



Islands Trust Council Highlights September 15-16, 2020

The following is a list of highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its September 15-16 meeting held electronically. These highlights are not the official minutes of the Trust Council meeting; Trust Council will adopt those at its December 2020 electronic meeting.

Summary of Local Trust Committee Policy

Trust Council requested staff review of the Local Trust Committee Correspondence Policy 7.4.i, to ensure it is up to date.

Prioritizing of the 2018-2022 Continuous Learning Plan

Trust Council approved the delivery of a prioritized Continuous Learning Plan and postponed inviting Dr. Richard Hebda to give a presentation, until a more appropriate time.

Islands Trust Council December Meeting Logistics

The December 1-3, 2020 regular Trust Council meeting will be conducted electronically.

June 30, 2020 Quarterly Financial Report

Trust Council approved the June 30, 2020 First Quarter Financial Report as presented.

History, Heritage and Conservation Grants-in-Aid Policy

Trust Council amended Policy 2.1.14 to be inclusive of First Nations history, heritage objects and sites.

Secretariat Services Policy

Trust Council adopted Policy 2.1.15 Secretariat Services, a function to provide coordinating administrative services in the Trust-area.

Amendments and Suspension of Community Stewardship Awards Program

Trust Council amended Policy 2.1.11 to align with its commitments to Climate Change Emergency and First Nation's Reconciliation; however, a decision to suspend the program to prioritize other Trust Area Services work and refocus due to COVID was passed. The Islands Trust Council will revisit the decision to suspend the Community Stewardship Awards Program at the end of 2021.

Changing Islands Trust Tagline

Trust Council adopted the new tagline "Preserving and Protecting Over 450 Islands and their Surrounding Waters in the Salish Sea".

Change the Name of Local Planning Committee to Regional Planning Committee

Trust Council approved renaming the "Local Planning Committee" to "Regional Planning Committee" and directed staff to update Policies 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.1.5, 6.2.1, 6.5.4, 6.13 and 6.11.1 to reflect this name change.

Legislative Monitoring Report

Trust Council directed staff to work with the Regional Planning Committee to review policies and fees related to the Agricultural Land Commission Exclusion Regulation which comes into effect October 1, 2020.

Cost of Enhanced Bylaw Enforcement

Trust Council asked the Director of Regional Planning Services to put the business case for an additional bylaw compliance and enforcement officer forward to the Financial Planning Committee.

Policy Interpretation or Amendment - Trust Council Policy 6.3.2 s.6.3

Trust Council supported a Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) request regarding use of unspent funds from the LTC's special property tax requisition and directed staff to draft amendments to Trust Council Policy 6.3.2.

Northern Gulf Islands Groundwater Study Peer review in respect of the Southern Gulf Islands Groundwater study

Trust Council delegated to the Regional Planning Committee, the consideration of the peer review and the usefulness of the Southern Island groundwater project.

New Brighton Dock at Gambier Island

The Chair was requested to write to all relevant federal and provincial ministries to ensure the New Brighton Dock remains a public access point; while at the same time being a fair and reasonable option for the owners of the dock, the Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw Council, to consider in their deliberations.

DISPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

BC Coastal Strategy and Law

Trust Council requested the Chair write to all relevant Ministers to enact a Coastal Strategy and law in response to Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society / West Coast Environmental Law delegation request.

Raincoast Conservation Foundation

That the Executive Committee review the recommendations presented by the Raincoast Conservation Foundation regarding policy to protect endangered forests and provide recommendations to Trust Council.

Trust Council will request the Province enhance jurisdiction over tree cutting bylaws, to make its jurisdiction equal under the Community Charter.

My Sea to Sky: Municipal Carbon Accounting and Accountability

Trust Council indicated commitment to participate in the My Sea to Sky development of a Climate Action Report Card tool, subject to Trust Programs Committee endorsement.

Salt Spring Solutions & Non-profit Community Groups Collective Concern for the Islands 2050 Consultation Process

Trust Council requested staff address the collective concerns of the groups, within the development and implementation of ongoing public engagement related to the Policy Statement Update Project.