



Islands Trust Council

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

- Date:** March 14-16, 2017
- Location:** The Haven Auditorium, 240 Davis Road, Gabriola Island, BC
- Members Present:**
- Executive Committee: Peter Luckham, Chair (Thetis)
Laura Busheikin, Vice Chair (Denman)
George Grams, Vice Chair (Salt Spring) (Mar 14, 15, 16 a.m.)
Susan Morrison, Vice Chair (Lasqueti)
- Local Trustees: David Critchley, Denman
Melanie Mamoser, Gabriola
Heather O'Sullivan, Gabriola
George Harris, Galiano
Sandy Pottle, Galiano
Dan Rogers, Gambier
Kate Louise Stamford, Gambier
Alex Allen, Hornby (Mar 14 & 15)
Tony Law, Hornby
Tim Peterson, Lasqueti
Brian Crumblehulme, Mayne
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne (Mar 14 & 15)
Derek Masselink, North Pender (Mar 14 & 15)
Peter Grove, Salt Spring
Paul Brent, Saturna (Mar 14 & 15)
Bruce McConchie, South Pender (Mar 14 & 15)
Wendy Scholefield, South Pender (Mar 14 & 15)
Ken Hunter, Thetis Island (Mar 14 & 15)
- Municipal Trustees: Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen
Alison Morse, Bowen
- Regrets:** Lee Middleton, Saturna
Dianne Barber, North Pender
- Staff Present:** Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Cindy Shelest, Director Administrative Services
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager
Fiona MacRaid, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor (Mar 14 & 15)
Jag Dhau, Computer Application Systems Technologist (Mar 14)
Pamela Hafey, Communications Specialist (Mar 15)
Emma Restall, Executive Coordinator/Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Trustees Mamoser and O'Sullivan welcomed Trust Council to Gabriola Island. Trustee Mamoser introduced the Gabriola Walk Map, gave an overview of the Gabriola Arts Community and their presentation scheduled for March 15, 2017, and briefly commented on Mudge Island and the issue of density on the islands.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Resolutions Without Meeting

None

3.2 December 2016 Trust Council Draft Minutes

By general consent the Islands Trust Council adopted the minutes of the December 2016 Trust Council meeting.

3.3 Trust Council Follow Up Action List

Provided for information.

3.4 Trustee Roundtable

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

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

4. 2017/18 BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENTS

4.1 Budget Session Outline

The Budget Session and schedule was introduced.

4.2 Budget Overview

Director Shelest provided an overview of the draft 2017-2018 budget.

4.3 Budget Assumptions and Principles

Director Shelest provided an overview of the budget assumptions and principles, highlighted proposed changes to revenue and expenses and responded to questions.

- The issue of decreased provincial government grant amounts was discussed along with the idea of approaching the Ministry to inquire about raising those amounts.
- Trustee Grove advised he would take the issue back to the Financial Planning Committee.
- There was discussion over the Contract Services increases for Trust Area Services and staff clarified that there is an anticipated demand for trend charts relating to census data to be released in 2017.

4.4 Budget Detail

A question and comment period ensued.

TC-2017-001

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee McConchie,

that the Financial Planning Committee and the Trust Programs Committee review the expenditures related to budget item TPC Water and Marine Conservation project and investigate potential reductions for 2017-2018.

CARRIED

Trustees Masselink, Rogers, Busheikin and Luckham Opposed

4.5 Projects

A summary of project requests was reviewed by Director Shelest, including LTC project request details, Salt Spring Island special property tax requisition and electronic data management.

4.6 Staffing

The staffing section of the budget, such as BCGEU and other increases, was discussed.

4.7 Public Consultation

Director Shelest presented information from 69 surveys completed between January 20 to February 17, 2017 (results included in package).

- There was a suggestion that the survey report should focus more on a summary of what type of response was made and which island those responders came from. Chair Luckham and Trustee Rogers commented that they enjoy reading the individual responses.
- A request was made for the top sources of increases to the budget. Director Shelest advised that she can provide this information in talking points to the Trustees.

5. EXECUTIVE

5.1 Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Hotsenpiller reviewed internal and external organizational matters, including office space and leases and preliminary work on amendments to the *Islands Trust Act*.

5.2 Executive Committee Work Program

The top priorities in the work program were:

1. Islands Trust Act amendments;
2. Oil spill and shipping safety;
3. Revisions to Crown Land protocol agreements and letters of understanding; and
4. First Nations relationship building.

