regulate hunting on the southwest peninsula of Gambier Island.

GM-2014-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide a preliminary report regarding the current rifle discharge restrictions in the Gambier Island Local Trust Area as well as process for future hunting restrictions in regions of the Gambier Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

14.4 Howe Sound Community Forum Request

Trustee Hagedorn advised that Howe Sound Community Forum had requested expressions of interest from communities regarding exploring the Cumulative Effects Framework in Howe Sound.

GM-2014-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair to write a letter to the Howe Sound Community Forum to indicate interest in further exploration of the possible benefits of applying the Cumulative Effects Framework to Howe Sound planning.

CARRIED

14.5 Annapolis Update

Trustee Hagedorn reported she attended a meeting in Vancouver regarding the *HMCS Annapolis*, and mentioned a newspaper article from the *Ottawa Peak*, "Nothing artificial about reef dispute." The trustee explained that a lot of people want the boat to go down, but this is still in limbo as there are a lot of concerns about health and PCBs.

15. ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE

15.1 Gambier Web Page

Island Planner Brzozowski stated she would post the PowerPoint presentation from the Cumulative Effects Framework webinar, as well as related documents, to the Gambier web page. Also to be posted is the Sustainability Guide.

16. CLOSED MEETING

GM-2014-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee closes the next part of the March 20, 2014 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

The Committee closed the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

17. OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee re-opened the meeting to the public at 1:42 p.m. subject to Section 89 of the *Community Charter*.

18. RECALL TO ORDER

18.1 Rise and Report from Closed Meeting

GM-2014-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide a report regarding amendments to the Advisory Planning Commission bylaw, specifically the resident requirements in the Gambier Island Trust Area and the possibility of members meeting electronically.

CARRIED

19. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Gleneagles Community Centre, 6262 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC.

20. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

David Graham, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Diane Corbett, Recorder