



Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date:	Monday, October 3, 2016
Location:	Piers Island Fire Hall Piers Island, BC
Members Present	Peter Luckham, Chair George Grams, Local Trustee Peter Grove, Local Trustee
Staff Present	Stefan Cermak, Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Seth Wright, Planner 2 Kelly Gesner, Planner, Landworks Consultants Inc. Sarah Shugar, Recorder
Media and Others Present:	Approximately 19 members of the public

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair Luckham introduced himself, the Trustees and staff and acknowledged that the Local Trust Committee is meeting within Coast Salish Territory and expressed his gratitude. Chair Luckham called for introductions from the Trustees and members of the public.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was adopted.

3. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Grams presented an update regarding the Salt Spring Island (SSI) Incorporation Study process. He advised that in 2014, Capital Regional District Director McIntyre, Trustee Grove and Trustee Grams set in motion a governance review for SSI. He also reported that the SSI Incorporation Study Committee is expected to release a final report in November 2016 and that a Provincial Offer of Restructure Assistance has been received. He advised that if a referendum is called it would likely occur in early 2017. Trustee Grams reported he met with Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding BC Ferries.

Trustee Grove acknowledged that this is the first time the SSI Local Trust Committee has met on Piers Island. He spoke to the value of belonging to the Islands Trust and to the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Luckham presented the following highlights from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention on September 26 to 30, 2016: a request to the Province regarding rainwater catchment for potable water added to the BC Building Code; an initiative regarding a moratorium for anchorages in the Salish Sea; and oil spill prevention and preparedness.

5. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Chair Luckham opened the Town Hall at 1:30 p.m.

One member of the public expressed concern regarding the tax funds that Piers Island residents contribute to the Islands Trust. It was noted BC Ferries service is irrelevant to Piers Island residents as there is no ferry service to the island and support was expressed to expand the shuttle service. It was also noted that Piers Island Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are minimal and the single largest contributor to GHG emissions is the use of motor powered boats.

One member of the public requested clarification regarding the economic impact in the event that SSI became a municipality and Piers Island was no longer within the SSI Local Trust Area.

One member of the public requested clarification regarding the impact to the Islands Trust in the event that SSI becomes a municipality.

One member of the public requested further information regarding whether Piers Island could expect any service interruptions in the event that SSI became a municipality.

One member of the public asked whether amending the bylaws should be postponed pending the potential incorporation of SSI.

One member of the public requested more information regarding the North Pender Island Local Trust Area and whether it would be the most suitable Local Trust Area for Piers Island.

One member of the public asked whether Piers Island would have direct representation with the Islands Trust in the event that SSI became a municipality.

One member of the public requested further information regarding services Piers Island receives for their tax contribution to the Islands Trust.

One member of the public asked whether the establishment of a transportation service falls within the Islands Trust's mandate.

One member of the public requested support for a shuttle service and expressed concern regarding the BC Ferries impact to shoreline erosion on Piers Island and to the marine environment in general.

One member of the public requested information regarding a pedestrian ferry shuttle service between the Gulf Islands.

PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 493

Chair Luckham invited comments relating to Proposed Bylaw No. 493 - Piers Island Official Community Plan Bylaw 1980, Amendment No. 1, 2016.

Planner Wright and Planner Gesner presented information concerning the proposed Bylaw.

One member of the public reported there are three gas-powered vehicles on Piers Island.

One member of the public expressed concern regarding the GHG emission targets and questioned how Piers Island could achieve an 85% reduction to GHG emissions without depopulating Piers Island.

One member of the public asked if the GHG emissions target could be expressed as “to maintain the existing negative footprint.”

One member of the public asked whether any jurisdiction has attached numbers to GHG emission targets.

One member of the public asked for clarification regarding the word “supported” for item 10.4(b) - “The Piers Island community is supported in sharing the community tractor”.

One member of the public requested clarification regarding whether there would be amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

One member of the public asked for clarification regarding how the bylaws would be integrated.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Recess for Public Hearing

The meeting recessed at 2:37 p.m.

6.1.1 Bylaw No. 493 - Piers Island Official Community Plan By-law 1980, Amendment No. 1, 2016

6.1.2 Recall to Order

The meeting reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder