



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: September 18, 2014
Location: Keats Camp - Pilot House
 Keats Camp, Keats Island, BC

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

Staff Present Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner (via teleconference)
 Diane Corbett, Recorder

Others Present Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner (via teleconference, 12:44-12:50 pm)
 Rob Bentall, Executive Director, Camp Barnabas - a.m.
 7 members of the public - a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 10:41 am and introduced trustees and staff in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Move 14.2 to top of agenda
- Add 14.3 Woodlot Management Plan
- Add 14.4 Protocol and Squamish Nation

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

Planner Brzozowski joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:44 am.

3. MINUTES

3.1. Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2014 – for adoption

- The following amendments to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- Page 9, paragraph 4, line 2: place period after “dock” and delete the end of the sentence and the second sentence.
- Page 9, paragraph 4, line 2: add “As to how the dock would be funded after this initial funding has been spent, Trustee Stamford did not have further information
- ”Page 9, paragraph 7, sentence 2: delete text to end of sentence after “remarked that”, and add “BC is the only place on the planet where glass sponge reefs are found.”
- Regarding resolution GM-2014-043, Trustee Stamford clarified that a draft letter regarding the values of Wilderness Conservation zoned lands was still being worked on, and that she would send a copy of the draft to the other trustees.

By general consent, the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.2. Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record dated July 10, 2014 – for receipt

The Public Hearing Record dated July 10, 2014, was received.

3.3. Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting Log dated September 9, 2014 - attached

The Resolutions Without Meeting Log dated September 9, 2014 was received.

**3.4. Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none
GM-2014-047**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to mail ten copies of the Sustainability Guide to each Advisory Planning Commission member from the Associated Islands with a request to please distribute it as they see fit to their island members.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1. Follow-up Action List dated September 9, 2014 - attached

Planner Brzozowski provided an update on the Follow-Up Action List dated September 9, 2014.

4.2. Sensitive Ecosystem Mapping - Outreach Maps

4.2.1. Memorandum - to be distributed

Planner Brzozowski discussed the development of the draft sensitive ecosystem maps, and proposed ideas for further additions to the map.

Trustees proposed suggested changes and additions related to physical reference points, natural features of Gambier, and clarity in the map legend. Staff will come back with a further refined draft.

4.3. Hunting Regulations in Islands Trust Area - verbal update

Planner Brzozowski provided background and outlined her research efforts on the issue of hunting regulations in the Islands Trust Area. As staff was awaiting a response from a provincial staff person on hunting restrictions and hunting areas, there was no recommendation from staff for next steps on this issue at this time. The Island Planner indicated she would come back with further information.

Trustee Stamford remarked that trustees had received several requests for a hunting restriction, especially on the southwest peninsula of Gambier Island, which is the area on Gambier with the most residential homes. Concerns included having a hunting arrow shot through the roof with kids playing in the yard, and shots fired near peoples' homes. The trustee proposed it was possible people who come on the island may not be aware of where they are hunting. As hunting season is coming up, the trustee wondered what could be done to increase hunters' awareness. Discussion ensued.

Chair Graham noted that Islands Trust does not regulate hunting, but is simply an advocate.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Graham explained he is the appointed Chair of this Local Trust Committee, locally elected as Local Trustee on Denman Island.

Chair Graham described the Trust Council's last meeting of the term the previous week on Keats and Gambier Islands. It was a good way for trustees to become more aware of the islands. The trustees had proposed ideas for next Trust Council during the session.

6. TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Hagedorn reviewed her report on activities since the last Local Trust Committee meeting:

- July 24 –Thanks to all who attended the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) meeting held in West Vancouver, taking the time to attend and to write letters/comments to the province outlining concerns and issues surrounding the proposed woodlots on Gambier. Over 200 people attended. Nothing has happened around that decision.

