



Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date:	October 23, 2017
Location:	Judith Fisher Centre #1 China Cloud Bay Road Lasqueti Island, BC
Members Present	Laura Busheikin, Chair Susan Morrison, Local Trustee (by telephone) Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee
Staff Present	Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner Ann Kjerulf, Regional Planning Manager Jennifer Eliason, Manager Trust Fund Board Teresa Rittemann, Planner 2, by telephone Dave Olsen, Recorder
Others Present	Nine (9) members of the public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Busheikin called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations, and specifically, the Tla'amin.

Chair Busheikin then introduced the staff, the Trustees and the Manager of the Trust Fund Board, Jennifer Eliason.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

Move items 13.1 and 13.2 to 8.1 and 8.2

Add under New Business: 13.4 Learning from the Community Information Meeting held on October 6, 2017

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Agenda Packages

Initial discussion focused on the issue of receiving agenda packages in advance of Local Trust Committee (LTC) Meetings. The following points were noted:

- The Agenda, being 1 or 2 pages, could be faxed.

- There is a Standing Resolution that upon request, every member of the Advisory Planning Commission should receive the agenda package at no charge.
- There is a laser printer on island now but due to various circumstances it has not yet been set up.
- It was acknowledged that the ink-jet printer could have printed the 1 page agenda and Trustee Peterson took full responsibility for the delay.
- The agenda package is also available online.

Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

In response to a question, Chair Busheikin explained that Agenda item 12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions is a reminder of decisions made and placed in the agenda to keep them public and ongoing.

Misspelled Names in APC minutes

Two names (Lindsay Seaman and Peter Steenberg) were noted as misspelled in the APC minutes of September 12, 2017.

Shoreline Protection Project

Discussion about the Shoreline Protection Project ensued with the following questions from the public and answers from the LTC and Jennifer Eliason were noted:

- Were any decisions, other than the removal of Development Permit Areas (DPA), made at the Community Information Meeting?
 - No.
- Why double the distance from the foreshore?
 - There are lists of tools available but the LTC hasn't adopted any of them at this time. We have received input to not use DPAs. We voted not to change the setback. The LTC has not indicated that we want to change the setback.
 - Resolution LA-2017-025 was read which confines discussion to sensitive shoreline areas, forage fish and eelgrass-identified sites.
- Are there maps and reasons for protecting these areas?
 - Maps are available on the islandstrustfund.bc.ca website with links to the MapIT website.
 - Eelgrass is the nursery in the sea for salmon; eelgrass is the foundation of the food chain.
- Does building a dock impact eelgrass?
 - Yes, shade is a problem. Both offshore and onshore activities can impact eelgrass.

It was suggested by the public that an effort be made to inform the community that DPAs are now out of the Shoreline Protection Project.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. MINUTES

6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated September 18, 2017 for adoption

By general consent the minutes of the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Meeting of September 18, 2017 were adopted.

6.2 Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated October 6, 2017 for adoption

The following amendment was presented for consideration:

Page 2, paragraph 5: change "vistas" to "shoreline".

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

6.3 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - None

6.4 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes dated September 12, 2017 - For Information

It was noted from the Town Hall session that the names Lindsay Seaman (twice) and Peter Steenburgen were spelled incorrectly in 4. Town Hall.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7.1 Follow-up Action List dated October 12, 2017

Staff noted that the list has been updated.

Trustees asked if the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) had responded regarding the use of the barge ramp. Staff indicated that there was no further update.

Trustees asked why the Community Information Meeting motion was not reflected on this list. Staff responded that it is still to be updated.

Trustees noted that the Executive Committee declined the LTC's request to be a respondent in the potential court case regarding Tucker Bay; Staff noted that they will update the list accordingly.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Islands Trust Fund Five Year Plan - Briefing

Manager Eliason explained that the Five Year Plan is required by Provincial legislation and summarizes the Islands Trust Fund Policies, includes draft goals and is provided for comment.

Trustees commented that there is a typo on page 5.

LA-2017-035

it was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee receive the draft Islands Trust Fund Five Year Plan for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Regional Conservation Plan – Briefing

Manager Eliason presented the Regional Conservation Plan and the following points were noted:

- It is more visionary than the Five Year Plan and is used for decision-making and direction.
- Islands Trust Fund is moving to a 10 year cycle for conservation planning, which is laid out in three year work plans.
- In the overview of the current landscape, Lasqueti Island is discussed on page 59: its land base is quite different than other islands.
- On page 61, ecosystem disturbance is discussed, which is essentially tree cover loss.
- Lasqueti has invasive species including feral sheep and a high number of bullfrogs.
- Lasqueti is classified as a high priority for conservation measures because there is a lot of high value forest with a low percentage of protection.
- Saturna Island was contrasted as an example of a place with a high number of species at risk but 50% of the island is already protected by a National Park.

Members of the public made the following points:

- Feral sheep are in the OCP as a valued aspect of the island.
- Other islands have had feral sheep slaughtered; calling them an invasive species after 100-140 years of living on Lasqueti raises an alarm bell. The sheep population has remained steady.
- The OCP could be the reason why there is so much high value forest on Lasqueti.

