



Islands Trust Council

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: September 13 – 15, 2016

Location: Sidney Pier Hotel, 9805 Seaport Place, Sidney, BC

Members Present:

Executive Committee: Peter Luckham, Chair (Thetis)
Laura Busheikin, Vice Chair (Denman)
George Grams, Vice Chair (Salt Spring)
Susan Morrison, Vice Chair (Lasqueti)

Local Trustees: David Critchley, Denman
Heather O'Sullivan, Gabriola
George Harris, Galiano
Sandy Pottle, Galiano
Dan Rogers, Gambier
Kate Louise Stamford, Gambier
Alex Allen, Hornby
Tony Law, Hornby
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti
Brian Crumblehulme, Mayne
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne
Dianne Barber, North Pender
Peter Grove, Salt Spring
Paul Brent, Saturna (Sept. 13 & 14)
Lee Middleton, Saturna
Bruce McConchie, South Pender
Wendy Scholefield, South Pender
Ken Hunter, Thetis Island

Municipal Trustees: Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen
Alison Morse, Bowen

Regrets: Melanie Mamoser, Gabriola
Derek Masselink, North Pender

Staff Present: Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
Clare Frater, Acting Director, Trust Area Services
Cindy Shelest, Director Administrative Services (Sept. 13)
David Marlor, Director Local Planning Services
Fiona McRaid, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor (Sept. 13 & 14)
Justine Stark, Island Planner (Sept. 14)
Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Luckham called for new business items to be added to the agenda. Trustee Scholefield requested that discussion of the relationship between the Agricultural Land Commission and Islands Trust be placed on a future Trust Council agenda. Trustee McConchie indicated that he had an addendum to item 16.1.6 Select Committee Briefing.

TC-2016-058

MOVED by Trustee Peterson, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

to add *World Heritage Site Designation for Salish Sea Through UNESCO* as a new business item.

CARRIED

Trustee McConchie Opposed

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Resolutions Without Meeting:

Resolutions Without Meeting TC-RWM-2016-002 and TC-RWM-2016-003 were provided for information.

3.2 June 14-16, 2016 Trust Council Draft Minutes

A number of amendments were suggested to the minutes:

- there should be an indication of when Trustee Masselink arrived at the meeting;
- at the top of page 9 of the minutes the first two bullets should make reference to the *Gabriola* Ferry Advisory Committee;
- following the outcome of the vote regarding TC-2016-053 on page 15 of the minutes, the words "Trustee Brent Opposed" should be changed to read "Trustee Brent In Favour".

The Chair recommended that pending confirmation of Trustee Masselink's time of attendance at the meeting, the minutes be adopted by Resolution Without Meeting.

3.3. Trust Council Follow Up Action List

Provided for information.

3.4 Trustee Round Table

Trustees participated in a round table session to discuss common issues, concerns and successes.

Chair Luckham introduced Fiona McRaid, recently hired as the Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor at Islands Trust. The Chair also acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

4. VISIONING SESSION

Beginning at 10:00 am Trust Council and select staff engaged in a visioning session, facilitated by Suzanne Hawkes and illustrated by Avril Orloff, to help Council describe its vision for the Islands Trust

Area. To prepare for the session, Trust Council received an interim update on the "State of the Islands" project. Results of a poll conducted as part of the project provided Council with a snapshot of life on the islands. The poll and the vision workshop revealed that preserving and protecting the natural environment remains a top priority and that there is an increasing need for attention to water, housing and First Nations.

The visioning session concluded at 3:30 pm followed by a break. The meeting resumed at 4:00 pm with Trustee Scholefield absent, in addition to Trustees Mamoser and Masselink.

5. EXECUTIVE

5.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Quarterly Report – Information

CAO Hotsenpiller reviewed organizational considerations and current issues and noted two dominant concepts: human resource management and work on the transition plan.

5.2 Executive Committee Work Program

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. Governance, Policy, Strategic Planning, Trust Council;
2. Communications, Advocacy, Policy Statement, Interagency and Public Relations; and
3. Organizational Improvements.

