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Saturna Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

- Date:** July 9, 2020
Location: Electronic Meeting
- Members Present:** Laura Patrick, Chair
Paul Brent, Local Trustee
Lee Middleton, Local Trustee
- Staff Present:** Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Brad Smith, Island Planner
William Shulba, Senior Freshwater Specialist
Maple Hung, Recorder
Wil Cottingham, Admin Assistant (Host)
- Public:** There were approximately (3) attendees in 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.

Trustee Middleton joined the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Brent had nothing to report.

Trustee Middleton reported on the following:

- A Capital Regional District (CRD) project is being led by Justine Starke, Southern Gulf Islands Service Delivery manager from the CRD;
- The project relates to improving bandwidth and web access for the Gulf Islands. There is funding and hopefully a plan to be involved at the federal level as a connectivity plan is needed;
- Islands Trust Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) has been interested with the “connecting coast project”; and
- Further work is being done by Transport Canada and there’s a roll out for the Southern Killer Resident Whale (SKRW) plan.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Patrick reported on the following:

- Regarding the Gulf Island Driftwood Story titled *Douglas Fir Protection Strategy* may have portrayed her as critical of Islands Trust staff, however she is not criticizing staff. She is critical of map based development permit areas;
- She is encouraging new approaches to ecosystem based policies and regulations; and
- The highlights of the June Trust Council meeting will be available soon on the Islands Trust website.

5. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

John Hutchison commented that he was interested in the relationship building project with First Nations and wording put into the Official Community Plan (OCP). He questioned why only 9 First Nations are receiving the bylaw referral.

Planner Smith explained the difference is the province would use the First Nations database of traditional territory it's their duty to do consultation. At Islands Trust we have a First Nations advisor, Lisa Wilcox that has intimate knowledge of the First Nations. The Islands Trust is at the engagement level. The consultation level rests with the province and federal government. We work with Lisa Wilcox to hone in on what the First Nations' interests are in respect to Islands Trust.

John Hutchison questioned if we will be sending wrong messages to the First Nations and do we include the names of the bands or just generically 'First Nations'.

Planner Smith explained it's difficult to comment on and up to the Local Trust Committee to determine if broader First Nations engagement is required. It varies on the language in the OCP and the context it's on. We can only provide advice.

Trustee Brent mentioned there's a long process to get everyone on board. He explained that if they can get wording into the OCP and a complaint happens, they can always address it. They have the opportunity to modify the OCP.

More discussions were held on the following:

- Identifying each of the 9 First Nations;
- Chair Patrick explained when a debate comes up, they will consider John Hutchison's comments; and
- Planner Smith mentioned a Community Information Meeting with public input will happen if a draft bylaw is moved forward.

6. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING - None

7. PUBLIC HEARING - None

8. MINUTES

8.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated May 15, 2020 (for Adoption)

By general consent the Local Trust Committee meeting minutes of May 15, 2020 were adopted.

8.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report - None

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9.1 Follow-up Action List Dated July 2020

Planner Smith commented that most things are completed. He has to work on the National Parks Rezoning and referrals. He had opportunity to come to Saturna Island in early July to conduct site visits and meet with Trustee Middleton to discuss various projects and application files.

Trustee Middleton mentioned meeting Planner Smith for the first time and had discussions with him on the Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW). Planner Smith was knowledgeable on marine related issues. He mentioned to ensure that Planner Smith has the resources he needs so he can undertake that work.

Planner Smith appreciated the introduction from Trustee Middleton.

10. DELEGATIONS - None

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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 Groundwater Sustainability Project – Verbal Update (William Shulba)

William Shulba, Islands Trust – Senior Freshwater Specialist (SFS), gave a brief update and presentation from the Groundwater Sustainability Project including:

- An update on the current stages of the project;
- Overview of the information to date and the different phases;
- 3-D Hydrogeological Conceptual Modeling (showing sea level and salt water intrusion risk);
- Groundwater regional recharge potential delineation;
- Water usage and demand;
- Precipitation and gridded water balance, water surplus; and
- Findings from this project that will be highlighted for the public and the Saturna LTC.

Chair Patrick opens the floor for questions.

Trustee Brent questioned when the reviews will be finished.

SFS Shulba explained there's 2 types of reviews, a contracted professional review by consultants and a peer-review that included several academic professors, the Hornby Water Stewardship, Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance, Ministry of Environment (MOE) and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO). He is reviewing them now (available end of August).

Trustee Middleton thanked SFS Shulba for his work, looking forward to seeing further evolution and how it will be used for refined understanding the ecosystem approach on ground water.

13.2 First Nations Relationship Building – Draft Bylaw – Staff Report

Planner Smith gave an overview of the draft bylaw staff report and the First Nations Relationship Building project. There were no responses from First Nations to the first round of introductory letters sent to First Nations. He explained the next steps if the LTC gives first reading, including formal First Nation and agency referrals.

Trustee Brent mentioned this has been with us for awhile and taking it to first reading is the right thing.

SA-2020-020

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 132, cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 2, 2020", be read a first time.

Trustee Middleton mentioned if the phrase "presence of Coast Salish peoples since time immemorial" is becoming an empty jargon. He is not suggesting an alternative and consultation, but questioned if there might be a more refined terminology or an archaeological record that the First Nations may want to point to.

Planner Smith suggests with his experience with First Nations that they do see themselves in that time in memorial and it's not seen as hollow context.

The question on the motion was called.

CARRIED

SA-2020-021

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee has reviewed the Islands Trust Policy Statement Directive Policies Checklist and determined that proposed Bylaw No. 132 is not contrary to or at variance with the Islands Trust Policy Statement.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS - None

14.1 Work Program Reports

14.1.1 Top Priorities Report dated July 2020

Received for information.

14.1.2 Projects List Report Dated July 2020

Received for information.

14.2 Applications Report Dated July 2020

Trustee Brent commented on application SA-DP-2020.1. The latest survey was sent to LTC by Planner Smith. He mentioned there's no disruption to the Development Permit area, so this could be dealt with by resolution without meeting (RWM) rather than waiting for next meeting.

Planner Smith confirmed that it's a simple application and low-risk decision. He will bring a staff report forward to LTC for consideration by RWM.

Trustee Middleton commented on a violation on the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) at East Point and a widely known community issue.

Trustees were told a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) application will be sent in.

Trustee Middleton will contact the person applying for the TUP and will send Planner Smith a note.

Trustee Brent mentioned the property-owner thinks the TUP is a good route to go.

14.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated May 2020

Received for information.

14.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

14.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage - None

14.6 Islands Trust Conservancy Report Dated May 2020

Received for information.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Contiguous Forest Mapping in the Islands Trust Area Report

The LTC mentioned it was a good report and it was received for information. Trustee Brent encouraged the public to read it.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for October 15, 2020 - Electronic Meeting

17. TOWN HALL

John Hutchinson asked about the next LTC meeting date once again.

Chair Patrick confirmed it will be October 15, 2020.

18. CLOSED MEETING - None

19. ADJOURNMENT

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

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Maple Hung, Recorder