



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: February 3, 2015
Location: Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall)
North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC

Members Present Susan Morrison, Chair
Peter Luckham, Local Trustee
Ken Hunter, Local Trustee

Staff Present Karin Kronstal, Island Planner
Aleksandra Brzozowski, Island Planner
Courtney Simpson, Regional Planning Manager
Janice Young, Recorder

Others Present Two (2) members of the public were in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 9:24 am. Trustee Luckham introduced Chair Morrison. Chair Morrison introduced staff and trustees and welcomed the public.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Late item 12.1.1, updated Top Priorities
- Late item 12.3, updated Expenses Reports
- Late item added to item 12.9
- Correspondence to Minister Moore added to item 13.4

By general consent, the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Ian Rolston spoke to the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR), his ongoing phased strata subdivision, and mosquito control issues.

Ernie Hunter welcomed the new Local Trust Committee and Staff. He pointed out that there is a new calendar system for tracking hall bookings and to make sure to double check where the Local Trust Committee (LTC) meetings are to be held.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated September 17, 2014 for adoption

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2014 were adopted.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report Dated January 22, 2015

Reviewed for information.

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None

6.4 Ruxton Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated January 22, 2015

The Follow-up Action List was reviewed and discussed. Planner Kronstal spoke to the small sandstone quarry operation on Valdes island. Discussion followed.

TH-2015-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide a report regarding the mining activity on Valdes Island.

CARRIED

8. DELEGATIONS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)

None.

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

10.1 Gabriola Island Local Trust Area Bylaw Referral Request for Response Regarding Bylaw Nos. 278 and 279

TH-2015-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee express to the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee that our interests are unaffected by Bylaw Nos. 278 and 279.

CARRIED

10.2 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area Bylaw Referral Request for Response regarding Bylaw No. 479

TH-2015-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee express to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee that our interests are unaffected by Bylaw No. 479.

CARRIED

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Deferred to 13.1.2 Strategic Planning Session.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1. Top Priorities Report Dated January 22, 2015

Deferred to 13.1.2 Strategic Planning Session.

12.1.2. Projects List Report Dated January 22, 2015

Deferred to 13.1.2 Strategic Planning Session.

12.2 Applications Report Dated January 22, 2015

Received.

12.3. Trustee and Local Expense Reports

12.3.1. September, 2014

Received.

12.3.2. October, 2014

Received.

12.3.3. November, 2014

Received.

12.3.4. December, 2014

Received.

12.4. Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

None.

12.5. Local Trust Committee Webpage

Trustee Luckham spoke to creating a section that is correspondence from the LTC, from now forward and perhaps archival. Discussion followed.

TH-2015-004

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff create a correspondence section on the Thetis Island webpage, as discussed.

CARRIED

12.6. Chair's Report

Chair Morrison reported that she is happy to be Chair for Thetis Island, and has a busy schedule in the near future.

12.7. Trustee Reports

Trustee Hunter reported his concern to address the issue of whether the Province of British Columbia's financial contribution to Islands Trust is sufficient.

Trustee Luckham reported of "wearing many hats", and is interested in working with the issues of mining on Valdes and the Penelakut foreshore.

12.8. Electoral Area Director's Report

None.

12.9. Trust Fund Board Report

Chair Morrison presented the report, with a highlight on the special Thetis Island Acquisition Fund that has been established following a significant donation provided to support land acquisition on Thetis Island. She added that the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy land acquisition project is moving forward.

Chair Morrison recessed the meeting at 10:30 am and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 am.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1. Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Work Program - 2015

13.1.1. Staff Report Dated January 15, 2015

Planner Brzozowski summarized the staff report. Discussion followed regarding temporarily adding a fourth "Top Priority".

13.1.2. Strategic Planning Session

Regional Planning Manager Simpson and Planner Brzozowski facilitated a strategic planning session, working with the Local Trust Committee (LTC) to determine what the LTC hopes to accomplish during the upcoming four year term. This is an opportunity for the chair and trustees to brainstorm ideas and develop a list of goals.

TH-2015-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Priority 1 –Associated Islands Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Creation – Activity, be amended to include consultation with Stz'uminus First Nation for the protection of Dunsmuir and Bute Islands.

CARRIED

13.2. Advisory Planning Commissions Staff Report Dated January 19, 2015

The report was reviewed and discussion ensued regarding the Advisory Planning Committee appointments.

TH-2015-006

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to terminate all present Advisory Planning Commission positions and to advertise for expressions of interest for up to seven (7) vacant positions on the Thetis Island Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term.

CARRIED

13.3. Mosquito Population on Thetis Island

Planner Kronstal reported of receiving a letter from Jollity Farm expressing concerns about the expanding mosquito population. Discussion followed regarding government reports; encouraging natural predators such as bats, ducks and hummingbirds and the possibility of engaging in the services of an entomologist to study the mosquitoes and formulate natural processes of control.

TH-2015-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to investigate options for presenting a report for the Local Trust Committee regarding mosquito management at the slough.

CARRIED

13.4. Internet Access Advocacy

Trustee Luckham presented a draft letter to James Moore, Minister of Industry, addressing the need for internet access to some of the Thetis Island households. Discussion followed.

TH-2015-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request that staff prepare the letter submitted by Trustee Luckham for the Chair's signature, to the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Industry, which will be amended to include a quotation from Section 2.12, Objective 2.

CARRIED

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1. Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 9:15 am at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC.

15. TOWN HALL

Ernie Hunter made a brief comment sharing a news article on recent events with Telus service.

16. CLOSED MEETING

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

Janice Young, Recorder