



## Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Special Meeting

**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**Location:** Nanaimo Museum  
 Program Room  
 100 Museum Way  
 Nanaimo, BC

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

**Staff Present** Marnie Eggen, Island Planner  
 Ann Kjerulf, Regional Planning Manger  
 Miles Drew, Bylaw Enforcement Officer  
 Janice Young, Recorder

**Others Present** Approximately twenty (20) members of the public

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. She introduced Staff and Trustees, welcomed members of the public and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 4.1.1 Town Hall
- 4.1.2 Local Trust Committee Discussion

**By general consent** the agenda was adopted as amended.

### 3. CLOSED MEETING

#### 3.1 Motion to Close the Meeting

**TH-2017-010****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)(d)(f) and (i) for the purpose of considering Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Minutes dated October 11, 2016, bylaw enforcement and Legal Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and that the recorder and staff attend the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the public at 1:04pm

**3.2 Recall to Order**

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 1:34

**3.3 Rise and Report**

Chair Morrison stated that the October 11, 2016 Closed Meeting minutes were adopted.

**4. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS****4.1 Thetis Associated Islands Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Staff Report**

The Island Planner presented the Staff Report and:

- Reviewed the background;
- Highlighted two issues:
  - Riparian Rights re: having a dock; and
  - Human Rights re: having a dock; and
- Opened to public comments.

**4.1.1 Town Hall**

- A member of the public asked if the- structure recently built along the shoreline on Ruxton Island was approved.
  - Staff responded that the current bylaw allows this structure.
- A member of the public asked if a moratorium can be put in place to prevent new structures on the foreshore until new regulations are established.
  - Staff responded that there is no tool for establishing a moratorium; the process is to work to amend the bylaw.
  - A Trustee added that while “docks” are not permitted in this zone, that “equipment” is, and that presently “equipment” is not defined.
- A member of the public commented that people need a safe way to load and unload from the boat onto the shore.
- A member of the public commented that access is needed year round and that the rocks are often very slippery and dangerous.
- A member of the public expressed mobility concerns and creating safe access to the properties.

- Members of the public voiced opinions both for and against docks on Ruxton Island.
- A member of the public commented that in spite of the claim of extensive consultation with the community, that this bylaw was voted on by a committee, and not by all property owners and that everyone should have a say on such an important matter.
- A member of the public gave a historical profile of docks on Ruxton Island and commented on the problem of safe access.
- A member of the public inquired about posting of letters addressing this issue and where they can be found on the website.
  - Staff responded that correspondence related to projects and applications are available to view on the website; however, correspondence that includes personal/sensitive information will not be posted.

#### 4.1.2 Local Trust Committee Discussion

Staff and Trustees further responded to the Town Hall comments saying that the Local Trust Committee is here to serve the needs of the community; that public safety is not only important, it is a responsibility and that options will be explored, going on to discuss this issue with consideration of establishing community docks on Ruxton Island, keeping in mind the mandate of Islands Trust to serve and protect the environment.

Trustee Luckham projected slides showing potential locations for community docks and suggested enabling a community process for the development of community docks.

Chair Morrison referred to the Aging in Place program on Lasqueti Island, adding that while safe access is important, island living always has its challenges.

Further discussion followed, focussed on the Project Charter, timeline and budget.

#### **TH-2017-011**

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

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee amend the Project Charter by adding:

- Consideration of community docks on Ruxton Island, and
  - Consultation with residents
- to be “ In Scope”.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2017-012**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request Staff to bring back an amended Charter and include a phased approach, as discussed.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2017-013**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee approve a budget allocation of \$1,200.00 from the Thetis Island Riparian Area Project 2106-2017 to meet the needs of the Thetis Associated Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures Project.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2017-014**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee approve a budget allocation of \$1,500.00 from the Thetis Targeted Official Community Plan/Land Use Bylaw Review Project 2017-2018 to meet the needs of the Thetis Associated Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures Project.

**CARRIED**

**TH-2017-015**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request Staff to prepare a draft amending bylaw for Local Trust Committee consideration for the Thetis Associated Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Ruxton Island Private Moorage Structures Project that will:

- a) Review Land Use Bylaw regulations relevant to Ruxton Island to remove ambiguities regarding the regulation of private moorage structures in order to effectively reflect the original intent of the Thetis Associated Land Use Bylaw to prohibit private docks or dock-like structures.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Hunter stood opposed to this resolution.

**5. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 9:30AM at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall – Hunter Room), 292 North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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Susan Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Janice Young, Recorder