

Adopted



Saturna Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: May 15, 2020
Location: Electronic Meeting (Via Zoom Webinar)

Members Present: Laura Patrick, Chair
Paul Brent, Local Trustee
Lee Middleton, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Brad Smith, Island Planner
Ruth Daber, Recorder

Public: There were approximately (3) attendees via the Zoom Webinar.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Chair Patrick introduced Trustees Brent and Middleton, new Saturna Island Planner Smith and other staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Brent reported of his participation in inter-island Zoom meetings in his capacity as Harbours Commissioner, Parks and Rec Chair and Community Economics Sustainability Commissioner.

Trustee Middleton reported of inter-agency calls in response to COVID-19.

Trustee Middleton gave an update of the Transport Canada distance consultation regarding Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) recovery measures for 2020:

- More information would come at the Trust Council meeting in June;
- The SRKW sanctuary zones would include a 20-metre transit zone for human powered vessels;
- LTC to work with staff and express support via a letter for federal vessel speed, fishing and boat access management measures that come into effect June 1, 2020

Chair Patrick thanked both Trustees for their COVID-19 response in their community.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Patrick mentioned the June Trust Council Meeting would be the first electronic meeting and that the deadline for delegations was firmly three weeks prior the meeting.

5. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

None

6. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None

8. MINUTES

8.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated April 16, 2020 (for Adoption)

By general consent, the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of April 16, 2020 were adopted.

8.2 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report Dated May 2020

Received for information.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9.1 Follow-up Action List Dated May 2020

Planner Smith mentioned that all was complete regarding his input and he will do some follow-up.

Trustee Middleton explained that there was no intent to write a letter of local government support until SRKWs recovery measures were officially released.

10. DELEGATIONS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received concerning current applications or projects is posted to the LTC webpage

12. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

None

13. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

13.1 Draft OCP Wording - First Nations Relationship Building- Staff Report

Planner Smith provided an update on the First Nations Relationship Building project, to introduce draft wording for inclusion in the Saturna Island Official Community Plan No. 70, 2001 (OCP), and to seek direction on next steps.

SA-2020-014

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to draft OCP bylaw amendments in acknowledgement and reconciliation of First Nations place, context and inherent rights.

CARRIED

SA-2020-015

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to update the First Nations Relationship Building project charter with revised timelines.

CARRIED

Planner Smith explained the next steps.

13.2 Draft Bylaws- National Park Zoning - Staff Report

Planner Smith gave an update on the progress to date with the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Lands Zoning project, to introduce draft bylaw amendments to the Saturna Island Official Community Plan No. 70, 2001 (OCP) and Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119, 2018 (LUB), and to seek direction on next steps.

Planner Smith explained the following points:

- The maps included in the report proposed two distinct zonings;
- He asked the LTC to look at the maps in detail;
- He will work with Lisa Wilcox to draft a letter to First Nations; and
- This draft letter would advise potential implications, seek input and offer engagement.

There was a discussion regarding referring draft bylaws for comment to adjacent LTCs and Parks and Recs Commission and to amend the wording, if adjacent LTCs were not to be referred for comment.

Trustee Middleton thanked staff for progressing the project and asked to clarify zoning terminology.

Regional Planning Manager (RPM) Kojima gave background information referring to initial creation of the National Park Reserves and explained all other Southern Gulf Islands had changed their OCPs accordingly some years earlier. Potential loss of density and tax payments were mentioned regarding hesitation to change the OCP.

SA-2020-016

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to undertake referrals, excluding Mayne, South Pender and North Pender Local Trust Committees, in respect of proposed Bylaw No. 129 cited as “Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2020”.

CARRIED

SA-2020-017

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to undertake referrals, excluding Mayne, South Pender and North Pender Local Trust Committees, in respect of proposed Bylaw No. 130 cited as “Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119, 2018, Amendment No. 1, 2020”.

CARRIED

SA-2020-018

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee direct staff to update the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Lands Zoning project charter with revised timelines.

Trustee Middleton clarified that referrals were to be undertaken prior first reading.

The question on the motion was then called.

CARRIED

Planner Smith clarified a referral to the Saturna Parks Commission would be undertaken. A Community Information Meeting (CIM) may be considered as a next step following referrals.

14. REPORTS

14.1 Work Program Reports

14.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated May 2020

Trustee Middleton enquired about changing the expired timeline of the Groundwater Sustainability Project.

RPM Kojima explained that those on the Local Planning Committee would receive an update the following week.

Planner Smith mentioned he would invite William Shulba to give an update at the next Saturna Island LTC on July 9th, 2020.

Chair Patrick invited Saturna Island LTCs to send questions through her for the upcoming Strategic Planning Committee. She also mentioned the Saltwater Mapping Project.

Planner Smith mentioned rewording in “First Nations Relationship Building” project description in report to provide more information and next steps.

14.1.2 Projects List Report Dated May 5, 2020

Received for information.

14.2 Applications Report Dated May 2020

Trustee Brent noted that applications were moving at a slow pace.

Planner Smith responded he will seek to close-out some applications and that Islands Trust’s involved tasks had mostly been completed.

14.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated February 2020

Received for information.

14.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Trustee Middleton mentioned two additional Standing Resolutions of the February 14th, 2020 Saturna LTC were in the process to be added to the log about:

- A letter of support for SRKWs recovery measures,
- Whale watching boat licensing and regulating.

Planner Smith confirmed the work in progress on updating the Standing Resolutions log for reports and website.

14.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

No comments were made.

14.6 Islands Trust Conservancy Report Dated February 2020

Received for information.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Annual Report - Request for Decision

Chair Patrick referred to the report on page 51.

The LTC explained the wording regarding the SRKW related work should be mentioned.

SA-2020-019

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee add to the annual report for Saturna Island, that “The Saturna Island Local Trust Committee also passed three standing resolutions in support of efforts to enhance protections to avoid extinction of the Southern Resident Killer Whales.”

CARRIED

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for July 9, 2020 - Electronic Meeting

There was a discussion regarding the possibility to meet in person in July versus electronically.

17. TOWN HALL

Chair Patrick invited the public to speak.

John Hutchinson commented on using the electronic meeting platform the first time and welcomed new Saturna Planner, Brad Smith.

Planner Smith mentioned regarding writing to First Nations that a letter would be presented to LTC for review prior submission.

18. CLOSED MEETING

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Ruth Daber, Recorder