



**Islands Trust Council  
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting  
June 14-16, 2011  
Denman Island, BC**

**Present:**

**Executive Committee:**

Sheila Malcolmson, Chair (Gabriola)  
Louise Bell, Vice Chair (Denman)  
Peter Luckham, Vice Chair (Thetis)  
Gary Steeves, Vice Chair (North Pender)

**Local Trustees:**

David Graham, Denman  
Deborah Ferens, Gabriola  
Louise Decario, Galiano  
Sandy Pottle, Galiano  
Joyce Clegg, Gambier  
Jan Hagedorn, Gambier  
Fred Hunt, Hornby  
Tony Law, Hornby  
Jen Gobby, Lasqueti  
Susan Ann Morrison, Lasqueti  
George Ehring, Salt Spring  
Dian Johnstone, Saturna  
Beverley Neff, Saturna  
David Greer, South Pender  
Wendy Scholefield, South Pender  
Sue French, Thetis

**Municipal Trustees:**

Alison Morse, Bowen  
Nerys Poole, Bowen

**Staff:**

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services  
Craig Elder, Director, Administrative Services  
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services  
Marie Smith, Executive Coordinator

**Absent:**

Jeanine Dodds, Mayne  
Colin Shew, Mayne  
Derek Masselink, North Pender  
Christine Torgrimson, Salt Spring

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011**

**Call to Order/Notice of New Items**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair Sheila Malcolmson welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Twenty-two members of the Islands Trust Council were present.

Trustees Absent: Jeanine Dodds-Mayne; Colin Shew-Mayne; Derek Masselink-North Pender; Christine Torgrimson-Salt Spring.

**Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee**

Members of the Denman Island Marine Stewardship Committee and guests presented trustees with information and concerns about the impact of the shellfish industry on the marine environment surrounding Denman Island, in particular the Baynes Sound area.

**Carbon Offsets/Carbon Neutrality Session**

Mike Vitt with 3GreenTree Ecosystem Services and Jan Garnett with Ecolegacy International presented information about the definitions and kinds of carbon offsets and gave an introduction to forest carbon credit projects.

Staff provided information on carbon neutral operations in place with the Islands Trust, including what factors will be used to determine Islands Trust's carbon footprint, a review of potential carbon reduction strategies and options for purchasing offsets.

**Information and Decision Items**

**1. General**

**1. Trust Council Follow-Up Action List**

The Trust Council Follow-up Action List as of May 2011 was provided for information.

**2. Previous Minutes of Islands Trust Council**

By General Consent, the Minutes of the March 2011 Trust Council meeting were approved as amended.

**3. Resolutions Without Meeting**

RWM 01-11 was provided for information.

**2. Trust Area Services**

**1. Trust Programs Committee Report**

By General Consent, the Trust Programs Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of May 2011 were: 1) Advocacy Program; 2) Climate Change; and 3) Indicator Program.

**2. Trust Fund Board Report**

The Trust Fund Board quarterly report, highlighting the accomplishments as of February 2011 in the areas of Strategic Planning/Administration, Covenant and Property Acquisition, Property and Covenant Management, Communications and Fundraising, was provided for information.

**3. Director of Trust Area Services Report**

Provided for information.

**4. Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate, HO-NAP-2011.1, Hornby Island**

Resolution TC 137/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate for the remainder of the land described as "Lot 6, Section 9, Hornby Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 25736" PID 000-087-866, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for the NAPTEP program.*

This is the first NAPTEP application from the Hornby Island Local Trust Area and the 21<sup>st</sup> overall since the program's inception.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

**5 Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate, HO-NAP-2011.2, Hornby Island**

Resolution TC 138/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate for the remainder of the land described as "Lot 5, Section 9, Hornby Island, Nanaimo District, Plan 25736" PID 002-658-674, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for the NAPTEP program.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate, NP-NAP-2011.2, Pender Island**

Resolution TC 139/11

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Secretary to issue a Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program Certificate for the remainder of the land described as "Lot 13, Section 18 and 19, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 38353" PID 000-299-804, subject to registration of a conservation covenant and completion of a baseline inventory report consistent with the standards developed for the NAPTEP program.*

This is the ninth NAPTEP application from the North Pender Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

Trustees David Greer and Wendy Scholefield left the meeting.

**11. 2011 Community Stewardship Awards**

A briefing about the 2011 Community Stewardship Awards, along with nominee profiles was provided for information. Trust Council will decide on the recipients in a closed meeting on June 15, 2011 and announce the results during the open part of the meeting.