The following questions were directed to Manager Eliason, with her responses immediately following:

- The Crown land grant program had approximately \$1 million available; is the government not pursuing this program any longer?
 - It is currently on hold for First Nations consultations.
- Are copies of the draft plan available?
 - Yes.
- Are there any studies predicting feral sheep populations five or 10 years from now?
 - No.

9. DELEGATIONS - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

(Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage)

11. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - None**12. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS****11.1 Aging at Home Implementation Project - Staff Report**

Teresa Rittemann, Planner 2, joined the meeting by telephone and introduced the report. She noted that a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) is currently underway and that staff are recommending that this project be postponed until the HNA is completed.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and the following was noted:

- Only 51 responses from the survey were received; not enough to represent the entire island.
- In a survey of Ruxton Island, out of a population of 170, 80 people responded. That kind of response increases confidence in the results.
- Seems appropriate to wait until additional data is available.
- A number of Lasquetians have said that the survey was confusing: the first survey presented about Aging at Home, now it is housing.

Staff reported that the HNA is projected to be complete in January or February of 2018. There is a survey link online now on the Lasqueti page of Islands Trust website.

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee postpone the "Aging at Home Project: Implementation Phase" until the Northern Region Housing Needs Assessment has been completed.

CARRIED

--BREAK-- 12:13 - 12:30

11.2 Marine Shoreline Protection Project - Staff Memorandum

Staff introduced the Memorandum by noting that the LTC was back at the state it was in June 2017 and asked for direction given the motion at the recent CIM.

Discussion ensued amongst the Trustees and the following was noted:

- What we heard at the CIM is the Community wants to be more involved.
- The APC asked for a list of tools available.
- Want to make sure we have fulsome discussions.
- When we talked about an OCP review, many people indicated an interest.
- Will not be able to move ahead without community involvement.

- We have been hearing from the public that there is some fear that the LTC had the intention to rush ahead; we need to take a step back.
- We need less presentation from the LTC and more opportunity for the public to say what is important and what tools would be desirable.
- One piece worth moving forward with is the loophole regarding subdivisions; we would like to fix that part, and not let it sit around.

Trustee Morrison reported that due to her partner's health issues she would not be available for much public consultation until 2018.

Chair Busheikin asked staff regarding the cost implications of fixing the loophole faster and going slower with the public consultation.

Staff responded that it was all set up as a comprehensive process. If you choose to pick out one element that could be one draft bylaw amendment and it could be advanced as a housekeeping bylaw.

LA-2017-037

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a draft bylaw to correct the minimum lot size requirements for each subdivision district in the Lasqueti Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED

LA-2017-038

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request Staff to schedule a Community Information Meeting toward the end of February or early March for continued public consultation on the Foreshore Protection Project.

CARRIED

Trustees continued discussion regarding next steps and the following was noted:

- The APC could also hold their meetings sooner.
- APC meetings could be complimentary to our CIM.
- The APC could be asked to recommend a process for the CIM.
- Want to be cautious about receiving information from the public: how inclusive has that process been?

Staff noted the following:

- That the role of the APC is to receive matters from the LTC and respond.
- Typically only APC members attend meetings; it is not typical for members of the public to engage.
- When the APC does convene, there needs to be proper notification and minutes taken.
- Another alternative is that APC members could organize delegations.

- The LTC does have an obligation to get the views of the broader public.
- It is important that there is no misunderstanding of subdivision regulations; we want you to have the best information to base your decisions on, which is what we strive for at a CIM.

LA-2017-039

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request that the Advisory Planning Commission consider next steps on Shoreline Protection including making recommendations on further public consultation.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding providing information to the APC and the following was noted:

- Staff could be available on the telephone for a 15 minute presentation.
- There is a two page list of tools included in the addendum package.
- The presentation that was prepared for the CIM is directed at the average layperson; it is a PDF that could be printed as well. It provides a summary of tools available and a rationale for the project.
- Referrals to the APC are not usually posted on the website but this one could be.
- Information packages used to be available at the Post Office and at Provisions but that has not been happening recently so the public is not in the loop.

Staff noted that sending more information than what was to be presented at the CIM would need a LTC resolution.

12. REPORTS

12.1 Work Program Reports

12.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated October 12, 2017

LA-2017-040

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to amend the top priorities list to include minimum lot size and that Aging at Home be moved to the projects list.

CARRIED

12.1.2 Projects List Report dated October 12, 2017 - None

12.2 Applications Report dated October 12, 2017

Received for information.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated August 2017

Received for information.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

No updates.

12.6 Chair's Report

Chair Busheikin reported on the following:

- Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) meeting was good and had a sense of optimism that the new Provincial government would be more receptive to the interests of municipal governments.
- Met with Clare Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, who listened to our presentation regarding Tucker Bay.
- Trust Council working on a policy statement review as well as responding to the post-Salt Spring Island referendum reality.
- We are planning for Trust Council in Victoria; we are in the early stages of budget planning. For the first time, the budget includes a 1% increase in taxes. We would like to keep the specialist positions in Victoria and add another position for Trust Area Services, since there is so much call for advocacy and we are not able to keep up. However, we want to be cautious, as people seem to want to be fiscally conservative.

