



Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2015
Location: Women's Institute
476 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC

Members Present: Laura Busheikin, Chair
Melanie Mamoser, Local Trustee
Heather Nicholas, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Courtney Simpson, Regional Planning Manager
Karin Kronstal, Island Planner
Jessie Sherk, Recorder

Media and Others 1 member of the local media and five (5) members of the public were in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Busheikin called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Staff and trustees were introduced and the public was welcomed. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She reflected on the last meeting noting that there was a lot of work accomplished and that the conversations as a Local Trust Committee were mutually respectful and constructive, as well as the input from community members.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

A representative from **Bridge Free Salish Sea** stated that at the last Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting, Bridge Free Salish Sea made a request of the LTC, and she can see that request is included on today's agenda under Correspondence. She asked if discussion on the request would be included in today's meeting.

The trustees confirmed that they would be discussing the request today.

John Peirce commented on the minutes from last meeting. He stated that his name was spelled incorrectly and in the paragraph attributed to him, there should have been reference to the Volunteer Review Committee.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Adopted Minutes Dated January 22, 2015

The following changes to the minutes were presented for consideration:

- Page 6, item 12.7, replace the word “being” with “behind” in line six (6) of Trustee Mamoser’s report.
- Page 8, item 13.5.2, line 3 of the paragraph after motion GB-2015-006, replace the word “moving” with “looking”. Also add to the end of the sentence to read, “...from the Top Priorities list and that this change is not indicative of our level of commitment.”
- Page 7, item 15, correct the spelling of John Peirce. Also in the second sentence attributed to him, the words “by the Volunteer Review Committee” should be added before “for the Official Community Plan...”
- Page 2, item 3, line five (5) of Chris Bowers comments, correct spelling of Trustee Nicholas. Also missing a period at the end of that paragraph.
- Page 6, item 12.4, remove the letter (s) in “Simpsons”
- Page 9. Item 13.1.2, in the last line “Nicholas” spelled incorrectly
- Page 3, item 10.1, there is an extra period between the last two sentences in the paragraph.
- Page 9, motions GB-2015-009 and GB-2015-010 are missing periods at the end of the sentences.
- Page 8, the sentence attributed to Ken Morrison should read, “Ken Morrison spoke about the kennel bylaw, he stated that the bylaw was enacted for a reason and already allows for dog kenneling businesses on suitably-sized lots. He noted that he is interested in following the process.”

By general consent, the minutes were adopted, as amended.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report

None.

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

6.4 Mudge Island Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

6.5 Agricultural Advisory Commission Minutes

None.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated February 17, 2015

Planning Manager Simpson stated that the follow-up action list is up to date and that most items are complete. No further discussion.

7.2 Local Trust Committee Work Program

7.2.1 Memorandum dated February 17, 2015

Staff and Trustees discussed the memorandum

7.3 Village Vision Workshop – verbal update

Planner Kronstal summarized the Village Vision workshop, noting that she was very pleased to attend on behalf of Islands Trust and expressed her gratitude for being invited. Also noted was that Trustee Nicholas attended as well and that Trustee Mamoser was sorry to have missed it. The presentation by Sebastian Moffat is posted on Village Vision website for those who missed it.

8. DELEGATIONS

By general consent, a delegation was added from Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley on behalf of Village Vision.

Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley updated the LTC on some of the things that came out of the last Village Vision workshop. She recognized two other members of the Village Vision in the audience, John Peirce and Megan Walker. She spoke about the evolution of the Village Vision stating that it arose out of an observation from the community that there seemed to be development happening in the absence of a comprehensive plan. She noted that previous LTC's had been approached several years ago and although it was put on their work plan, it was often pushed down the priority list. As a result, it was decided as a community that they should marshal together their resources to create a community led planning engagement about what they wanted to see in the village core. Dunsmoor-Farley noted that they understand that this two-year project is a big undertaking. She stated that the team's last sessions focused on knowledge building and that Sebastian Moffat's presentation about what is going on in the rest of the world was very inspiring. Dunsmoor-Farley spoke about the comprehensive process on Salt Spring Island stating that the Salt Spring Island LTC failed to adopt the plan that had been worked on due to lack of engagement with governance bodies early in the process. She stated that they are fully aware that they do not have authority and they are not interested in usurping any government role, however, they are very interested in engaging the process with Islands Trust and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN). In closing, she asked the LTC for support in getting a process in place for them to engage and have conversations about how these systems can work together for the good of the community.

Discussion ensued. John Peirce clarified what was being requested of the LTC. Staff and trustees discussed at length. It was decided that no action by the LTC is needed at this point; however, they will wait for that moment to present itself in the future.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Email from M. Walker regarding Age Friendly Planning Project and Grant, dated January 30, 2015

Received.

Trustees reviewed the email and discussion ensued. It was noted that the trustees would consult with the grants coordinator about the potential available grant programs that would be of interest.

9.2 Email from Bridge Free Salish Sea Requesting Signatures on Petition, dated January 29, 2015

Trustees reviewed the email.

GB-2015-015

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**, that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee request staff to write a letter to Todd Stone in support of the Bridge Free Salish Sea for the Chairs signature outlining the Islands Trust and Gabriola Official Community Plan Policies regarding the fixed link and expressing support and encouragement for the work of this organization.