Resolution TC 140/11

It was Moved by Trustee Peter Luckham and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90 (1)(b) and (g) of the Community Charter in order to distribute documents related to personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour and litigation affecting the Islands Trust.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed to the public at 5:22 p.m.  
The meeting reopened to the public at 5:24 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 5:25 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011**

Twenty-one members of the Islands Trust Council were present.  
Trustees Absent: Jeanine Dodds-Mayne; Colin Shew-Mayne; Derek Masselink-North Pender; Gary Steeves-North Pender and Christine Torgrimson-Salt Spring.

**Closed Session**

Resolution TC 141/11

It was Moved by Louise Bell and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(b) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour and that Islands Trust staff be invited to attend the meeting.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting closed to the public at 8:33 a.m.  
The meeting reopened to the public at 8:48 a.m.

**3. Local Planning**

**1. Local Planning Committee Report**

By General Consent, the Local Planning Committee report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of May 2011 were: 1) Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation; 2) Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System; and 3) Development Application Fee Analysis Task Force.

**2. Director of Local Planning Services Quarterly Report**

Provided for information.

**3. OCP/LUB Status Report**

A status report regarding the scheduled review of Official Community Plans and Land Use Bylaws by Local Trust Committees, was provided for information.

**4. Community Housing Task Force Report**

A status report outlining activities of the Community Housing Task Force, was provided for information. The Community Housing Task Force is currently completing work from the last fiscal year involving the development of an Affordable Housing brochure which is expected to be available to trustees at the September 2011 Trust Council meeting.

**5. Food Security Guide and Implementation**

A status report on food security implementation was provided for information. Trustees provided updates on what is being done on food security on their islands.

#### **6. Riparian Areas Regulation Update**

A status report outlining the status of the implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation in the Islands Trust Area was provided for information.

#### **7. Development Permit Monitoring**

A briefing on the status of the March 2011 Council request for the Local Planning Committee to develop options for the monitoring of development permit areas was provided for information. Once the Local Planning Committee adds this item as a work program priority, staff will develop a staff report with recommendations for the Committee to consider.

#### **8. Bylaw Enforcement Investigations Report**

A Briefing outlining the current status of bylaw enforcement investigations in the Trust Area was provided for information.

#### **9. Local Planning Services Time Tracking Report - Briefing**

Staff advised that the Local Planning Services Time Tracking Report would be distributed during the team meetings portion the Planning Session on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Organizational/Finance**

#### **1. Financial Planning Committee Report**

By General Consent, the Financial Planning Committee Report was endorsed as presented. The top work program priorities as of May 2011 were: 1) Prepare the 2010/11 Year End Allocated Financial Statements; 2) Implement the 2011/12 Budget in the Financial System; and 3) Support the Application Fee Review Task Force.

#### **2. Director of Administrative Services Report**

Provided for information.

#### **3. March 31, 2011 Audited Financial Statement and Report**

#### Resolution TC 142/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

*That Islands Trust Council approve the audited financial statements of the Islands Trust including the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Operations, the Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2011.*

The 2010/11 financial statements indicate that the Islands Trust's operations were within the projected budget. Most of the year's objectives were met, and increased costs in one area were offset by lower costs in others. While there were some staff vacancies, tasks were completed by engaging outside contractors when necessary.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. Trustee Remuneration Policy**

Resolution TC 143/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council approve the amendment to Policy 7.2.i -- Trustee Remuneration.*

During the budget debate in March 2011, the proposed Trustee Remuneration Bylaw was amended to remove payments to trustees for attending Trust Council committee meetings. The proposed amendment to Trustee Remuneration Policy 7.2.i will remove references to payments to trustees for attending Trust Council Committee meetings.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Rural By Design**

Noba Anderson, Strathcona Regional District's Electoral Area Director for Cortes Island provided trustees with a presentation about Siskin Lane Strata and Everwoods, two Cortes Island developments that embrace the principles of sustainable rural design.

#### **Liaison with Cortes Director**

Trustees discussed areas of mutual interest with the Cortes Island Regional Director, including affordable housing, green communities, aquaculture and opportunities to work together.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Trustee Gary Steeves returned to the meeting.

Trust Programs Committee Chair Tony Law announced the recipients of the 2011 Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards:

##### Individual Category

- Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island
- Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island

##### Group Category

- Hornby New Clinic Committee, Hornby Island
- Pender Island Fire Rescue, North and South Pender Islands

##### Additional Awards

- Enduring Achievement: Sara Steil, North and South Pender Islands
- Climate Change: Barry Mathias, North and South Pender Islands

#### **Delegations and Town Hall Session**

1. T. Varzeliotis

Dr. Varzeliotis submitted a written delegation in advance of the meeting, advising that he would not be attending the Trust Council meeting to present it in person. His submission provided suggestions to improve the existing system of informing citizens about Council meetings and seeking public input into the governance of the islands.