By general consent the Islands Trust Council approved the top priorities of the Executive Committee Work Program Report.

5.3 Continuous Learning Plan

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

- Addition of a second Archaeology Session

- Ocean Protection Plan presentation from Transport Canada
 - Visioning Session Follow-Up
 - Public Consultation
 - Agricultural Land Reserve
 - Effective Communication and Social Media
 - Fisheries and Oceans with a senior representative from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans
 - Adapting to Climate Changes with guest speaker Dr. Richard Hebda
- There was discussion over the reasons for holding the December Trust Council in Victoria. CAO Hotsenpiller advised that due to our previously-held space in Victoria no longer being available, and the concerns expressed at the December 2016 Trust Council meeting over weather and safety on the Islands, staff recommended to the Executive Committee that another space in Victoria should be secured quickly. At the January 18, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, direction was given to secure a Victoria space. The Council Meeting Preparation policy 2.2.ii (4.1) “It is intended that Trust Council will hold three of its quarterly meetings on Trust Area Islands and its December meeting in Victoria” was referenced.
 - Inviting San Juan County representatives to the December 2017 Trust Council meeting was discussed, and it was suggested that this is the only Trust Council meeting that makes sense due to travel restrictions to the other islands.

5.4 Strategic Plan Update

CAO Hotsenpiller introduced Jag Dhaul, who has recently been certified as and reclassified to a Project Manager, to provide a presentation on a new Strategic Plan Application to manage objectives and progress.

5.5 Islands Trust Transition Plan

CAO Hotsenpiller discussed the Salt Spring Island Transition plan and advised that it would be updated to revise the Terms of Reference plan and important dates.

A request was made for staff to provide more information on what the impact to other islands would be.

6. LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES

6.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report

Director Marlor discussed the current state of employment opportunities and the difficulties in staffing the islands offices. Methods of retaining staff for longer periods of time and restructuring to allow for more cross-training were discussed.

Trustee Busheikin brought up the freshwater specialist position and expressed a desire to see a set of guidelines on how to best use water catchment in planning on the islands.

6.2 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. Protect Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems

TC-2017-002

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Allen,
that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Local Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

6.3 First Nations Communication: Language and Tone Guide

Director Marlor presented a briefing on a Language and Tone Guide developed by Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor, Fiona MacRaid, with input from staff. Trustees were asked to provide feedback and/or amendments to Fiona and staff received direction to send to Trustees via email.

It was requested that the Guide be added to the website as a separate document.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 a.m. with 24 trustees present. Absent: Trustees Lee Middleton (Saturna) and Dianne Barber (North Pender).

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 First Nations Reading List and One Book, One Community Event

Trustee O'Sullivan gave an overview of the reading list and event.

Chair Luckham directed staff to add the item to the website under the First Nations Relations section.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

8.1 Director of Administrative Services Report

Provided for information.

8.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. Finalize the 2017-2018 budget;
2. Complete the 2016-2017 forecast; and
3. Conduct the 2016/17 Year-End Audit.

TC-2017-003

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,
that the Islands Trust Council approve the top priorities of the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

CARRIED

8.3 Quarterly Financial Report

TC-2017-004

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,
that the Islands Trust Council approve the Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

8.4 Financial Forecast

Provided for information.

Staff cited the inability to take on, fund or deliver projects effectively due to understaffing as well as the lag in time between when a project is planned and budgeted for, and when it is actually taken on as the reasons for the LTC Projects section being under budget

8.5 Select Committee Victoria Office Location

Trustee McConchie gave an overview of the issue the Select Committee was tasked with, who was involved in the analysis and the challenges they faced and advised that the assumptions were based on status quo and that the recommendation would likely not change in the event of SSI incorporation

A lengthy discussion ensued including the following points:

- currently too many unknowns within the Islands Trust to make any major changes;
- issue of supporting Victoria economy vs island economy;
- lease agreements for existing space must be signed this month;
- acknowledgment of the complex issues and decisions that the committee focused on;
- acknowledgment of the concerns raised by stakeholders and island citizens;
- rankings and weighting of the matrix scale;
- affordability of the current space and the likelihood that moving would result in an increased rent;
- benefits of committing to current space (renovations and upgrades possible when signing a longer lease); and
- merit and risks of having a satellite office.

TC-2017-005

MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

that Trust Council adopt the recommendations of the Select Committee "THAT the Management Team, and their Administrative Support staff and the Trust Fund Board staff remain within the Greater Victoria area (32km or less from the current location) for the foreseeable future and that staff examine the possibility of a satellite office for the Southern Planning Team members and/or other staff 'as presented' and give direction to conclude the work of the Committee".