TC-2016-059

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Executive Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

5.3 Continuous Learning Plan – Information

Trust Council reviewed the Continuous Learning Plan and suggested the following additions:

- BC *Water Sustainability Act* session;
- *Strata Property Act*/Bare Land Strata Regulations implications;
- Update on how Agricultural Land Commission works-Chair could be invited;
- Archaeology or species at risk session; and
- Guidance on how to work with regional districts, including invitations to regional district representatives.

5.4 Strategic Plan Update – Information

Speaking to the quarterly update, CAO Hotsenpiller noted that the Strategic Plan is updated on a continuous basis and that progress has been made in the areas of strengthening relations with First Nations, organizational effectiveness and Policy Statement work.

5.5 Amendment to Trust Council Procedures Bylaw to Allow for Electronic Participation

TC-2016-060

MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 166, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2016" be read a first time.

CARRIED

TC-2016-061

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 166, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2016" be read a second time.

CARRIED

TC-2016-062

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Rogers,

that Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 166, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2016" be read a third time.

CARRIED

6. TRUST AREA SERVICES

6.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

Acting Director Frater highlighted several points in the report which was provided for information.

6.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. Review the Islands Trust Policy Statement;
2. Amend Crown Land Cooperation Agreements; and
3. Protect Quality and Quantity of Water Resources.

TC-2016-063

MOVED by Trustee Crumblehulme, SECONDED by Trustee O'Sullivan,

that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

6.3 Trust Fund Board Quarterly Report

Trustee Law presented the highlights of the report and noted that Richard Hoops Harrison was recently appointed to the Trust Fund Board by the Province. Staff members Jennifer Eliason and Kate Emmings were commended for their work in securing a substantial grant for species at risk and for registration of a covenant on Hornby Island protecting Garry oak ecosystems respectively.

6.4 Revising Policy Statement Amendment Process

TC-2016-064

1. MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,

that the Islands Trust Council request the Executive Committee to propose amendments to section 9.1 of the Strategic Plan to include a new phase in the Policy Statement amendment process to:

1. raise public awareness of the role and importance of the Policy Statement in shaping the future of the islands; and
2. develop an effective and progressive program to establish a spirit of reconciliation with First Nations.

CARRIED

TC-2016-065

2. MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

that the Islands Trust Council include a \$15,000 line item in the proposed 2017/18 budget for revised Policy Statement amendment process, subject to revision prior to Trust Council receiving a final 2017/18 budget in March.

CARRIED

The order of business on the agenda was varied to address items 13.1 through 13.4., and items 14.1 through 14.5 ahead of item 7.

13. LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES

13.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report

Provided for information.

13.2 Local Planning Committee Work Program Report

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. Community Housing Needs;
2. Shoreline Marine Planning; and
3. Appropriate Economic Development.

TC-2016-066

MOVED by Trustee Brent, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Local Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

13.3 Local Trust Committee Projects Budget Update

Provided for information.

13.4 Riparian Areas Regulation Implementation Update

Provided for information.

14. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

14.1 Director's Report

Provided for information.

14.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. First Draft of the 2017/18 Budget;
2. Review Purchasing Procedure Policy 6.5.iii; and
3. Response to KPMG Information Technology Report.

TC-2016-067

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Grams,

that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

14.3 June 30, 2016 Quarterly Financial Report

TC-2016-068

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Grams,

that the Islands Trust Council approve the June 30, 2016 Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

14.4 2015/16 Statement of Financial Information Report

Provided for information. Corrections were suggested as follows: change Stefan Cermak's position title on page 321; and rephrase the position of Ron Bertrand on page 319.

14.5 1st Draft 2017/18 Budget Assumptions and Principles

Provided for information.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

The meeting resumed at 8:30 am with 24 trustees present. Trustees absent: Melanie Mamoser (Gabriola) Derek Masselink (North Pender).