- July 25 – Attended a Community to Community meeting with Sechelt Nation in Sechelt with fellow Trustee and elected officials and staff from Sechelt/ Squamish/ Powell River/ SCR D.
- July 26 – Spoke at the SOS (Save Our Sound) Howe Sound event held north Gambier at Burrard Yacht Club and was joined by SCR D Area F (West Howe Sound) Director Lee Turnbull. It was a great sunny day with lots of fun for all, celebrating our Howe Sound together.
- August 5 – Attended a Liberal meeting with Justin Trudeau in West Vancouver ensuring issues of our Islands and a need for a Marine Land Management Plan for the Howe Sound were heard. He clearly heard the industrial pressures and the need for a plan so we do not go backwards.
- August 21 – Another sunny day for the Eastbourne Community AGM. Community leaders met and shared initiatives that support the safety and well being of Keats Islanders and the ecosystem, as well as creating fun activities for all to join. Issues such as parking, invasive species, roads, fire equipment, water, parks, fishing derbies, and much more were discussed.
- September 9-11 – Trust Council was held in the Gambier Trust Area for the first time in six years. All 26 of the trustees met for the last time this term to make decisions that affect the federation of trust areas. Having the business meetings in Gambier Trust Area supports the local economy, and all trustees gain perspective of Gambier Trust Area, which is used when asked to make decisions that affect the Howe Sound Area area. See link below for trust council term review: www...ca/media/283212/2011-14-trust-council-term-review..islandstrust.bc.ca/media/283212/2011-14-trust-council-term-review.pdf
- September 17 – Along with Trustee Stamford and Keats Islander Dan Rogers, Trustee Hagedorn spent the day with MLA Nicholas Simons touring around Gambier and discussing the concerns and issues of this area.
- Biologist Ramona Degraff has been forage fish mapping the shoreline of Gambier and Keats and Bowen in the month of September. It is intended the maps will be completed by October 31, 2014.
- SCR D has been working on the Keats Island Dog Control Bylaw and it looks like it will be completed soon.

Trustee Stamford outlined recent activities as follows

(<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/289691/September-2014-Trustee-Report.pdf>):

- July 19 – Attended Gambier Island Community Association AGM. It was another successful year for the dedicated volunteers who support the Community Association. One of the highlights was a very good discussion amongst community members about trails and their impact on landowners.
- July 24 – Attended a forestry meeting regarding proposed woodlots on Gambier at St. Francis in the Woods, West Vancouver, along with about 250 interested community members, to hear and be heard on the additional woodlots on Gambier. This was the only opportunity the general public has had to express their opinions about FLRNO's plans for a large portion of the Wilderness Conservation zone on the island. The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee continues to advocate for process, community engagement and upholding the spirit of the Gambier Island Official Community Plan. There has been no announcement by FLNRO of any winning bid.
- July 25 – Trustees were honoured to be invited to a day-long Community to Community meeting, a joint session between the Sechelt, Sliammon, Squamish nations and locally elected community representatives from the Regional District, Gibsons and Sechelt Councils. Discussions ranged from traditional connections among first nations to the potential impact of the Tsilhqot'in Decision on land planning on the Sunshine Coast.
- July 29 – Attended Parks and Trails sub-committee meeting.
- August 2 –Set up an information booth at Gambier Family Fair. There was a successful turn out for the Gambier Island Community Centre Society who work so hard to keep this amazing facility going.
- August 5 – Municipal representatives were invited by Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, federal liberal nominee for Sea-to-Sky/Sunshine Coast/West Vancouver, to discuss with Justin Trudeau the federal role in municipal challenges. Trustee Stamford brought up the coast guard, derelict vessels and was also interested in seeing better infrastructure (internet/cell phones) to remote areas.
- August 11 – Attended Trust Planning committee meeting via GoTo meeting.
- August 21 – Attended Eastbourne Community AGM. Their common water system keeps everyone in touch especially during the drier summer months, and their support of the fire equipment group is outstanding.
- August 25 – Attended a meeting organized by Ruth Simons of the Future of Howe Sound Society with MP John Weston and MP Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment. The round table of about 20 community representatives was consistent in the message to our federal government that

staffing has been gutted in marine enforcement and scientific departments. As well, there was also an overall call for funding to provide proper planning for the Howe Sound area. MP Carrie listened and outlined the federal funding opportunities for small-scale environmental initiatives; he showed some environmental grants, but there was nothing big.

