



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2015
Location: Lasqueti Island Arts Centre
 Main Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

Members Present: Laura Busheikin, Chair
 Susan Morrison, Local Trustee
 Tim Peterson, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Marnie Eggen, Planner 2
 Jaylene Scheible, Recorder

Others Present: Nine (9) members of the public were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Busheikin called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She introduced the trustees, staff and recorder.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- add item 13.7 Southern LTA Ad Hoc meeting regarding Strategic Planning

By general consent, the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Five members of the public spoke and the following summary was recorded:

- In regards to the letter from agenda item 13.3, received from Mike Wall of the Powell River Regional District (PRRD), requesting support for a grant application that would provide funding for a proposed Fire Hall on Lasqueti Island:
 - There was concern that the PRRD had not completed sufficient public consultation with the community.
 - There was concern about the expenditure of funds for a new fire hall. It was agreed that the LTC should ask the PRRD to promote community consultation.
 - Trustee Peterson acknowledged that a letter was sent in reply to the PRRD, stating that the request for a letter of support would have to be discussed at a LTC meeting, and could therefore not be provided in the timeframe requested. The trustees requested that the PRRD complete public consultation because the project would require a significant tax

increase for property owners.

- The Last Resort Society had completed the installation of the independent energy system. The LTC was thanked for their continued support by way of letter writing to support grant applications.
- Regarding the fee for variances that was presented at the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR) Community Information Meeting (CIM), it was suggested that the different fees for residential and commercial applications was discriminatory.
 - It was noted that the Financial Planning Committee (FPC) wants to increase the fees, and that the fee schedule is an issue that needs to be addressed by the LTC.
 - It was asked if there were any variances that are only applicable to RAR, and suggested that perhaps there could be a third category and fee for variances where there is no land use change.
 - Planner Eggen responded that the fees for a variance are not specific to RAR, and that the application for a variance is standard. The fee structure was set up with the assumption that residential projects are not as extensive as commercial projects. The fee schedule is specific to Lasqueti and can be changed.
 - It was asked how much the LTC has spent on the RAR assessment thus far, and what the administrative costs of a processing a variance application was. Better mapping might be a better use of taxpayers' money.
 - Planner Eggen noted that \$10,000 has been spent thus far on mapping for RAR.
 - It was requested that staff present an estimate of administrative costs to do more specific mapping versus mapping of watersheds.
- It was suggested that First Nation relationship building is important for Lasqueti and it was suggested that different groups on the island could work on this. It was noted that the Lasqueti LTC did not have this type of project on their work program currently.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated February 5, 2015 for adoption

By general consent, the minutes were adopted.

6.2 Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated March 14, 2015 for adoption

By general consent, the minutes were adopted with the following amendments:

- change the spelling of last name Slick to Slik
- to change wording of comment made by Chair Busheikin on page three (3) to read as follows, "cautioned against devoting too much time, energy and taxpayers money for RAR implementation."

6.3 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report dated March 31,2015

Received.

6.4 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes

None.

7. BUISNESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated March 31, 2015

Peter Johnston clarified that permission was given by all former trustees, excluding Tom Weinerth, to have their names included on the LTC webpage. He will forward the names and dates of their terms to Planner Eggen.

7.2 LTC Goal Setting Session Report

7.2.1 Memorandum dated February 26, 2015

Received. It was suggested that the LTC consider putting this memorandum on the LTC webpage.

8. DELEGATIONS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

None.

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation - for discussion

Planner Eggen asked the LTC to give direction to the staff on how to move forward with RAR implementation. She noted that from the CIM the following suggestions were offered:

- specific mapping of streams that are RAR applicable
- re-categorization of streams in the bylaws from RAR applicable and non-RAR applicable
- that the fish habitat below barriers categorization in the report from Madrone better reflect the uncertainty of these streams, and that a possible categorization of unknown streams could be reflected in the bylaw

Planner Eggen noted that staff, based on the direction of the LTC, could investigate the suggestions made at the CIM to determine the feasibility such as RAR compliancy, benefits, drawbacks related to costs, time and impact on the RAR implementation project and other LTC projects.

Trustee Peterson stated that the LTC should move forward to ensure that the cost is shared rather than the cost being absorbed by the individual. He requested a cost analysis be done for the following:

- mapping of every stream
- creating a map that is amendable without having to amend the bylaw with every new assessment

He suggested that this would be a great project to ask the new APC to work on.

Trustee Morrison stated that she agreed with Trustee Peterson. She proposed that a new company be used, as Madrone was used for the mapping and assessment on most of the islands within Islands Trust.

It was noted that the objective of the mapping is to reduce uncertainty, and that more specific mapping will cost more. It was suggested that the LTC consider value vs. cost as a consideration when moving forward with more specific mapping.

There was concern with regard to potential future changes imposed by the province with regard to setbacks to streams specific to agricultural buildings. Chair Busheikin indicated that more information regarding this possibility was needed.

There was an interest in the possibility of narrowing the screening and setback area and a question of whether doing so would be compliant with RAR with particular reference to the approach Salt Spring Island took with their DPA. It was explained that Salt Spring's smaller DPA areas resulted from having a high number of existing site specific RAR assessment reports to draw from. Chair Busheikin encouraged the possibility of RAR implementation being refined

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee request staff to research and report on the Riparian Areas Regulation items discussed at today's meeting and at the Community Information Meeting.