The order of business on the agenda resumed at item 7.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Transition Plan

CAO Hotsenpiller provided an overview of the Transition Plan.

Discussion included the following points:

- the possible reduction of staff as one option to address anticipated revenue shortfall in the event of incorporation;
- potential Provincial funding for Islands Trust's transition costs;
- timing of the issuance of Letters Patent should be confirmed;
- the need to confirm how many positions a newly incorporated island municipality would initially hire; it may be three positions (Treasurer, Corporate Officer and Interim Administrator) and not just an interim administrator;
- the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee would not distribute communications materials on Islands Trust's behalf but would post links to the Transition Plan on the Incorporation Committee's website;
- Islands Trust representatives would attend public meetings on Salt Spring Island in November 2016;
- the criteria to be used by the Incorporation Study Committee in determining whether to recommend a referendum is consideration of whether the people of Salt Spring Island have enough information in order to make an educated decision;
- guidelines or parameters provided to all trustees about how to respond to questions regarding potential Salt Spring Island incorporation would be helpful;
- Islands Trust will need a full time transition manager for six months to a year and

should ask for more transition money from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development;

- the merit of including a section in the report contemplating actions if the result of the vote is negative was questioned;
- during the last referendum there was confusion about what would happen to Islands Trust in the event of Salt Spring Island incorporation; at the request of the Local Trustees and the CRD Director, the Minister was asked to request an adaptation plan to facilitate the Incorporation Committee’s recommendation based on factual and not conjecture information; and
- the report does not include dialogue about the Trust Fund Board and whether its operations might be scaled back in the event of an affirmative incorporation vote.

The CAO noted that he and the Executive Committee would be the spokespeople on this issue and that local trustees can be provided with speaking points.

TC-2016-069

1. **MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee McConchie,**
that the Plan be amended to provide for funding for a full time temporary transition manager with the appropriate adjustment in costs.

CARRIED

TC-2016-070

2. **MOVED by Trustee Middleton, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,**
that Trust Council adopt the 2016 Islands Trust Transition Plan Regarding the Potential Incorporation of Salt Spring Island, subject to clarity on the ordering of letters patent in the adaptation plan.

TC-2016-071

- MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,**
that the motion be amended by adding the words “, and any other minor edits as required”.

CARRIED

The question on the motion, as amended, was then called,

CARRIED

TC-2016-072

3. **MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Dodds,**
that Trust Council direct staff to refer the Transition Plan to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee.

TC-2016-073

- MOVED by Trustee Morse, SECONDED by Trustee Dodds,**
that the motion be amended to remove “refer” and insert “provide”.

CARRIED

Trustee Brent Opposed

The question on the main motion, as amended, was then called.

CARRIED

TC-2016-074

- 4. MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,**
that Trust Council direct staff to include the Transition Plan in communication materials provided to the public prior to a Salt Spring Island incorporation vote.

CARRIED

TC-2016-075

- 5. MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,**
that the Trust Council direct staff to prepare a restructure/transition funding request to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for the implementation of the Transition Plan, should Salt Spring Island incorporation proceed.

CARRIED

7.2 2017 Trust Council Meeting Schedule

TC-2016-076

- MOVED by Trustee Peterson, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,**
that the Islands Trust Council establish the following meeting schedule for 2017:
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| March 14-16, 2017 | Denman Island |
| June 20-22, 2017 | Lasqueti Island |
| September 12-14, 2017 | Gabriola Island |
| December 5-7, 2017 | Victoria |

Gambier Island and Saturna Island Trustees expressed an interest in hosting Trust Council in 2018.

CARRIED

8. San Juan County Council (Jamie Stephens (Chair), Rick Hughes (Vice Chair) and Bob Jarman (Councillor)

The delegation provided an overview of the San Juan County's *Leave No Trace Guiding Principles and Ethic* which are being used by their parks department and state and federal agencies.