12.7 Trustee Reports

Trustee Morrison reported on the following:

- Clare Trevena (MoTI) did not say no to our request regarding Tucker Bay.
- She will try to get the maps from the CIM to the APC.
- Meeting with the Comox Valley Regional District and the Denman and Hornby LTCs.
- Will be in North Vancouver for the Gambier Island LTC meeting.
- Still hoping that the Powell River Regional District (PRRD) meeting with us happens.

Trustee Peterson reported that he attended the Trust Council meetings.

12.8 Electoral Area Director's Report - None**12.9 Trust Fund Board Report dated October, 2017**

Trustee Morrison highlighted the retreat that the Trust Fund Board recently had, with great discussions especially regarding funding. She also noted the continuing protection of the John Osland Nature Reserve.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.3 2018 Local Trust Committee Meeting Schedule - Staff Report

Trustee Morrison noted that the November, 2018 meeting date coincides with a Trust Fund Board meeting.

LA-2017-041

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee schedule its regular business meetings on the following dates: February 19, April 23, June 4, July 23, September 24, and November 26, 2018.

CARRIED

13.4 Debrief from Community Information Meeting (CIM)

Chair Busheikin opened the discussion by noting that she had thought a lot about that meeting and wanted this agenda item to allow anyone to share anything that we may have learned from that meeting.

Discussion ensued and the Trustees made the following points:

- It was expected that the LTC would listen to concerns from the public but we did not do a good job of that.
- We were overly ambitious about putting so much into one meeting.
- It would have been better to have the public opportunity for comment at the beginning as a lot of people came to air their disagreement with the project and needed to know they were being heard by the LTC.
- Could have made the presentation that did not get presented and the First Nations presentations well before the meeting.
- Felt bad for the senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor, Marine and First Nations Issues, Fiona MacRAILD and the Land Manager, Tla'amin Nation, Denise Smith; the public was mostly polite despite having to wait to be able to express themselves.
- We could do a better job at communicating what we would do at the meeting.
- The LTC has to take full responsibility; no motion was made for Ms. MacRAILD to do her presentation. With our pre-discussion, we did not want it to go over 35 minutes, but there is no way to give it justice with less than an hour. Could have started at 6:30pm since we had a minute taker and the ferries were bringing others. We dropped the ball.
- The meeting did not run well. We all saw the notice going out to the public and we got excited about the First Nations presentations, but people did not know about it. Could have contextualized why the First Nations information was presented with the Foreshore Protection Project.
- Could have made it clear to Ms. MacRAILD about why there was an emphasis on consulting with First Nations regarding the Foreshore Protection Project.

Staff noted the following:

- Notice that was sent out by email had the full agenda.
- The ad in the local paper was standard with a link back to the agenda.
- We made a concerted effort to address a different relationship and engagement with First Nations.
- There was no resolution for Ms. MacRAILD to present because the project needs the First Nation's piece to address a broader range of issues. This was the first chance to present the information.

Trustees added the following points to the discussion:

- People may or may not read the email list, but everyone reads the island mailer and it did not contain the First Nations information on it.
- Ms. MacRAILD did not address how this project would address the First Nations relationship building.

Staff reported that they had a brief opportunity to follow up with Ms. Smith and reported the following:

- After completing her presentation a LTC decision was made to remove a key aspect of the proposal, which confused her.
- Her role was to explain the treaty aspect but the linkages to the project needed to be clearer.
- Relationship rebuilding needs to be done.
- Ms. Smith gifted the LTC with a Tla'amin flag, but there was no reciprocal gift, which is important to her culture.
- We received one of the most strongly worded letters in support of the project; this is not a theoretical project, which could be why the letter was so strong. Looking at what is next with First Nations: we are in a holding pattern, with some community consultation. The Tla'amin are very interested, and Ms. Smith has reported back to her government.

Chair Busheikin added that she spoke with Ms. Smith on the ferry the next day and reported the following:

- Ms. Smith felt surprised with how the meeting went.
- She believes the Tla'amin need to spend more time on Lasqueti and have a cultural event.
- Education needs to be done to understand the Tla'amin history and their approach.

Staff added that there was a lot on the plate for a 90 minute meeting. Ms. MacRAILD's presentation usually takes 2 hours plus discussion afterwards. This could have been an all day event.

14. UPCOMING MEETINGS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Judith Fisher Centre, #1 China Cloud Bay Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

15. TOWN HALL

Regarding the Community Information Meeting (CIM) of October 6, 2017

Discussion ensued and the following was noted:

- People did not know what to expect.
- We can handle all day meetings as long as we know the schedule.
- We were presented with a solution (DPAs) without knowing what the problem is.

LTC Laser Printer and LTC Agenda Packages

Peter Johnston offered to host the LTC printer and mail out the agenda packages.

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Laura Busheikin, Chair

Certified Correct:

Dave Olsen, Recorder