



ADOPTED

Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: February 17, 2017
Location: Saturna Island Community Hall
105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC

Members Present George Grams, Chair
Paul Brent, Local Trustee
Lee Middleton, Local Trustee

Staff Present Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Gary Richardson, Island Planner
Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
Fiona Macrauld, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
Sandy Nelson, Recorder

Others Present: Approximately 20 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Grams called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

John Hutchinson requested a response regarding why the Tsawout First Nations turned down the offer of free signage. Fiona Macrauld answered that this has not been refused outright, and it may be considered after their elections.

Priscilla Ewbank asked if there would be discussion re: groundwater and private wells. Chair Grams replied this would be clarified later in the meeting. She also enquired about density transfer mechanisms, specifically, from where donor land would come, and questioned if there will be a map for planning.

Morgan Yates stated for the record, that he would like to take the opportunity to express thanks to Chair George Grams and Trustees Middleton and Brent for the excellent beginning with First Nations Relationship building on Saturna.

Chair Grams confirmed there would be time for questions later in the meeting.in response to an inquiry from **Janet Land** regarding clarification on the density transfer application

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

none

5. PUBLIC HEARING

none

6. MINUTES

6.1 Adopted Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated October 20, 2016 (for information)

By general consent the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of Oct 20th were adopted.

6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report Dated February 2017

6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes (for Receipt)

none

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List Dated February 2017

Planner Richardson updated that there was no update for the meeting today regarding the Robert Kos variance application for a retaining wall and there will be follow up for the April LTC meeting.

Trustee Middleton reported that the Saturna LTC was successful in receiving phase one of funding for Community to Community, and he enquired as to the next step. Fiona Macrauld advised that the funding would expire at the end of March 2017; and as no funds have been distributed she recommended that we allow it to lapse and request new funding, thereby extending the timeline an additional year.

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 SA-RZ-2012.1 (Nepenthe Holdings Ltd.) - Staff Report

Gary Richardson, Island Planner, reviewed the report and application and commented that the density cap within the Official Community Plan (OCP) is the roadblock because recipient and donor areas were not specified, making it difficult to analyze. In 1971, three houses were permitted, on that property, and they cannot be subdivided. The applicant, Alan R. Peretz, was advised that densities must be found that could be transferred to Nepenthe Holdings, so as not to increase overall density on the island. Planner Richardson recommended that a pilot project be pursued, with follow-up in April.

Trustee Middleton suggested an explanation of the land density bylaw process. Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager, described how it would work. If it gets first reading a Community Information meeting is held for second, third reading. It was noted the applicant is in attendance and he approves. Trustees Middleton and Brent re-iterated that the community appreciates this process.

In response to a comment that density transfer has happened on Saturna previously, **Priscilla Ewbank** mentioned that density transfer is still an issue in our community, and that it would help to have maps and more clarity. Chair Grams confirmed that this is what is planned.

Morgan Yates thanked the chair for his explanation, thanked the applicant for his patience, and agreed that the pilot is necessary.

John Hutchinson commented that the density issue is a long-term issue and agrees we should deal with this issue now.

SA-2017-01

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

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to prepare a report and draft bylaws regarding the proposed transfer of two subdivision densities to Lot 3, Section 18, Plan 11979, except part in Plan 17076, Saturna Island.

CARRIED

11. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

11.1 First Nations Relationship Building Project Charter - Staff Report

Fiona Macrauld, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor, thanked the chair and gave a summary of the staff report, explaining the reasons for moving forward with relationship building. She provided a printed Power Point presentation as a handout and briefly discussed the contents. Fiona presented a list of First Nations websites and encouraged the audience to seek them out. Currently, there are 27 active First Nations initiatives, local and trust related. The event held on Saturna last November was attended well, by approximately 100 local residents.

Fiona noted that the Indian Act has a 2 year election cycle, meaning that as this is a busy time, and decisions take longer, but the gesture of a free sign is appreciated.

John Hutchinson commented about Fiona's explanation about turning down the offer of the sign and suggested an explanation be added to the Project Charter for First Nations, so as not to be as abrupt sounding.

Sea-to-Sea funding requires that meetings are held with elected officials, and Fiona suggested that this initiative move forward over the next 12-18 months. She encouraged the Trustees to work with Parks and Recreation, and choose a locally managed place to present a First Nations shared narrative. It was suggested that the OCP be reviewed before the April LTC meeting and maps containing place names be made available.