Other items presented and discussed were:

- their affordable housing crisis and possible solutions;
- proposed improvements to international travel options such as direct flights from San Juan Islands to Sidney, Tofino and Nanaimo, including exploration of pre-clearance border processing;
- Salish sea vessel traffic risk assessment update;
- derelict vessel and prevention program;
- since San Juan County and Islands Trust are partners in the Salish Sea, as part of mutual economic development consider increased trade in local wine and beer and the promotion of an Appalachian type of wine region in the Salish Sea area; and
- a request to review the *Transborder Island Agreement between Islands Trust and San Juan County* dated June 2007; San Juan Councillors have ideas for some changes and could provide them to Trust Council.

Chair Luckham agreed that the changes to the transborder agreement could be placed on an

Executive Committee agenda for further consideration and the possibility of a report to Trust Council. San Juan Councillors agreed to provide information to the Executive Committee with the goal of updating and modernizing the agreement. It was also suggested that the Executive Committee consider the goal of recognizing the significance of the Salish Sea in partnership with San Juan County.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:40 am and resumed at 10:52 am.

The Chair welcomed US Consul General Lynne Platt to the meeting and acknowledged Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands, in the visitor's gallery.

9. US CONSUL GENERAL LYNNE PLATT

Lynne Platt, the US Consul General, explained that the US Government appoints representatives in foreign countries around the world and her region includes BC and Yukon. She reviewed her function as Consul General and stated that she recognizes the special qualities of the Salish Sea and the friendship, shared values and challenges between the two countries, as showcased by Islands Trust and San Juan County. She spoke of the importance of transboundary cooperation to protect the health and vitality of the Salish Sea and the world's oceans. She encouraged consideration of trans-border trade of agricultural and local wine/craft beer products between the Islands Trust Area and San Juan County.

Chair Luckham thanked the Consul General for her attendance and presentation.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 am and reconvened at 1:30 pm.

10. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Mayne Island Syrian Refugee Support Group

Vicki Turay and Pam Withers from Mayne Island gave a presentation on their group, why they decided to help government-assisted refugees vs. private sponsorship and what they have accomplished. A slide show depicted a family day picnic, sponsored by the group on July 13, 2016, where 178 Syrians visited Mayne Island for the day.

11. DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul LeBlond provided background on the Capital Regional District's Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission describing objectives, some of the various initiatives which the Commission is involved with, and reviewing the Commission's vision.

Gary Holman, MLA Saanich North and the Islands, was introduced by Chair Luckham.

John Kimantas, representing BC Marine Trails Network Association (BCMTNA), spoke about the Salish Sea Marine Trail proposal, a joint project of the Trans Canada Trail and the Association which proposes a plan for connectivity of a 257 km paddling route from Victoria to Vancouver via kayaking. One of the goals of the project is to make the waters of BC navigable for future generations and as part of this, a cooperative examination of coastlines and good public launch locations is necessary. Islands Trust was asked to collaborate with BCMTNA on a site evaluation/joint launch for the Gulf Islands.

Graham Brazier from Denman Island, representing the Gulf Islands Alliance (GIA), addressed the

Islands Trust's visioning process and asked that future visions embrace and re-affirm the Islands Trust mandate. He provided background on the GIA and spoke of the inter-islands ROOTS gathering on Salt Spring Island eleven years ago and the recommendations that came out of that gathering. He also asked that Islands Trust rethink the pre submission requirement for presentation material.

Laurie Gourlay, Interim Director of the Salish Sea Trust, requested a letter of support from Trust Council to have the Salish Sea considered for designation as a World Heritage Site. He noted that the application for this designation would be submitted to Parks Canada for review by mid-December, with a submission to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization completed by late January 2017. He noted that the process can take eight to ten years and is a chance to leave a legacy for future generations and reconcile with First Nations.

Public Participation:

John Aiken, Mayne Island, spoke about truth and healing and the approach of working together to get people talking about First Nations issues in order to improve relations. He noted that Mayne Island residents have acknowledged National Aboriginal Day for the second year and spoke to its value in relationship building. He proposed that healing be done with love, patience and acceptance and recommended the book *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King.

