



**Executive Committee Acting as a  
Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands)  
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Date:** March 4, 2020  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Nanaimo Museum, Program Room  
100 Museum Way  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 2X1

**Members Present:** Peter Luckham, Chair  
Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair  
Laura Patrick, Vice Chair  
Dan Rogers, Vice Chair

**Staff Present:** Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager  
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/ Recorder  
Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (at 10:35 AM)

**Members of the Public:** Cliff and Suzie Walker, Mistaken Island (at 9:51 AM)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. He acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of Snuneymuxw First Nation.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**By general consent** the agenda was approved as presented.

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Trustee Reports**

Chair Luckham noted that no committee members actually live in the Ballenas-Winchelsea Local Trust Area (BW LTA).

**3.2 Chairs Report**

Vice Chair Fast spoke to bio-diversity in this coastal flyway area with a query on migrating wildlife including seabirds, salmon and insects.

Vice Chair Rogers followed with comments on Island Planner Zupanec's attendance at a Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region (MABR) meeting of which Ballenas-Winchelsea LTA falls in the jurisdiction.

**3.3 Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area E Director Update**

None.

**3.4 Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nation Representative Report (verbal report)**

Chair Luckham noted a recent meeting with the Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council, which Snaw-naw-as First Nation is a member nation.

**4. TOWN HALL**

Town Hall was addressed after item 7.2.

**5. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**6. MINUTES**

**6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes**

None.

**6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report February 19, 2020**

Received for information.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**7.1 Follow-up Action List dated February 26, 2020**

Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Kauer reported on boat tour logistics which include potentially accommodating 20 passengers, accessibility, and a quoted cost of \$6000.00 for one vessel. The scheduled October 2019 tour did not proceed.

**7.2 Boat Tour - verbal update**

The following discussion was heard regarding the boat tour:

- Hiring two smaller vessels, and consider accessible washrooms,
- Last visit was to the South Winchelsea Island Nature Reserve,
- There are no marine parks or campgrounds to visit,
- Confirming key participants; Snaw-naw-as First Nation.

At 9:51 AM, Cliff and Suzie Walker joined the meeting. The Walkers are owners of Mistaken Island, the only residents in the Ballenas-Winchelsea (BW) local trust area.

Discussion continued on the boat tour logistics:

- Working to a date, keeping it down to two hours,

- Set clear objectives, relationship building, shared interests,
- West Ballenas Island currently for sale,
- Policy Statement Engagement Project, reconciliation, accountability,
- Invitees include one biosphere member, Snaw-naw-as First Nation, the Walkers.

**EX-2020-001**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) request staff engage Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor Wilcox to pursue the invitation to Snaw-naw-as First Nation for a May or June event for the Ballenas-Winchelsea boat tour.

**CARRIED**

At 10:08 AM, Chair Luckham re-opened item 4. Town Hall, recognizing that the Walkers may wish to address the Executive Committee acting as Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands).

**4. TOWN HALL**

Cliff and Suzie Walker, resident owners on Mistaken Island, spoke to their consistent attendance at meetings of the local trust area and concern with the Trust's jurisdiction. They offered their lived experience as self-titled caretakers and conservationist of the island.

The Walkers spoke to their low impact and environmentally sensitive lifestyle sharing history of their familial association with the island dating back to 1950 with the purchase of the island by Suzie's grandmother. The Walkers moved to the island in 1998 building primitive utilities for solar and water. There are two small homes on the island and a dock for necessity.

The Walkers provided their anecdotal comment, as stewards of the island, never cutting down a tree, clearing broom invasions and offering their observations on changes to the wildlife, marine and plant species in the area.

Discussion was heard on the changing environment including bird counts being down, loss of bull kelp, increase in California sea lions, overpopulation of small green urchins, which now mat areas, and building a trail system to keep visitors on track.

**8. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

None.

**9. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

None.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies – Memorandum**

Chair Luckham spoke to the memorandum and attached briefing.

Discussion was heard on raising the conversation concerning climate change adaptation and mitigation regarding associated islands and smaller islands in the trust area.

At 10:35 AM, Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Hotsenpiller joined the meeting.

**EX-2020-002**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) request staff to add the Ballenas-Winchelsea item on page 22 of the agenda package, “Identify significant un-fragmented forest and non-forest ecosystems and ensure these are noted on mapping for environmental and carbon sequestration value” to the Projects List.

**CARRIED**

Chair Luckham welcomed public comments which included a suggestion to have a stewardship section in staff reports addressing what people can do to preserve and protect, and hyperlinks to look up cited studies.

**11.2 Live Streaming of Local Trust Committee Meetings - Request for Decision**

At its June 2019 meeting, Trust Council requested that each local trust committee report back to Trust Council on its interest in livestreaming their LTC meetings.

Discussion was heard on having the Ballenas-Winchelsea (BW) meeting being available to the public, with conference call capabilities, as this had been done before. Livestreaming BW LTC meetings was noted as a low priority.

**EX-2020-003**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) request staff communicate to Trust Council its lack of interest in filming and streaming its public meetings.

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Model Radio Antenna Strategy – Briefing**

Chair Luckham spoke to the Van Hemert & Company consultant’s report dated May 3, 2018 contained in the agenda package.

Discussion was heard that the model strategy does provide some defence locally instead of just relying on the federal policy. As best practices evolve through other Local Trust Committees, the strategy can be amended.

**EX-2020-004**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) adopt the model strategy for radio antennas as presented in the “Model Strategy for Antenna Systems - Local Planning Committee” report dated May 3, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 Trust Conservancy Report - May, October, December, 2019 and February, 2020**

Vice Chair Fast summarized the reports contained in the agenda.

**12.2 Applications Report**

None.

**12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report**

None.

**12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

Discussion on the adoption of a Standing Resolution regarding First Nations in the local trust area was heard. At its February 24, 2020 business meeting, Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee considered a resolution found on page 38 of its February 24th business meeting agenda package.

**EX-2020-005**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) request staff bring the template for the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee standing resolution engagement as shown on page 38 of the February 24, 2020 agenda package to the October 7, 2020 business meeting of the Ballenas-Winchelsea Local Trust Committee, for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage**

Updated as needed.

**13. WORK PROGRAM**

**13.1 Top Priorities Report dated February 26, 2020**

Received as presented.

**13.2 Projects List Report dated February 26, 2020**

As recorded in item 11.1 of these minutes, by resolution **EX-2020-002** the Executive Committee acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) amended its projects list.

**14. CLOSED MEETING**

None.

**15. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**15.1** Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 10:00 AM at Snaw-naw-as Health Centre Boardroom, 700 Capilano Road, Lantzville, BC.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent**, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

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**Peter Luckham, Chair**

**Certified Correct:**

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**Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder**