



Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

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| Date: | June 2, 2020 |
| Location: | Electronic Meeting |
| Members Present: | Laura Patrick, Chair Doug Fenton, Local Trustee Peter Luckham, Local Trustee |
| Staff Present: | Marnie Eggen, Island Planner Sarah Shugar, Recorder |
| Others Present: | Lynne Smith, Cowichan Valley Regional District Area G Saltair / Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director Approximately Five members of the public |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Please note the order of agenda items may be modified during the meeting. Times are provided for convenience only and are subject to change.

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. She welcomed everyone to the first electronic meeting of the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee. She introduced herself, the Trustees and staff and acknowledged that the Local Trust Committee is meeting within Coast Salish Territory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Luckham reported on the following:

- Attended several meetings regarding Islands Trust COVID-19 pandemic response;
- Has responded to many questions and concerns regarding the Abrupt Shellfish Inc. application;
- Has responded to many questions and concerns regarding the proposed Telus towers.

Trustee Fenton reported on the following:

- Attended meetings with the Rural Islands Economic Partnership;
- Attended an Islands Trust Conservancy meeting;
- Attended a Trust Programs Committee meeting regarding the Islands 2050 Public Engagement.

3.2 Chair's Report

Chair Patrick reported the next Trust Council meeting will be held by electronic meeting on June 16 and 17, 2020.

3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report

Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area G Director Smith presented the following report:

- The Gulf Islands will see a CVRD 2020 property tax increase of \$0.09 per \$100,000 assessed value. The 2020 Thetis Island Wharf Budget and Thetis Island Board Launch Budget will remain the same as 2019. The Thetis Island Solid Waste and Recycling Budget will increase from \$73 to \$91 per parcel, an increase of \$18 per parcel.
- The Provincial Government has extended the property taxation penalty deadline to October 1, 2020.
- The Thetis Island Port Commission is making arrangements to have a conditional assessment of the Thetis Island Wharf completed in 2020.
- CVRD Garbage & Recycling Facilities: Peerless is now open 4 days a week: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays and Bing Creek remains open with regular days and times;
- CVRD Building Permits: Please contact the CVRD Building Inspections and Enforcement Department at inspections@cvr.bc.ca. Please call or email the CVRD for additional conversations and online applications.
- CVRD Drinking Water & Watershed Protection: A Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Technical Advisory Team will be established. It will have about 23 members and Islands Trust will have a representative on the Team.
- CVRD Service Restoration Plan: Stage 1 mid May to Mid June, Stage 2 mid June to September. These restoration plans are in flux.
- A written report will be posted on the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee website.

There was a question regarding whether the CVRD building inspector is visiting Thetis Island.

Director Smith reported bylaw enforcement officers are only conducting outdoor inspections at this time. Please contact Bylaw Officer MacDonald for additional information regarding inspections and or bylaw complaints.

4. TOWN HALL

Chair Patrick introduced the Town Hall portion of the Agenda. There were no speakers in the town hall portion of the meeting.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated November 19, 2019 - None

5.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report dated May 26, 2020

Received.

5.3 Advisory Planning Commission Draft Minutes - None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Follow-up Action List dated May 26, 2020

Received.

7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

7.1 TH-RZ-2020.1 (Panacui - Abrupt Shellfish Inc.) – Staff Report

Planner Eggen presented a staff report dated April 8, 2020 regarding an application to rezone approximately 14 hectares of the marine area from W-4 to allow sub tidal geoduck aquaculture. Planner Eggen reported the applicant advised he was not able to attend the meeting, however, his wife was in attendance.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were noted:

- Concern was expressed that the application does not acknowledge the concerns that were raised at the community meeting held by the applicant in February 2020;
- It was noted that Penelakut Fisheries Manager Ken Thomas attended the community meeting and that Penelakut Band Manager Jim Chisholm indicated the Penelakut Band does not support the application.
- Concern was expressed that Transport Canada has not recognized the importance of the area for transportation/navigation and recreation marine use including the annual Thetis Island Regatta and that Preedy Harbour is a vessel anchorage area;
- Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed predator netting;
- It was noted the area has significant heritage value as it is a central area for First Nation activity;
- Concerns were expressed regarding potential marine debris.