CARRIED

11.1.1 Email dated February 17, 2015 from Justin Lange, RPBio, Madrone Environmental Services Inc.

Received.

11.1.2 Email March 23, 2015 from Doug Hopwood Email

Received.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated March 31, 2015

Trustee Peterson stated that he would like to include the mapping of public beach access to the Top Priority list.

Report received for information.

12.1.2 Projects List Report dated March 31, 2015

Received.

12.2 Application Report- none

None.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated March, 2015

Received.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

It was noted that the previous minutes did not reflect the motion to remove the Stewardship awards.

Planner Eggen noted that this will need to be clarified with the staff and the recorder.

Trustee Morrison requested that the meeting agenda packages be sent out early as the mail delivery system to Lasqueti takes longer.

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

The trustees requested staff to add the strategic planning memorandum to the LTC

webpage.

12.6 Chair's Report

Chair Busheikin gave her report.

12.7 Trustee Reports

The trustees gave their reports.

12.8 Electoral Area Director's Report

None.

12.9 Trust Fund Board Report

Trustee Morrison gave her report.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Electronic Meetings

13.1.1 Staff Report dated March 25, 2015

Planner Eggen gave a summary of the report. It was suggested that there is new and affordable tele-conference technology available for these purposes.

Chair Busheikin suggested that the wording recommended to replace the existing section, should read "nor any alternate member of the trust committee appointed" rather than "nor any alternate member of the Local Trust Committee appointed."

Trustee Morrison noted that at this time the LTC still has no appropriate location to hold these electronic meetings due to technology limitations on Lasqueti. Trustee Peterson noted that electronic meetings are no substitute for in person meetings, however they should be allowed for extraordinary circumstances.

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to prepare a draft bylaw to amend "Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw No. 74, 2004" in order to incorporate requested amendments as presented.

CARRIED

13.2 2014 Eelgrass Mapping

Planner Eggen summarized the report and noted that large scale maps will be provided to the community, and that the recommendations from the report will be

posted on the LTC webpage. She also noted that it would be useful for the best practices for mooring buoys be included on the LTC webpage.

13.2.1 Memorandum dated March 26, 2015 from Kate Emmings, Ecosystems Specialist

Received.

13.3 Powell River Regional District- Request for Letter of Support

Planner Eggen stated that the Request for Letter of Support was meant to be considered at this time; however, she noted that the grant application was turned down, so there was no need for the LTC to act on this request. She advised that the PRRD would be applying for other grants for this project in the future.

Trustee Peterson commented that if the PRRD wants the support of the LTC they need to undertake public consultation and request the letters of support from the LTC in a timely manner.

Trustee Morrison indicated that she had sent a personal letter to the PRRD stating these points.

Planner Eggen noted that the Northern Regional office is working towards having more consistent annual protocol meetings with Regional Districts, including the PRRD and that a meeting with the PRRD will be scheduled sometime this year. Potential attendees include staff, trustees, regional directors and MOTI.

13.4 Andrew Fall for Lasqueti Residents Group- Request for Letter of Support to Powell River Regional District

Trustee Morrison thanked Andrew Fall and the delegation from Lasqueti Island that attended the meeting in Powell River requesting more time for the community to consider the implementation of the 911 emergency service.

13.5 Board of Variance

13.5.1 Staff Report dated February 2, 2015

Planner Eggen summarized the report, and noted that the Board of Variance are out of date, and that it needs to come into compliance, however it is advised to wait until the Project Charter is received and seen by the LTC to proceed.

13.6 Bylaw Enforcement Report to Trust Council, March 2015

Received.

13.7 Southern Local Trust Area (LTA) Ad Hoc meeting regarding Strategic Planning

There was discussion regarding the Islands Trust Strategic Planning session and the upcoming southern LTA ad hoc meeting. Items included strategic planning and

new vision statement, moving the office from Victoria to another island, changing trust council agenda and excluding staff from closed meetings.

Chair Busheikin commented that the process was not inclusive, and advised that the Strategic Planning is still in the hands of the trustees.

Trustee Peterson suggested that it was not an open brain storming session and some trustees felt that the Strategic Planning was staff driven.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Lasqueti Arts Centre, Main Road, Lasqueti Island, BC.

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

to change the date of the June Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting from June 18 to June 15, 2015.

CARRIED

15. TOWN HALL

John O'Halloran commented that meetings can be postponed, and that the electronic age is taking its toll, and cautioned against using electronic meetings.

16. CLOSED MEETING

LA-2015-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1) (a) for the purpose of considering Appointment of Advisory Planning Commission Members AND that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

Chair Busheikin closed the meeting at 1:41 pm.

16.2 Recall to Order

Chair Busheikin recalled the meeting to order at 1:44 pm.

16.3 Rise and Report

Chair Busheikin reported the LTC had appointed John O'Halloran, Tom Weinerth, Nadine Simpson, Susan Kristinsson, Lisa Johnson, Peter Johnston and Andrew Fall to the Advisory Planning Commission.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Laura Busheikin, Chair
Certified Correct:

Jaylene Scheible, Recorder