2. Chris Anderson

On behalf of the Gulf Islanders for Safe Technology, Chris Anderson addressed Trust Council members regarding their opposition to the BC Hydro Smartmetering and Infrastructure Program, requesting Trust Council's support by declaring the Trust Area a wireless smart metering and infrastructure free zone.

Town Hall speakers included Mike Morrell with the Denman Opposes Coal Committee encouraging Trust Council to write to the federal and provincial Environmental Assessment offices regarding the draft "Application Information Requirements" for the proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine, and Kathy Dunster who spoke about carbon credits in regards to Council's Carbon Offsets session.

### **Decision and Information Items** (continued)

Notice of New Business:

7.2 Obtaining Memorandum of Understanding on Foreshore Tenures

7.4 Smart Metering

7.3 Delegation Policy

By General Consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

## **2. Trust Area Services**

### **10. Proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine**

#### **Resolution TC 144/11**

It was Moved by Trustee Louise Bell and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council write to the Environmental Assessment Office and to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency expressing concern about the proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine on Vancouver Island regarding the need for the environmental assessment process to include a full review by a panel of independent experts; the potential impact on marine water within the Islands Trust Area, in particular on Baynes Sound; and the greenhouse gas emissions that would result from the project.*

The proposed Raven Coal project continues to be of concern to residents of Denman and Hornby Islands. A letter at this time is consistent with the letter that Trust Council requested be sent to the Premier and selected cabinet ministers on March 30, 2010 regarding this project. The Denman Island Local Trust Committee is on record opposing the project.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7. Policy Statement Assessment Task Force Final Report**

#### **Resolution TC 145/11**

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council receive the "Review and Amendment of the Islands Trust Policy Statement: A Preliminary Assessment Final Report of the Islands Trust Policy Statement Assessment Task Force, dated May 9, 2011, for information and that staff be directed to report on Policy Statement review options and implications in time for Trust Council's next strategic planning session and to distribute this report to the new Trust Council in December 2011.*

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**

### **8. Letter to Minister of Transportation re: BC Ferries Fares**

#### **Resolution TC 146/11**

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to send a letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lekstrom advocating for provincial support to stabilize BC Ferries fares on minor routes, incorporating the principles outlined below.*

The Islands Trust Executive Committee and individual trustees sitting on Ferry Advisory Committees have been very active in advocating on behalf of island communities in regards to the impacts of increased ferry

fares in recent years. This appears to be an ideal opportunity to advance the interests of Islands Trust Area communities.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

## 9. Endorsement of New Energy Vision for Canada

### Resolution TC 147/11

It was Moved by Trustee Gary Steeves and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council endorse Tides Canada's April 2011 New Energy Vision for Canada, a vision of a Canada which by 2050 has largely moved from carbon-based to renewable energy sources, and a set of recommendations for a strategy that would deliver such a future.*

The goals within Tides Canada's document are consistent with the mandate of the Islands Trust, the Policy Statement and previous Council resolutions on greenhouse gas reduction, ecosystem health, economic diversification and community stability. The intent of the New Energy Vision is to develop a low-carbon energy strategy that would strengthen both the environment and the economy.

Discussion ensued with some trustees voicing concern about inaccuracies in the report and the lack of local government support from major urban centres. Others felt that endorsing the report would send a clear message to the federal government that this is an issue that deserves national attention.

### Resolution TC 148/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

To Amend the Motion as follows:

*That the Islands Trust Council endorse Tides Canada's April 2011 New Energy Vision for Canada, as a first step for developing a vision of a Canada which by 2050 has largely moved from carbon-based to renewable energy sources, and a set of recommendations for a strategy that would deliver such a future.*

On the Amendment

IN FAVOUR - 5  
Law-Hornby; Hagedorn-Gambier; Poole-Bowen; Malcolmson-Gabriola- Ehring-Salt Spring  
OPPOSED - 16  
AMENDMENT FAILS

On the Original Motion

IN FAVOUR -16  
OPPOSED - 5  
Morse-Bowen; Clegg-Gambier; Decario-Galiano; Morrison-Lasqueti; Ehring-Salt Spring  
CARRIED

## 12. BC Response to UBCM 2010 Resolutions – Briefing

The Province's responses to the resolutions supported by the Islands Trust at the 2010 UBCM Convention on derelict vessels and the National Marine Conservation Area were provided for information. Islands Trust will continue to pursue these issues.



### **13. Economic Dependencies in the Islands Trust Area – Briefing**

A report summarizing the economic dependency data and trends within the Islands Trust Area was provided for information. This report provides information on the structure of, and trends in, the economies of Islands Trust areas on the basis of the most recent data available (2006 Census).