Louise Decario, former Galiano Island Trustee, thanked John Aitkin and trustees for all they do for their islands and the Islands Trust as a whole. She noted that she had observed the illustrated visioning process and advised that she would put nature as a foundation across the bottom and an umbrella with clouds on top to emphasize that the environment is at the base of all activities.

Gary Holman, MLA Saanich North and the Islands, spoke to the Steelhead LNG Proposal for Saanich Inlet which could impact water within the Trust Area. He expressed his own opposition and reviewed First Nations and local governments which do not support the proposal. He asked Trust Council to go through due diligence with the project proposal and hoped it would support local governments and First Nations in opposing it. He noted that opponents could then inform the Provincial and Federal Governments of the inappropriate location of the proposal. In closing, MLA Holman indicated his appreciation for the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal and Provincial Governments regarding the proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and advised that since 2003, 19 First Nations have been consulted on the proposal.

Michael Sketch, North Pender Island, raised numerous topics including the sincere attention First Nations' interests are receiving in the Trust Area; ways of improving the process of referrals to First Nations; deficiencies in the agreement between Islands Trust and the Agricultural Land Commission; and observations about the visioning session. Trust Council was encouraged to advocate for a change to the Trust object to "preserve and protect the *natural* environment...". He also recommended a new four part structure for the Trust Policy Statement. In closing he asked that the North Pender Local Trust Committee's decision to amend the James Island Official Community Plan to prohibit non-public access be revisited.

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:05 pm and resumed at 3:22 pm. Trustee Brent directed the Housing Session portion of the meeting.

12. HOUSING SESSION – Community Housing Report

Island Planner Justine Starke presented the findings from the June 13, 2016 Community Housing Forum attended by 80 members of the public, staff and trustees. The Request for Decision arising from the forum was also reviewed. Planner Starke and Trustees Law, Busheikin, Allen and Mamoser were recognized for their work at the housing forum.

Discussion included the following points:

- Gabriola is undertaking a housing options review project and had push back on using the term “affordable” versus “attainable” which it was felt can broaden the discussion;
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has a definition of affordable, i.e. 30% of family income;
- Attainable rental housing is also an issue in the Islands Trust Area; and
- Housing affordability needs to be contextualized, i.e. the Southern Gulf Islands lie between two of the most expensive cities in Canada.

TC-2016-077

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Grams,

1. that the Islands Trust Council endorse a review of the Islands Trust Policy Statement to ensure that it includes a clear and well-thought out definition of ‘affordability’; includes a clearly articulated vision, goal and objectives for affordable housing; gives affordable housing a greater profile for its role in sustainable communities; and includes a reference to affordable housing in its policy direction to local trust committees and municipalities.

There was discussion about the use of the words “attainable housing” versus “affordable housing”.

CARRIED

TC-2016-078

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee O’Sullivan,

2. that the Islands Trust Council approve a coordination role for housing needs assessments between the various local trust areas and island municipalities to achieve efficiencies and compatibility, and to allow for consolidation.

CARRIED

TC-2016-079

MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

3. that the Islands Trust Council establish a \$40,000 budget for housing needs assessments to be conducted island by island at the regional level and to be updated with each census.

TC-2016-080

MOVED by Trustee Fast, SECONDED by Trustee Rogers,

that the motion be amended to replace the words “island by island” with “for local trust areas”.

CARRIED

Trustee Scholefield Opposed

TC-2016-081

MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee McConchie,

that the motion be amended to replace the words “establish a \$40,000 budget” with “develop a budget”.

CARRIED

Trustees Busheikin and Scholefield Opposed

The question on the following motion, as amended, was then called:

3. that the Islands Trust Council develop a budget for housing needs assessments to be conducted for local trust areas at the regional level and island municipalities, and to be updated with each census.

