



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: October 23, 2014
Location: Gibsons and District Public Library
470 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, BC

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

Staff Present Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner
Diane Corbett, Recorder

Others Present Dan Rogers, Keats Island resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Stamford called the meeting to order at 10:41 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Trustee Stamford passed the Chair to Trustee Graham.

Trustee Graham assumed the Chair via telephone.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. MINUTES

3.1. Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2014 – for adoption

The following amendment to the minutes was presented for consideration:
Page 4, last line: insert within parentheses before the colon the link to Trustee Stamford's written September 2014 report.

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

3.2. Section 26 Resolutions Without Meeting Log dated October 9, 2014

Received.

3.3. Gambier Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

None.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1. Follow-up Action List dated October 13, 2014

Regarding the March 20, 2014 direction to follow up on rifle discharging in the Local Trust Area, Planner Brzozowski explained that the community association could put up signage identifying regulations as well as put out maps showing where the residential areas are on the island. Community members could also feel free to distribute information.

In light of technical difficulties being experienced, Trustee Stamford assumed the Chair and recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m. The meeting reconvened meeting at 11:00 a.m. Trustee Graham assumed the Chair.

Trustee Stamford indicated she had spoken to the Conservation Officer, who said he would send the trustee signage giving basic hunting regulations for the area. Trustee Stamford remarked that she would augment that with some maps that she would distribute to a local outdoor store that promotes hunting on Gambier. Trustee Stamford noted she would send follow up information to the Keats Island trustee to make available for Keats Islanders. Efforts would be made to post information at local sites.

Planner Brzozowski provided an update on preparations for a shoreline protection workshop for contractors. It is intended that a workshop will be held before the end of March 2015.

4.2. Sustainability Guide Distribution and Shoreline Brochure Distribution

Planner Brzozowski and the trustees discussed distribution of the Sustainability Guide and Shoreline brochure, and how to get the information to property owners prior to commencement of building on their property. This would include paper copies and/or laminated displays. The Sustainability Guide has been forwarded to the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).

Suggestions for distribution noted in ensuing discussion included: post at Langdale; contact Mercury at Horseshoe Bay; post on webpage; ask Stormaway; distribute guide and brochure via the building permit process with SCRd; ask Islands Trust office staff to follow up on pre-application conversations; invite real estate agents to the Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting where they could receive the Sustainability Guide, Shoreline and Green Wharf brochures; provide realtors an introduction package with introductory letter, brochures dealing with septic, water, shoreline – building packages for each island.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Executive Committee has been looking at materials for the December Trust Council meeting, and is reviewing all of the materials trustees were shown when they were first elected. The Executive Committee has added an extra day to the process of elections to give an opportunity to meet new trustees and learn more about them and their perspectives.

6. TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Stamford recently participated in a tour with the owner of Woodlot 39, the existing woodlot on Gambier Island, where she learned about the operation and how areas are being re-grown. The trustee spoke with the owner about how communications with the public might mitigate community concerns. If the other two woodlots come online, the trustee will have more specific questions to ask regarding how things will be done.

Trustee Hagedorn had attended the Howe Sound Community Forum. As well, the trustee had distributed the final newsletter of her term as trustee. Trustee Hagedorn remarked that she was grateful for the work the Local Trust Committee has done, and spoke of her appreciation for the opportunity to learn and grow in this kind of forum.

She expressed thanks and distributed gifts for trustees and staff. A special thanks was directed to Denman Island trustee and Chair David Graham for coming over to this Trust Area and providing leadership.

7. DELEGATIONS - none

None.

8. TOWN HALL SESSION

Dan Rogers, Keats Island, said he was here to learn, show appreciation for the work the Local Trust Committee is doing, and see what was on the agenda.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence received concerning current applications is considered with the application)

9.1. Email dated September 30, 2014 from Anthony Leoni on behalf of the Future of Howe Sound Society regarding Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Plant (Woodfibre) Proposal

Discussion ensued regarding correspondence dated September 30, 2014 from Anthony Leoni on behalf of the Future of Howe Sound Society regarding the Woodfibre LNG Substitution Decision of February 19, 2014.

Planner Brzozowski explained that the matter of Woodfibre LNG falls within the larger Trust Area, which means that follow up and advocacy are to be decided by Trust Council and Executive Committee.