CARRIED

Trustee Critchley Opposed

TC-2017-006

MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

that Trust Council determine that the Select Committee has completed its work and be disbanded upon completion of all administrative duties.

CARRIED

9. 2017/18 BUDGET OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL

9.1 SSI LTC Special Property Tax Requisition

TC-2017-007

MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Grove,

that the Islands Trust Council include a special property tax requisition for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area in the amount of \$98,500 in its 2017/18 annual budget, to fund additional operations of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in preserving and protecting the quality and quantity of water resources within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

9.2 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 167

Director Shelest gave an overview of the Request for Decision.

Trustees and staff discussed the Local Government 5-year projection bylaw and whether it puts restrictions on significantly modifying the budget within the 5 years. Director Shelest commented that it does not, and that the intention of the 5-year projection is to show that we are considering long-term financial decisions and so that any issues can be addressed right away and fixed for the following year.

Staff were directed to provide talking points for addressing constituents' questions (unity in messaging and thorough/accurate responses)

TC-2017-008

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Morse,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 167, cited as the "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017/18" be read a first time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-009

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 167, cited as the "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017/18" be read a second time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-0010

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 167, cited as the "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017/18" be read a third time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-011

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Law,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 167, cited as the "Islands Trust Financial Plan Bylaw, 2017/18" be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval consideration.

CARRIED

9.3 Borrowing Anticipation Bylaw No. 168

TC-2017-012

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 168, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2017-2018" be read a first time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-013

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Harris,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 168, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2017-2018" be read a second time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-014

MOVED by Trustee Grove, SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 168, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2017-2018" be read a third time.

CARRIED

TC-2017-015

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

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 168, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw, 2017-2018" be forwarded to the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for approval consideration

CARRIED

10. TRUST AREA SERVICES

10.1 Director of Trust Area Services Report

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

Trustee Morse requested that the "Your Marine Waterfront Guide" document be posted on the website with press release sent out.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

10.2 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

The top three priorities in the work program were:

1. Amend Crown Land Cooperation Agreements (Strategic Plan 8.1);
2. Review the Islands Trust Policy Statement (Strategic Plan 9.1); and
3. Protect Quality and Quantity of Water Resources (Strategic Plan 4.3).

TC-2017-016

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

10.3 Trust Fund Board Report

Trustee Law presented the highlights of the report.

During discussion it was suggested that trustees should be notified of negotiations, if successful, when there is a new covenant on their island. A request was made for brochures to be created for Trust Fund Board properties and that they be noted on public maps. Director Frater commented that advertising these properties has been avoided purposefully in an extra effort to protect the properties.

Chair Luckham raised the idea of giving First Nations names to the properties.

10.4 Regional Conservation Plan Revision

Director Frater gave an overview.

10.5 Marine Protection Tools

Director Frater gave an overview of the history surrounding the request and briefed Council on next steps and future actions.

It was pointed out that resolutions #3 and #4 will likely affect a newly-elected Council.

Director Frater advised #3 will honour work done and will leave the door open for work to continue; #4 is not likely in short term, but the recommendation leaves the door open.

Trustee Rogers asked if it would impede the ability to pursue a qualified approval of support in with regards to Howe Sound biosphere reserve if Trust Council passes #3.

Director Frater commented that the focus of the project is more about actively cooperating with others and that advocacy for biosphere reserve could be pursued at a later time. Fiona MacRaild contributed that in the past, not being a part of the beginning of an initiative is of concern to some First Nations as it can seem like a last minute consideration only as a “buy-in”. She further advised working with all First Nations who have an interest in the area (not just Squamish Nation).

TC-2017-017

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Grams,

that Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to add in section 2.1 for fiscal year 2017/18 “Develop an inventory of available local government land use planning marine protection tools and develop general categories as to the level of protection these tools can provide (i.e. low, medium, high levels of protection)” assigned to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

TC-2017-018

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Rogers,

That Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to add in section 2.1 for fiscal year 2017/18 “Compile an inventory of the marine protection tools each local trust committee/island municipality utilizes” assigned to the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

TC-2017-019

MOVED by Trustee Grams, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

That Trust Council, in recognition of its commitment to reconciliation with Trust Area First Nations amend Strategic Plan Strategy 8.2 to read “Explore opportunities and benefits of cooperating with First Nations and others to seek nominations of the Trust Area as a UN Biosphere Reserve” and that the associated activities be deferred to 2018-2019.