CARRIED

TC-2016-082

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Grove,

4. that the Islands Trust Council request Local Planning Committee to commission one or more regional housing needs assessment(s) that follow consistent methodologies, and can be updated with each census.

CARRIED

TC-2016-083

MOVED by Trustee Harris, SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,

5. that the Islands Trust Council allocate \$15,000 in the 2017-18 fiscal budget to allocate one staff day (based on Grid 24/Step 2) per week to explore and if feasible, design and implement a program to hold and administer housing agreements on behalf of local trust committees.

CARRIED

TC-2016-084

MOVED by Trustee Crumblehulme, SECONDED by Trustee Law,

6. that the Islands Trust Council explore the potential for expanding its advocacy role to other levels of government for increased funding for affordable housing in the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

TC-2016-085

MOVED by Trustee Peterson, SECONDED by Trustee Allen,

7. that the Islands Trust Council direct staff to explore and report back on the potential for Islands Trust entities to hold land for housing purposes.

CARRIED

TC-2016-086

MOVED by Trustee Law, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

8. that the Islands Trust Council request the Local Planning Committee to conduct an analysis of alternative ways to measure density and to address related impacts in the context of enabling housing opportunities appropriate to community needs.

DEFEATED

Trustees O’Sullivan, Peterson, Law, Critchley and Middleton In Favour

The order of business on the agenda was varied to address items 16.2, 16.3 ahead of item 16.1.

16. SUMMARY / UPDATES

16.2 Priorities Chart

By general consent the priorities chart was received for information.

16.3 Proposed Trust Council Agenda Program

Provided for information. The CAO stated that he will provide a visioning session follow up for the December meeting and likely a report on committee structure.

16.1 Trustee Updates

16.1.1 BC Ferries (Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs) no report

16.1.2 First Nations

Topics included:

- a question about whether Bowen Island was included in local trust committee invitations to neighbours in Howe Sound to visit islands;
- the Thetis Island Local Trust Area is considering a rezoning for marine access in support of a mining operation on Valdes Island and an application from the West Vancouver Yacht Club to build a seawall on Kendrick Island.

16.1.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee

Trustee Middleton reported that the Advisory Committee met three or four months ago for the first time in two years. He noted that there was discussion about committee process and reimagining and reinvigorating how work is carried out with nineteen First Nations. The Committee has secured a social innovation funding grant for training and process considerations over the next several years to craft a co-management regime with First Nations for the National Park Reserve. It was suggested that if a new model is required, the Islands Trust should ensure that it has a function on that body or a revisited one.

16.1.4 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority

Trustee Grams advised that in addition to watershed protection, another major project underway is the review and assessment of water resources, how they are used and whether that is compliant with their Official Community Plan. He also noted that there has not been a singular place to store information so a new website library has been devised and documentation and all minutes are now on SSIWPA's dedicated website.

16.1.5 Howe Sound Community Forum

It was indicated that Transport Canada's Technical Review Process of Marine Terminal Systems and Transshipment Sites (TERMPOL) study for Woodfibre LNG is underway. It was also noted that development is busy on both sides of Howe Sound and that Vice Chair Morrison will attend the October 14th forum on behalf of the Executive Committee.

16.1.6 Update from Trust Council Select Committee for Review of Victoria Office Location

Trustee McConchie presented the briefing and addendum backgrounder, noting that the Select Committee passed a motion recommending that the management team, its administrative support staff and the Trust Fund Board remain within the Greater Victoria area for the foreseeable future. There was discussion regarding the Victoria office space usage compared to current provincial government standards. It was requested that the original motion which created the Select Committee be emailed to trustees to support continued discussion on this item tomorrow.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:20 pm.

Thursday, September 15, 2016

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 am. There were 23 trustees in attendance. Absent were Trustee Brent (Saturna), Trustee Masselink (North Pender) and Trustee Mamoser (Gabriola).

15. CLOSED SESSION

TC-2016-087

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

that the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to:

(c) labour relations or other employee relations,

(g) litigation affecting the Islands Trust; and

(i) receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege;

and that CAO Russ Hotsenpiller be invited to attend the closed session.

