



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

- Date of Meeting:** Monday, February 29, 2016
- Location:** Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC
- Members Present:** Derek Masselink, North Pender Island Local Trustee (Chair)
Brian Crumblehulme, Mayne Island Local Trustee (Vice Chair)
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Chair (ex officio)
David Critchley, Denman Island Local Trustee (by phone)
Tony Law, Hornby Island Local Trustee (by phone)
Bruce McConchie, South Pender Island Local Trustee (by phone)
Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Heather O'Sullivan, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island Local Trustee (by phone)
George Grams, Salt Spring Island Local Trustee
- Staff Present:** Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Gordon, Director, Trust Area Services
Clare Frater, Policy Advisor
- Media and Others Present:** None
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Masselink called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Introduction of New Items

None.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By **General Consent**, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Meeting

3.1.1 November 16, 2015 TPC minutes

TPC-2016-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of November 16, 2015 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Follow Up Action List

The Follow-Up Action List was provided for information and review.

4. TRUST COUNCIL BUSINESS

4.1 Crown Land Protocol Project – Revised project charter

Staff advised that the Crown Land Protocol project has not progressed since November as Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) staff have not responded. Staff noted that FLNRO processes seem to be changing. Discussion ensued about how to encourage FLNRO staff to participate in the project. Members suggested that staff circulate the Request for Decision justifying the need for the protocol, keep the project charter on each Trust Programs Committee agenda until complete and create an inventory of recent and current Crown Land applications in the Islands Trust Area if it helps demonstrate the need for updating the Letter of Understanding.

TPC-2016-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee request that the Islands Trust Chair write a letter to the Minister re updating the Crown Land Protocol Agreement.

TPC-2016-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the motion be amended by adding the words “that the Executive Committee direct” after the word “request”.

CARRIED

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

CARRIED

TPC-2016-004

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee endorse the Crown Land Protocol project charter, version 2, as presented.

CARRIED

Trustee McConchie opposed

4.2 Water Conservation Advocacy and Education – Revised project charter

Staff explained that the project had not progressed due to a lack of staff capacity. Discussion ensued about whether the project should include both general and agricultural water conservation measures, and whether this project could be a vehicle for stimulating cross-agency conversations about watershed management. Trustees suggested additional resources, including a Bowen Island Municipality survival guide for well users.

TPC-2016-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee amend the revised Water Conservation Advocacy and Education project charter, version 2, by adding a notation that the out of scope items will be addressed in Phase 2 of the project.

CARRIED

4.3 State of the Islands Communications – New project charter

Staff introduced the item by explaining that the State of the Islands project is one component of the larger Policy Statement review project. The Committee discussed that the project is intended to report on baseline indicators that help set and track measurable goals. Staff cautioned about the difficulty in collecting meaningful Trust-wide indicators, and the intended use of the State of the Islands information.

Committee members suggested the following indicators be included in the project:

- area protected by Trust Fund Board covenants
- area of forest cover
- numbers of species at risk
- kilometers of steams protected by bylaws
- number of people without homes
- number of septic tanks pumped annually
- number of annual ferry trips
- value of land and improvements
- mean ecological footprint
- total area of farmed land versus farmland
- population demographics
- number of docks
- area covered by docks.

Some Committee members expressed hopes that the report would be as comprehensive as possible, including economic indicators. The Committee discussed local indicator reports (e.g. Vital Signs, State of Streams) and compared these with indicators over which the Islands Trust has some decision-making power. The Committee discussed the project's possible role in Trust Council's project to develop a vision for the Islands Trust/Islands Trust Area.

Committee members stated their interest in approving indicators to include in the report and terms of reference for a contractor, perhaps through an additional electronic meeting. Staff committed to reviewing the 2003 Measuring Our Progress indicators and advising on which of these indicators can be updated within the proposed \$35,000 project budget.

TPC-2016-006

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee endorse the draft project charter for the State of the Islands Project, as amended re title and purpose.

TPC-2016-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the motion be amended by adding “and replacing the word vision in the project charter with word goals” to the end of the motion.

DEFEATED

The question on the original motion was then called:

CARRIED

The title is amended to the “State of the Islands Project” and the purpose is amended to be “Snapshot of Islands Trust area indicators (ecological and socio-economic) to assist Trust Council to clarify its vision for sustainability in the Islands Trust Area and measure its progress in achieving that vision.”

4.4 Request for Decision – Intergovernmental Policy Advisor

Staff described the Executive Committee’s rationale for the new, temporary Intergovernmental Policy Advisor position and the associated budget request, and explained that the Trust Programs Committee comments will be forwarded to the Financial Planning Committee. The Committee discussed the merits of the position and the issues associated with the temporary nature of position.

Tony Law left the meeting 1:35 p.m.

Tony Law returned to the meeting 1:38 p.m.

The Committee also discussed that the creation of this position does not preclude creation of a new marine-focused Trust Council committee.

TPC-2016-008

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee recommend that Financial Planning Committee approve funding for a temporary Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor for two years (June 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018) allocating \$82,430 for 2017/18 and \$98,915 for 2018/19 plus any BCGEU negotiated increases.

CARRIED

4.5 Request for Decision – Amendment of Trust Council policies 1.2.i, 1.3.i and 1.3.ii

The Committee discussed that the Policy Statement Implementation Policy tracking table needed fixing to clarify cross-references to sections C.1 and C.2 of the policy.

TPC-2016-009

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee forward to Trust Council the Request for Decision regarding amendments to the policies about the Policy Statement, as amended.

CARRIED

4.6 Letter from Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages

Chair Luckham introduced the letter with an update about how his relationship with the leadership of the Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages Society has been developing. Gabriola Island Trustee Heather O'Sullivan confirmed that relations with Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages are positive and encouraged continued attention to the proposal and to the community's concerns.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Advocacy session at June Trust Council (pre-planning)

Staff asked Committee members for input on the planned advocacy session at the Trust Council's June meeting. Committee members advanced suggestions including:

- overview of intergovernmental relations
- history of advocacy topics, tools and results
- evaluation
- Islands Trust's capacity, efficacy, efficiency and cost for advocacy
- local trust committee and individual trustee advocacy powers
- use of social media
- educating the community to be more effective advocates
- use of a guest speaker with government lobbying experience.

6. WORK PROGRAM

6.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report

TPC-2016-010

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Programs Committee forward its work program to the Islands Trust Council with the top three items as amended:

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

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

The Committee did not discuss future meetings. The previously agreed dates are:

- May 16, 2016, 10:45 a.m., Ladysmith City Hall - in person
- August 22, 2016, 10:45 a.m., Electronic Meeting
- November 14, 2016, 10:45 a.m., Victoria - in person

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Trust Programs Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Derek Masselink, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Clare Frater, Recorder