CARRIED

Trustees Scholefield, Critchley, Hunter and Grove Opposed

TC-2017-020

IT WAS MOVED by Trustee Morrison, and SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

That Trust Council in recognition of its commitment to reconciliation with Trust Area First Nations, remove from its Follow-up Action List the request for the Chair to send a letter of support for Particularly Sensitive Sea Area Designation for the Salish Sea to the federal Minister of Transport.

CARRIED

Trustees Critchley and Hunter Opposed

10.6 Community Stewardship Awards 2017

Director Frater gave an overview of the Community Stewardship Awards program accomplishments and the importance of the program to constituents.

Chair Luckham acknowledged Susan Yates, past recipient and former trustee, in the audience.

10.7 Islands Trust Visual Identity

Director Frater introduced the Visual Identity initiative and invited Pamela Hafey, Communications Specialist, to present to Council.

TC-2017-021

MOVED by Trustee Fast, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,
that Trust Council endorse the proposed Visual Identity.

CARRIED

The order of business on the agenda was varied to address items 16.1 ahead of item 11.

16. SUMMARY/UPDATE

16.1 Trustee Updates

16.1.1 BC Ferries (Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs)

Reports included the following points:

- Trustee O’Sullivan gave an overview of a recent meeting with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and BC Ferries;
- She is encouraging MOTI to undertake a study on how best to address U-turns into the ferry line up on Gabriola.

16.1.2 First Nations

Topics included:

- Trustee Rogers commented that a recent Gambier/ Squamish meeting was very well attended;
- “We Speak” fundraising event to preserve Squamish language will be held on April 8th in Vancouver;
- Trustee Law spoke of his recent networking opportunity at a Truth and Healing, Reconciliation event;
- Trustee Masselink referenced a meeting between a Cowichan elder and staff;
- Laura Busheikin described a staff meeting with Comox Valley regarding Denman and Hornby issues as being very positive and encouraging;
- Trustee Mamoser spoke of Fiona MacRaild’s recent presentation on Douglas Treaty and advised she has had further requests for Fiona to speak;
- Trustee Pottle has joined a First Nations reading group on Galiano Island.

16.1.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee (Trustee Masselink)

Information on the Canada 150 Atlantic to Pacific Celebration project was shared.

16.1.4 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) (Vice Chair Grams)

It was noted that the Conservation and Efficiency Working Group is open to applications for membership across the Trust Area.

16.1.5. Howe Sound Community Forum

The next Howe Sound Community Forum will be held on May 5th in the Village of Lions Bay. It was suggested that staff and representatives around Howe Sound attend.

The meeting recessed for a break at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Luckham asked trustees to introduce themselves and invited Trustee O’Sullivan to introduce Michelle Benjamin from the Gabriola Arts Council.

The order of business on the agenda resumed at item 11.

11. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Gabriola Arts Council gave a presentation entitled “Celebrating 20 Years of Serving Artists and the Community”.

Chair Luckham recognized former Trustee Deb Ferens in the audience.

12. DELEGATIONS AND TOWN HALL

12.1 Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards re March 2 Herring Celebration and Dialogue

The request to present at Trust Council was withdrawn after the meeting package had been distributed.

12.2 Salish Sea Trust re Salish Sea World Heritage Site proposal

Laurie Gourlay requested that Trust Council support his application for consideration of the Salish Sea to Canada’s World Heritage Site List.

12.3 Gulf Island Alliance

The request to present at Trust Council was withdrawn after the meeting package had been distributed.

12.4 Jacinthe Eastick re Subdivision and Density

Jacinthe Eastick spoke about subdivision and density within the Trust Area and requested to have Trust Council “seek endorsement from the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities for a resolution to be presented at the September 2017 UBCM meeting asking for a legislative amendment to close the loophole in the Strata Property Act for Gabriola’s sake but also for all local governments.”

Chair Luckham advised that the process to bring forward a resolution to UBCM is quite a lengthy one, and the best action would be to speak with the Victoria staff rather than speaking to her LTC representatives.

12.5 Gisele Rudischer re density limits in OCPs in relation to the Islands Trust Policy Statement

The request to present at Trust Council was withdrawn after the meeting package had been distributed.

12.6 Town Hall Participant – Mr. Chris Straw

Mr. Straw from Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society made comments on the Pipeline and Oceans Protection Plan and urged trustees to ‘say no to increased anchorages throughout the area’.