Fiona acknowledged that there is some hesitancy among island resident's regarding the First Nations and their history here, but she reminded us that this feeling has been the same for members of the First Nations for many years.

Trustee Brent thanked staff for the report.

Priscilla says she appreciates this initiative very much because tourists have commented that there is a lack of information regarding First Nations history on Saturna Island. She added that Parks and Recreation do not feel qualified to depict First Nations history and that this is not out of lack of respect.

Fiona stated that we must continue sharing First Nation's knowledge emphasizing positive experiences.

There was a comment from a Fog Alarm Building volunteer that Parks Canada wouldn't allow First Nations commentary due to agreed protocol that all 19 bands must approve information for display panels. Fiona responded that there are 19 separate nations because of the BC treaty process.

Trustee Middleton commented that in his opinion, the LTC has previously neglected to acknowledge local First Nations history, but that with the help of the council we can now demonstrate our very real intent and thank you to all community members, staff, fellow trustee and chair.

Trustee Brent added that he hopes this is just the beginning of a good, long relationship with local First Nations.

SA-2017-02

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee endorse the attached project charter to amend the Saturna Official Community Plan by integrating a First Nation narrative and place names within the OCP.

CARRIED

SA-2017-03

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee request through the Electoral Director that the Local Parks and Recreation Commission of the Capital Regional District consider a site on Saturna Island for signage that reflects a place-based shared narrative of both the local First Nations and the settler history of the island.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports (attached)

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated February 2017

Current items on the list were discussed. Trustee Brent and Middleton agree that there is now an opportunity to pursue Density transfer mechanisms.

12.1.2 Projects List Report Dated February 2017

For information

12.2 Applications Report Dated February 2017 (attached)

No comments

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated December 2016 (attached)

No comments

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions (attached)

For information

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

No comments

12.6 Chair's Report

Chair Grams commented on Salt Spring Island's governance. There will be no referendum before the May provincial election, and likely no decision made until July 2017 or later. He also updated that Golder Associates is currently mapping groundwater on Salt Spring, with plans to expand this to other Gulf Islands. CAO Hotsenpiller anticipates the budget will approve this new 'pan-Trust' position.

12.7 Trustee Report

Trustee Brent reported on the selection committee for the Victoria office location. He suggested the possibility of a satellite office in Sidney. Trustee Brent recently attended a Local Planning Committee meeting in Ladysmith, where he noted the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District are working together on a housing needs assessment, with initial focus on the Southern Gulf Islands.

Trustee Middleton discussed the Parks Advisory Board and the issue with the reconciliation process with local First Nations. The question is how to approach reconciliation, management, and construction of potential visitor's facilities.

The community noted the following concerns: that the parks board does not have a voice, and that the employment agreement at the time of the Gulf Islands Park Reserve creation is not being upheld.

12.8 Trust Fund Board Report

none

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Provincial Private Moorage Policy Update - Staff Memo

Regional Planning Manager Kojima reviewed The Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) general permission requirements for private moorage. He explained that Saturna still requires a planner to approve private moorage as this policy update does not include Saturna. Russ Hotsenpiller explained further that FLNRO no longer requires that a license be required for applicable areas.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for April 20, 2017, at 12:30 pm, at the Recreation & Cultural Centre, Saturna Island

15. TOWN HALL

John Hutchison stated that he understands there are complex First Nation issues, for example, approving new signage, and he supports the process now in place.

Alan Sewell mentioned that perhaps doing nothing is an alternative until the local First Nation bands reconciles their internal differences, so as not to offend. He suggests that perhaps a complete history of all settlers on Saturna Island would be worthwhile.

16. CLOSED MEETING (Distributed Under Separate Cover)

16.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

SA-2017-04

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 & d) for the purpose of considering:

- Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Minutes Dated September 16, 2016,
- Appointment of APC Members

AND that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

CARRIED

16.2 Recall to Order

16.3 Rise and Report

It was reported that there have been resignations on the APC and vacancies will be considered by staff, it was questioned as to whether previous applicants are still interested.

Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced himself and addressed the meeting. He described his experiences and interests within the islands, and that he is looking forward to working with everyone.

17. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

George Grams, Chair

Certified Correct:

Sandy Nelson, Recorder