CARRIED

Trust Council closed the meeting at 8:32 am and reconvened in open meeting at 9:25 am without report.

16.1.6 Update from Trust Council Select Committee for Review of Victoria Office Location (cont'd.)

Available options on the briefing report were reviewed. It was pointed out that the report does not address a work plan, timeline, list of tasks or rationale regarding the goal of benefitting constituents of the Trust Area. There was discussion about the process used by the Select Committee in reviewing and analyzing possible office locations. The option of hiring a consultant to assist the committee in preparing its report was discussed.

TC-2016-088

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

that Trust Council direct the Select Committee to suspend further work until the Salt Spring Incorporation referendum initiative is resolved.

Debate ensued on the motion.

TC-2016-089

MOVED by Trustee Law, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

that the motion be amended to add the words "after providing a report to Council on what has been accomplished to date".

CARRIED

Trustees Middleton, Critchley, McConchie, Grams, Barber and Rogers Opposed

Trustee McConchie indicated that he would like Committee to continue with its work, taking into consideration Trust Council's comments, and report back in December. It was suggested

that Trust Council could look at the terms of reference to see if they need amendment to clarify the process.

The question on the motion, as amended, was then called,

DEFEATED

TC-2016-090

MOVED by Trustee McConchie, SECONDED by Trustee Morse,
that Trust Council receive the briefing for information at this time.

CARRIED

Trustee Crumblehulme Opposed

Trustee Grove left the meeting at 10:07 am.

16.4 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

By general consent the Chair was directed to write letters thanking delegates.

Trustee Grams left the meeting 10:08 am.

World Heritage Site Designation for Salish Sea Through UNESCO

TC-2016-091

Moved by Trustee Peterson, Seconded by Trustee Rogers,
given the Islands Trust Council's emerging reconciliatory relationships with First Nations and the Islands Trust Council's sensitivity to the national prerequisite that local Indigenous interests be well respected in the World Heritage Site designation application process, the Islands Trust Council request that the Salish Sea Trust approach Islands Trust Area First Nations regarding World Heritage Site designation application process.

Trustee Grams returned to the meeting and Trustee Dodds left the meeting at 10:12 am.

During debate there was discussion about the feasibility of the Salish Sea Trust consulting with all First Nations in such a time restricted process, the application process and how it fits with UN Biosphere designation process.

It was recommended that Islands Trust look at all the various initiatives regarding marine protection options and legal protection tools before supporting designation requests of this nature.

The question on the motion was then called,

DEFEATED

TC-2016-092

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,
that Trust Council request Trust Area Services staff to include consideration of United Nations World Heritage Site designation in its work program item re marine protection initiatives.

CARRIED

It was suggested that a trustee may wish to consider being a candidate, as an individual, for the Board of Directors for the Salish Sea Trust which is leading the World Heritage Site designation initiative.

Steelhead LNG Proposal

Trust Council was advised that MLA Holman will send information on this topic for consideration by Executive Committee and Trust Council in December.

Agricultural Land Commission

There was general discussion about the upcoming meeting between the Executive Committee and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) panel, at the suggestion of the ALC Chair. Chair Luckham explained that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the panel makes its decisions, how to better facilitate ALC referrals at the local trust committee level and for the Executive Committee to provide information about agriculture on the islands. The Chair stated that a report on the meeting will be placed on the December Trust Council agenda. It was suggested that the Chair of ALC be invited to attend a Trust Council meeting.

Trustee Grams left the meeting at 10:34 am.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society re Proposed Gabriola Island Anchorages

By general consent the letter was received for information.

18. NEXT MEETING: December 6-8, 2016 on Salt Spring Island

19. ADJOURNMENT

TC-2016-093

MOVED by Trustee Scholefield, SECONDED by Trustee Fast,
that the meeting be adjourned at 10:35 am.

CARRIED

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager (Recorder)