- September 9-11 – The final Trust Council of the term met in this Local Trust area for the first time in six years. There were two half-day business sessions on Keats at Barnabas Retreat and a full-day meeting at the Gambier Island Community Centre. Adam Taylor of the Marine Life Sanctuaries Society gave a presentation on glass sponges of Halkett Point and there were delegations from the Gambier Island Conservancy, Future of Howe Sound Society and Stephen Foster of the Suzuki Foundation. For a review of the highlights of the council meetings over the past term please see the following link:
www.islandstrust.bc.ca/media/283212/2011-14-trust-council-term-review.pdf

Trustee Stamford announced that this would be Trustee Hagedorn's last Local Trust Committee meeting on Keats Island as Local Trustee. Some of Trustee Hagedorn's friends were invited to this meeting to share in an appreciation of Trustee Hagedorn and her contributions during her two terms of service as a Keats Island Trustee.

Trustee Stamford expressed her tremendous thanks for being able to work with Trustee Hagedorn over the last few years, and invited members of the public to comment.

The business meeting recessed at 11:47 am.

Chair Graham reconvened the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

7. DELEGATIONS - none declared

8. TOWN HALL SESSION

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence specific to an active development application and/or project will be received by the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee when that application and/or project is on the agenda for consideration.

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

10.1. Foreshore Protection and Outreach - for discussion

Planner Brzozowski commented that she had nothing formal to report at this time on a foreshore development education workshop for contractors,

Trustee Hagedorn observed that there is interest out there, and noted she would like to talk with contractors and encourage them to invite other contractors to a workshop. Trustee Stamford affirmed her support that this workshop be done.

Trustees were urged to forward names to staff of contractors whom they thought would be interested in foreshore development education, and their potential degree of interest, and staff would reach out.

Planner Brzozowski explained that a brochure called "Shoreline Matters", developed by Ramona de Graff and modified for the Gambier Trust Area, had been posted on the website. The "Saving Our Shorelines" document soon would be posted on the Foreshore Protection page.

Trustee Hagedorn referenced maps that she had laminated and took to Thormanby in the summer, and wondered if a copy could be made available for another person for their community. Staff advised that the maps are up on the website, and that she would bring a copy of the map to the next meeting for Trustee Hagedorn.

10.2. Implementation of Official Community Plan Policies

10.2.1. Memorandum dated September 9, 2014 regarding Howe Sound Application Responses - attached

Planner Brzozowski reviewed the memorandum dated September 9, 2014 containing information regarding the status and process of proposed Howe Sound industrial applications.

Trustee Stamford requested that this information be added to the website, for the public's information.

Planner Brzozowski explained the process pertaining to the BURNCO application and responded to trustees' inquiries. Trustees noted there is a large difference between the original proposal and the new proposal: increased size of processing area; reduced treed buffer between the processing area and foreshore; and increased proximity of the processing area to strata properties on McNabb Creek.

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11. APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS

11.1. GM-RZ-2013.2 (Gambier Island Sea Ranch - Bylaw No. 126)

11.1.1. Memorandum dated September 8, 2014 - attached

The memorandum dated September 8, 2014, regarding the final reading and adoption of Proposed Bylaw No. 126 (Sea Ranch) was received. As

the draft bylaw was not attached to the memorandum, Island Planner Zupanec explained that it would be possible to do the reading and adoption by Resolution Without Meeting.

Planner Zupanec responded to trustee inquiries regarding the bylaw process. There would be no change to the zoning bylaw. Staff indicated the Resolution Without Meeting would be prepared for the following week.

12. BYLAWS

12.1. Bylaw No. 126 cited as "Gambier Island Land Use Bylaw 86, 2004, Amendment No. 1, 2014" - for adoption

Deferred for adoption by Resolution Without Meeting.

13. REPORTS

13.1. Work Program Reports

13.1.1. Top Priorities Report and Projects List dated September 9, 2014 – attached

The Top Priorities Report and Projects List dated September 9, 2014 were received for information.

Planner Brzozowski gave an update on work done by planning staff over the summer on the Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation Project for the Gambier Trust Area.

Chair Graham expressed thanks to staff from the Local Trust Committee for this work.

There was discussion on whether to remove food security from the Projects List; it had been removed from the strategic plan for Trust Council. There was consensus to leave it on at this time. In the reference to the SCRD Agricultural Area Plan, the objectives listed were removed, as the original draft Plan had been revised.

Planner Brzozowski offered to consolidate the Projects List; trustees agreed that the list should be left "as is" for the next Local Trust Committee.

13.2. Applications Log

13.2.1. Report dated September 9, 2014 – attached

Received.

13.3. Trustee and Local Expense

13.3.1. Expenses posted to month ending July, 2014- attached
Received.

13.3.2. Expenses posted to month ending August, 2014- attached
Received.

14. NEW BUSINESS**14.1. 2015-16 Budget Submissions****14.1.1. Memorandum dated August 18, 2014 - attached**

Trustees Stamford and Hagedorn concurred there was a need for the Local Trust Committee to bring something to the table regarding participation in the Howe Sound Community Forum and expenses regarding the cumulative effects assessment framework. Chair Graham suggested it would be prudent to stick with the funds allotted. Regarding whether the LTC would lose the \$5000 budgeted this year for a shoreline protection workshop, staff explained that \$7000 allocated for OCP/LUB Review Gambier Island includes funds for foreshore protection.

Discussion ensued regarding projects and the budget. Trustees provided feedback on the proposed budget and staff responded to inquiries from trustees.

GM-2014-048**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request \$1000 be made available to enable the Local Trust Committee to better participate in the Howe Sound Community Forum in the 2015/2016 budget.

CARRIED**GM-2014-049****It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee approve and forward the draft 2015-16 Local Trust Committee Project Budget submission to Financial Planning Committee as presented.

CARRIED**14.2. Crown Land Disposition (Barnabas)**

Planner Brzozowski reported that the referral to the Local Trust Committee (LTC) on the Camp Barnabas application had been received since the discussion on

this subject earlier in the meeting. Planning staff will notify the Trustees upon completion of the referral.

14.3. Woodlot Management Plan

Trustee Stamford inquired about options for public input if Gambier woodlots go ahead and a management plan comes to the Local Trust Committee for referral. The Island Planner indicated the typical referral process is thirty days.

Discussion ensued on gathering feedback through referral to an Advisory Planning Commission.

Trustee Stamford noted that announcement of the successful bidder would be a trigger point to begin developing a public process for an upcoming management plan.

GM-2014-050

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request, upon the announcement of a successful bidder, that staff get in touch with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and request a longer response time to the referral.

CARRIED

14.4. Protocol and Squamish Nation

Trustee Stamford inquired about the protocols regarding a request to meet with the Squamish Nation on Gambier Island. The trustee will send staff a memo with additional comments regarding this inquiry. The Island Planner will come back with further information.

15. ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE

15.1. Gambier Pages - for discussion

The Shoreline Matters brochure was added to the Gambier web pages.

The following document was requested to be added: Staff memo dated September 9, 2014 entitled "Howe Sound Industrial Applications – Updates".

16. CLOSED MEETING

GM-2014-051

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee closes the next part of the September 18, 2014 business meeting to discuss matters pursuant to Section 90(1)(d) of the Community Charter to consider adoption of Closed Meeting Minutes and that Staff be invited to attend this meeting.

CARRIED

Chair Graham closed the meeting at 1:29 pm.

17. RECALL TO ORDER

Rise and Report from Closed Meeting

Chair Graham recalled the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

18. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 10:30 am at Gibsons Library, 470 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, BC.

19. TOWN HALL SESSION - time permitting

None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

David Graham, Chair

Certified Correct:

Diane Corbett, Recorder