Town Hall Participant – Steven Earle and Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley

Mr. Earle and Ms. Dunsmoor-Farley spoke about sustaining island care and healthy communities, lack of resources to support the Islands Trust mandate, increased density on the islands and affordable and mixed-use housing.

Town Hall Participant – Derek Kilbourn

Speaking as a paramedic, but not representing the view of any organization, Mr. Kilbourn requested that trustees sign a petition to have paramedics be considered an essential service in British Columbia.

The meeting recessed for a break at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m. Absent: Ken Hunter (Thetis)

13 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE PROTECTION SESSION – PART 1

CAO Hotsenpiller, Director Marlor and Fiona MacRaild presented information on archaeological site protection as it relates to planning in the Trust Area.

The following points were discussed:

- Trustee obligation to protect the sites in the context of zoning; Director Marlor advised that there is no legal obligation in regards to zoning, but that there is a moral obligation to consider. The Local Government Act allows local governments to protect known archaeological sites through designating them Heritage Conservation Areas.
- the importance of due diligence in finding out about the property and history in advance, and the implications of buying a property for development prior to archaeological significance being

discovered.

Trustee Paul Brent left the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

- the repercussions and requirements surrounding what happens after an issue is discovered;
- the ability of a trustee to reject a rezoning application on these grounds and the role of Building Inspectors and the Archaeology Branch; and
- The policy check list and the inclusion of a reference to First Nations and archaeology.

The order of business on the agenda was varied to address items 16.2 and 16.3 ahead of item 14.

16. SUMMARY/UPDATE (continued)

16.2 Priorities Chart

By general consent the priorities chart was received for information.

16.3 Proposed June 2017 Trust Council Agenda Program

Provided for information.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2017

The meeting reconvened at 8:31 a.m. with 17 trustees present. Absent: Trustees Ken Hunter (Thetis), Paul Brent (Saturna), Alex Allen (Hornby), Derek Masselink (North Pender), Bruce McConchie (South Pender), Jeanine Dodds (Mayne) and Wendy Scholefield (South Pender).

14. CLOSED MEETING

TC-2017-022

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Morrison,

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;

(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 8:33 a.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 9:32 a.m. without report.

15. ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE SESSION

TC-2017-023

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

that the Trust Council defer the session "Role of the Trustee" to the June Trust Council.

DEFEATED

Trustees Busheikin, Crumblehulme, Critchley, Morrison, Peterson, Morse, Harris, Grove in Favour

Trustee Busheikin noted the importance of the session and clarified that her intent was to postpone the session so that all trustees could benefit from it.

CAO Hotsenpiller introduced the Role of the Trustee session as being discussion-driven and meant as

a mid-term refresher.

Points raised for discussion were:

- The role of a trustee relative to the constituents and complying with the Object of the Trust
 - A wider responsibility than just to the constituents who voted for a trustee;
 - Acting in a Local Trust Committee capacity, a trustee is responsible to represent the electors of the area;
 - There is an extra set of considerations when acting in a Trust Council capacity. The Object of the Trust limits powers, but it increases the responsibilities. Trust Council is responsible for the Object of the Trust, financial management and developing policies/ways of supporting the Object of the Trust. Trust Council is responsible to the residents of British Columbia generally, as all BC residents are included among the people for whose benefit the trust area is being preserved and protected;
- Evidence-based decision making is the process chosen by the Trust Council as a body; and
- Obligations around sharing information that has been considered when making a decision.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m. Absent: George Grams (Salt Spring)

The high number of absences was noted by Chair Luckham, who expressed his disappointment.

By general consent the remainder of the Role of the Trustee session was postponed until the June 2017 Trust Council meeting.

16. SUMMARY/UPDATE (continued)

16.4 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall request

- Trustee Critchley expressed a strong urgency to discuss the Salish Sea Trust's application, as the deadline for letters of support is the end of April.
- There was discussion regarding First Nations interests and considerations, and the balance of showing respect while still supporting a constituent's initiative.

TC-2017-024

MOVED by Trustee Critchley, SECONDED by Trustee Crumblehulme,

that the Islands Trust Council support in principle the application of the Salish Sea Trust for nomination of the Salish Sea to Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites; such support being given upon the condition that the application will not be approved without the support of the indigenous peoples whose traditional territories include the affected area.

CARRIED

17. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

18. **NEXT MEETING – June 20, 2017 on Lasqueti Island**

19. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Emma Restall, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)