DEFEATED

Trustees discussed how best to support the petition. It was noted that now might not be the most effective time for them to forward a letter as there was already a letter sent by Trustee Malcolmson in September, which laid out the Islands Trust Policy Statement on no bridge.

Trustees thanked Bridge Free Salish Sea for their work and let them know that they encourage and support the work moving forward.

It was requested that staff bring this item back on the next meeting agenda.

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Review

11.1.1 Memorandum dated February 6, 2015

Planner Kronstal summarized the memorandum. Discussion ensued.

11.2 Housekeeping Bylaw Amendments – verbal update

Planner Kronstal stated that there would be a public hearing at the April 2, 2015 regular business meeting with a question and answer period prior.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report Dated February 17, 2015

Received.

12.1.2 Projects List Report Dated February 17, 2015

Received.

12.2 Applications Report Dated February 17, 2015

Received.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated January 2015

Received.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Reviewed for information.

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

Trustee Mamoser updated the LTC that she submitted her biography to be added to the webpage.

12.6 Chair's Report

Chair Busheikin reported on what has been happening at the Executive Committee level. She stated that they have been busy finalizing the package for Trust Council noting that it is taking place on Gabriola. She stated that there has been a lot of discussion around their desires and the requests to do advocacy. She stated that Islands Trust is a land use planning agency and that is what the funding and staff are for. The professional development, training and job description for the planning staff is not about advocacy. She stated they have been looking at the difference between advocacy and activism. Another big discussion within the Executive Committee and Financial Planning Committee was regarding the upcoming budget. She flagged that the most controversial discussion was on the proposed creation of the staff position for a Senior Aboriginal Advisor. She noted that there is a long description and rationale for the position available.

12.7 Trustees Report

Trustee Mamoser reported on the events she participated in over the last five weeks. Last Saturday she attended the Food Forum and felt the information presented about the proposed agriculture policies bylaw was very well received. Next she discussed a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation (MoTI) staff regarding the fixed link study. She also attended the first meeting of the Local Planning Committee and stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding bylaws as well as the Natural Areas Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP) and other incentive based mechanisms. Lastly, she discussed her meeting with Mr. Brian Henning regarding a potential development application on Gabriola Island and noted that she looks forward to seeing the proposal when it arises as an application.

Trustee Nicholas reported on the Food Forum and stated that it was a good turnout and great opportunity to meet up with local producers and like-minded organizations. She discussed the Trust Programs Committee meeting stating that they touched on previous accomplishments, future goals, BC Ferries advocacy as well as the Community Stewardship Awards that recognize people for their role in protecting and enhancing island communities. She noted that the nomination deadline for those awards is April 15, 2015. Trustee Nicholas also reported on the MoTI meeting regarding the bridge feasibility study, saying it was positive with an emphasis on establishing a cooperative relationship. She then confirmed her membership to the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) this month; noting that with nine members, it is the largest FAC ever assembled on Gabriola. Also noted was that she attended the second Village Visioning exercise and that it was great to see the level of community interest. Next, she discussed next month's Trust Council meeting and stated that she is very grateful that GERTIE and members of the Commons have agreed to speak on behalf of the community and some of the work they do. In closing, she stated that her door is always open and she hopes people in the community will continue to contact her, as she is happy to interact.

12.8 Electoral Area Director's Report

None.

12.9 Trust Fund Board Report dated January 2015

Chair Busheikin highlighted the completion of the eelgrass mapping project. Trustees thanked the Sounder for their article on this and requested that staff put that information up on the webpage. Also discussed was the possible implementation of conservation goals into the OCP.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Advertising Local Trust Committee Regular Business Meetings

GB-2015-016

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,
that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee dispense funds to advertise the
upcoming regular Local Trust Committee meetings in advance of each meeting.

CARRIED

13.2 Local Trust Committee Regular Business Meeting on Mudge Island

Trustees discussed.

GB-2015-017

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,
that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee request staff to explore
organizing one annual regular Local Trust Committee meeting on Mudge Island.

CARRIED

13.3 Board of Variance Staff Report dated February 2, 2015

Trustees reviewed the report. Travel cost and cost savings were discussed.

GB-2015-018

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**
that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee request staff to advertise for
membership in a Board of Variance appointed jointly with other Local Trust
Committees in the Northern Region.

CARRIED

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at The Woman's
Institute, 476 South Road, Gabriola Island, BC.

15. TOWN HALL SESSION

None.

16. CLOSED MEETING

16.1 Motion To Close The Meeting

GB-2015-2019

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee close the meeting to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1) a for the purpose of considering: Appointment of APC Members, AND that the recorder and staff attend the meeting

CARRIED

16.2 Recall to Order

Recalled to order at 12:25 pm.

GB-2015-020

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee request that staff advertise for further expressions of interest for the Advisory Planning Commission and in addition further expressions of interest for the Transportation Advisory Commission.

CARRIED

It was noted that there was a request for staff to let the applicants from the Advisory Planning Commission know what is going on.

16.3 Rise and Report

Chair reported that because we did not have enough applicants to the Advisory Planning Commission we will be advertising for more applicants and that Steve Earle was appointed to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

It was also reported that there would be advertising for more applicants for the Transportation Advisory Committee.

17. ADJOURNEMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Laura Busheikin, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Jessie Sherk, Recorder