At its previous meeting, the Executive Committee considered the subject correspondence from Future of Howe Sound Society and its request to sign on to correspondence requesting the Minister of Environment “to rescind the Substitution Decision, and that the Environmental Assessment of the Woodfibre LNG Project be conducted pursuant to s. 38 of CEAA 2012, including referral to a Review Panel.” The Executive Committee agreed with staff that this was not an appropriate time and there was not the background for Islands Trust to sign on to the letter. Trust Area Services Policy Analyst, Clare Frater, sits on the Woodfibre Working Group, and would be doing a lot of work on this issue. The Working Group is in the process of building the Application Information Requirements (AIR). The decision from the Executive Committee was to continue on with the Working Group and Environmental Assessment.

10. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

None.

11. APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS - none

None.

12. BYLAWS

None.

13. REPORTS

13.1. Work Program Reports

13.1.1. Top Priorities Report and Projects List dated October 13, 2014

The Top Priorities Report and Projects List dated October 13, 2014 was received for information.

Planner Brzozowski announced that staff had been given direction to do a

Request for Proposals for the Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation Project work on Gambier Island.

13.2. Applications Log Report dated October 13, 2014

Planner Brzozowski gave an update on the status of GM-DVP-2002.1 (Land Plan Group, Inc).

As there were communication problems pertaining to this application in the past, Trustee Hagedorn indicated she would send out the most recent staff report on this application to the Gambier community. She had also sent out information in the last newsletter. It was noted that there are five reports on the GM-DVP-2002.1 on the website.

13.3. Trustee and Local Expense

13.3.1. Expenses posted to Month ending September, 2014

Trustee Stamford inquired about the trustee budget, recognizing there is a higher expense for this LTC in light of geographical factors and related costs. Chair Graham noted it had been increased to \$2500. Gambier represents 1% of the trust population but Islands Trust Financial Committee had budgeted 12% for the next term for Gambier Island LTC.

Planner Brzozowski advised that the request for \$1000 for Howe Sound Community Forum hosting had gone through.

Trustee Hagedorn asked that this be added to the Projects List.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1. Green Wharf Guide - for discussion

Trustee Hagedorn requested that a package be developed for real estate agents, to follow up with applicants who come in, and that this be added to the Projects List. The trustee described a Green Wharf Guide produced by Ramona de graff, which she thought would be good to post to the website, and also to the Projects List. Discussion ensued. There were suggestions to add the guide to the foreshore protection priorities project and to add distribution of the Green Wharf Guide to communications materials for distribution.

Staff was requested to put the Green Wharf Guide on the agenda for discussion at the next Local Trust Committee meeting, and to bring a copy.

14.2. Howe Sound Community Forum, Update from October 17 event - for discussion

Trustee Hagedorn discussed topics from the October 17, 2014 Howe Sound Community Forum, hosted by the Squamish Nation. The province had offered nine values they wanted to track through the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) framework. The consensus around the table was to accept the offer to conduct the CEA framework for Howe Sound commencing in 2015. This would be brought back to the next forum for further input, and would be an opportunity to work together. The CEA is a tool, as compared to a management plan.

There was also acknowledgement of support by the forum for the Squamish Nation's efforts to develop a marine use plan for Howe Sound. Staff noted that Islands Trust would be sharing information with the Squamish Nation related to the marine use plan.

Trustee Hagedorn also brought forward a resolution from the Howe Sound Community Forum for endorsement.

GM-2014-052

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee, as a member of the Howe Sound Community Forum, accepts the FLNRO's offer to conduct a Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) for Howe Sound, within the BC CEA Framework but tailored to the Howe Sound Area, with assessment work commencing in early 2015.

CARRIED

It was noted that these actions would not impact upon the four current projects proposed for Howe Sound that are causing concern. Trustee Stamford remarked that, because the CEA framework is very specific, and it does not address any of the current issues, she would reiterate that the forum also be used as a venue to advocate and to push for address to the current issues in Howe Sound.

Chair Graham recessed the meeting at 12:33 pm. and reconvened the meeting at 12:38 pm.

15. ISLANDS TRUST WEBSITE

15.1. Gambier Island Web Pages

The Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Website can be found at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/gambier.aspx>

Staff was requested to post the following documents on the Gambier web pages:

New trustee newsletter;

Trustee reports;

List of all Gambier Island Local Trust Committee resolutions for this term;

Trust Fund Board letter in response to correspondence from applicant for District Lot 696 regarding conservation proposal for Sandy Beach, Keats Island.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, November 27, 2014 at 9:15 am at Gibsons Library, 470 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons, BC

GM-2014-053

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee cancel the business meeting dated November 27, 2014.

CARRIED

The date of the next Gambier Island Local Trust Committee meeting will be announced.

17. TOWN HALL SESSION - time permitting

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm.

David Graham, Chair

Certified Correct:

Diane Corbett, Recorder