#### **5. Executive**

##### **1. Executive Committee Report**

By General Consent, the Executive Committee Report was endorsed, as presented. The top work program priorities as of May 2011 were: 1) Strategic Planning; 2) Communications; and 3) Organizational Effectiveness.

##### **2. Chief Administrative Officer's Report**

Provided for information.

##### **3. 2008-2011 Islands Trust Strategic Plan**

A Briefing outlining the status of items identified in the 2008-2011 Strategic Plan was provided for information.

#### **6. Correspondence**

No items.

#### **7. New Business**

##### **1. Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan**

Trustee George Ehring distributed copies of the Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan for information. It was produced by the Salt Spring Island Climate Change Action Council (SSICCAC), of which Islands Trust is a representative, along with the Capital Regional District and numerous private organizations. The plan provides guidance to help the community respond effectively to the challenges of climate change and to meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets for 2015 and 2020. The plan will be reviewed and updated regularly by the SSICCAC to ensure it remains current and relevant to local conditions.

##### **2. Obtaining Memorandum of Understanding on Foreshore Tenures**

Resolution TC 149/11

It was Moved by Trustee Alison Morse and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request staff to request a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government referred to in Strathcona Regional District Electoral Area Director Noba Anderson's presentation on aquaculture at the June 2011 Trust Council meeting.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will email the MOU to trustees when it becomes available.

##### **3. Smart Metering**

Resolution TC 150/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Chair to write to BC Hydro to convey concerns received from Trust Area residents regarding the Smart Metering Program; and encourage BC Hydro to engage in consultations with Trust Area residents regarding smart metering.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. Delegation Policy**

Resolution TC 151/11

It was Moved by Trustee Tony Law and Seconded:

*That the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee to enable a limit of ten minutes for each presentation unless the number of delegations would have an impact on carrying out the agenda of the Council meeting.*

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

#### **8. Summary/Updates**

##### **1. Trustee Updates**

###### **a. BC Ferries**

Trustee Tony Law provided a verbal update on recent activities of the Ferry Advisory Committees.

###### **b. Gulf Islands National Park**

Trustee Wendy Scholefield, Trust Council's representative on the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Park Advisory Board, provided a verbal update on recent activities.

###### **c. First Nations**

No updates this quarter.

###### **d. National Park Reserve on Bowen Island**

Trustee Nerys Poole, Chair of the Bowen Island National Park Council Committee, provided a verbal update on the National Park Feasibility Assessment on Bowen Island.

##### **2. Priorities Chart**

By General Consent, the Priorities Chart dated May 2011 was endorsed as presented.

##### **3. Trust Council – Plan for Continuous Learning 2008-11**

Provided for information.

##### **4. Quarterly Trust Council Meetings Schedule**

By General Consent, the Priorities Chart dated May 2011 was endorsed as presented.

##### **5. 2011 Calendar**

A calendar for June - September 2011, listing proposed Trust Council, Council committees, local trust committees and other meetings and activities of interest scheduled to date was provided for information.

##### **6. Proposed September 2011 Trust Council Agenda Program**

A draft schedule for the September 13-15, 2011 Trust Council meeting to be held on Salt Spring Island was provided for information.

##### **7. Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests**

By General Consent, the Islands Trust Council requested the Chair to write to the Delegation participants and to thank them for their submissions.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011**

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 a.m.

Twenty-two members of the Islands Trust Council were present. Trustees Absent: Jeanine Dodds-Mayne; Colin Shew-Mayne; Derek Masselink-North Pender; Christine Torgimson-Salt Spring.

**Closed Session**

**Resolution TC 152/11**

*That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Sections 90(1)(c),(g) and (i) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to: labour relations and other employee relations, litigation affecting the Islands Trust, and receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and that CAO Linda Adams be invited to attend the entire meeting, and that Islands Trust staff be invited to attend Parts 3 and 4 of the meeting.*

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting closed to the public at 8:36 a.m.  
The meeting reopened to the public at 9:30 a.m.

**Planning Session**

Staff provided updates on planning issues, including staffing and the Riparian Areas Regulation. Trustees also provided updates to Council about activities on their respective islands related to GHG and climate change.

Trustees Dian Johnstone and Beverly Neff left the meeting.

Team meetings were held with trustees and senior planning staff to review regional issues of the respective Northern and Southern Planning teams.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next meeting: September 13-15, 2011 on Salt Spring Island

---

*Sheila Malcolmson*, Chair, Islands Trust Council

---

*Marie Smith*, Executive Coordinator and Recorder