TH-2020-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee deny application TH-RZ-2020.1 (Panacui - Abrupt Shellfish Inc.) for the following reasons:

- The large scale nature of the proposed commercial infrastructure of underwater netting and braces, the potential of it becoming marine debris, and the potential negative impacts it may all have on environmental/ecological features, flora and fauna;
- Introduction of mooring buoys and navigational lights to the area and the negative impact to the visual/scenic features of the area;
- Potential hazard the operation might be to navigation;
- Potential conflicts with recreational uses and with adjacent upland or marine uses;
- Potential negative impacts to local marine and adjacent upland tourism and associated commercial activities;
- Conflict with Policy 2.7 Mariculture and;
- There are potential conflicts with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Islands Trust Policy.

CARRIED

7.2 TH-OTH-2019.1 and TH-OTH-2018.1 (Telus)

Planner Eggen presented a verbal update regarding applications TH-OTH-2019.1 and TH-OTH-2018.1 (Telus). She reported Telus Communications has informed the Local Trust Committee by email that Telus is planning to move forward with the construction of the 22-metre tower proposal at 61 Pilkey Point Road, file number TH-OTH-2018.1 and that there is no further update on the proposed 50-metre tower proposal at 155 Pilkey Point Road. She noted that in response to the information, the Thetis Local Trust Committee passed a resolution without meeting rescinding their 2018 decision to concur with the 22-metre tower due to new information becoming available and that Telus must consult with Penelakut Tribe. It was noted staff would email a status update to the Penelakut Tribe.

7.3 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Referral - Request for Response regarding Bylaw No. 520

The Salt Spring Island Bylaw No. 520 Referral was received.

TH-2020-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee indicate that their interests regarding Salt Spring Island Bylaw No. 520 are not affected.

CARRIED

8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS - None

9. DELEGATIONS - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 2019-2020 Annual Report - Memorandum

A memorandum dated June 2, 2020 regarding the 2019-2020 Annual Report was presented.

TH-2020-015

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee amend recommended text in the memorandum dated June 2, 2020 as follows: replace "Work for this period focused on advancing the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee priorities to address private moorage regulations for Ruxton Island and to implement the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation on Thetis Island." with "Work for this period focused on advancing the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee priorities to address private moorage regulations and shoreline protection for Ruxton Island and to implement the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation on Thetis Island."

CARRIED

TH-2020-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee endorse the following text as amended for inclusion in the 2019-2020 Annual Report for approval by the Islands Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing:

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee held five regular business meetings, one special meeting and one public hearing in the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Work for this period focused on advancing the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee priorities to address private moorage regulations for Ruxton Island and to implement the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation on Thetis Island. In order to implement private moorage regulations on Ruxton Island, the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee adopted Bylaw No. 103.

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee also adopted a standing resolution stating its intent to engage in reconciliation by honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as its intent to work with First Nations governments on implementing actions that support reconciliation and maintain relationships based on respect and recognition.

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee received and considered one rezoning application. Staff also reviewed and processed two subdivision referrals, three building permit referrals, and two crown land referrals within the Thetis Island Local Trust Area.

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee also considered a referral from the federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for a second proposal from Telus for a telecommunications tower on Thetis Island.

CARRIED

12. REPORTS

12.1 Trust Conservancy Report dated February, 2020

Received.

12.2 Applications Report dated May 26, 2020

Received.

12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated February, 2020

Received.

12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received.

12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

13. WORK PROGRAM

13.1 Top Priorities Report dated May 26, 2020

Received.

13.2 Projects List Report dated May 26, 2020

TH-2020-017

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to review the Projects List to ensure accuracy of the intentions of the Local Trust Committee.

CARRIED

14. CLOSED MEETING - None

15. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The time and location are to be determined. Please check the website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca for details regarding this meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder