

ADOPTED



Saturna Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: February 18, 2021
Location: Electronic Meeting (Zoom Webinar)

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

Staff Present: Robert Kojima, Regional Planning Manager
Brad Smith, Senior Planner
Phil Testemale, Planner 2
William Shulba, Freshwater Specialist
Carly Bilney, Recorder
Maple Hung, Planning Assistant (Host)

Public: There were approximately 3 attendees in the Zoom Webinar.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved as presented.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee Middleton reported on the following:

- A committee has been established to seek a consultant in its review of the Islands Trust;
- The review is seeking to assess how well the Islands Trust is achieving its mandate to preserve and protect; and
- The review is designed to build the Islands Trust's organizational sustainability.

Trustee Brent reported on the following:

- As alternate director for the Capital Regional District (CRD), Trustee Brent has attended Parks and Recreation Commission meetings as well as meetings related to water service, First Nations topics, transportation, finance and regional issues; and
- There are many opportunities for increased collaboration between the Regional District and the Islands Trust.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

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Chair Patrick reported on the following:

- The next Trust Council meeting is scheduled for March 9-11;
- There is an open house meeting scheduled for March 3, which will include an opportunity to submit questions related to the policy statement work; and
- The budget will be passed at the March meeting.

5. TOWN HALL AND QUESTIONS

Town Hall was held and the following comments were made:

- Support was expressed for SA-DVP-2020.1 (Peretz);
- Support was expressed for including an ecological consideration in assessing SA-DVP-2020.1 (Peretz);
- Trustees were urged to continue the work begun to resolve parking issues near the Saturna Point Store; and
- A desire was expressed for the Local Trust Committee (LTC) to set ecological baselines that can be measured against in the future.

6. COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None

8. MINUTES

8.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes Dated January 26, 2021 (for Adoption)

The following amendment to the minutes were presented for consideration:

On top of page 7 of the current agenda package (page 4 of the January 26, 2021 LTC Minutes), says, "It was agreed that Planner Smith will communicate with original meeting participants and coordinate with agencies for a future meeting."

The suggested amendment would change the sentence to say, "It was agreed Trustees will communicate..."

By general consent the minutes were adopted as amended.

8.2 Local Trust Committee Bylaws No. 129 and 130 Public Hearing Record Dated January 26, 2021 (For Receipt)

Received for information.

8.3 Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 132 Public Hearing Record Dated January 26, 2021 (For Receipt)

Received for information.

8.4 Section 26 Resolutions-without-meeting Report – None

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9.1 Follow-up Action List Dated February 2021

Discussion was held about interim sanctuary zones for the recovery of Southern Resident Killer Whales and the following comments were made:

- Laws regarding the issue are not yet harmonized between Washington State and British Columbia;
- The commercial whale watching season will be severely impacted if the US/Canada border remains closed throughout the summer; and
- The LTC will support Transport Canada in its outreach initiatives regarding the sanctuary zones.

10. DELEGATIONS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS

12.1 SA-DVP-2020.1 (Peretz) - Staff Report

Planner Testemale provided a summary of the report regarding SA-DVP-2020.1 (Peretz).

SA-2021-001

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee approve issuance of Development Variance Permit application SA-DVP-2020.1 (Peretz); and

CARRIED

SA-2021-002

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee exempt Lots A and B of the proposed subdivision of Lot 3, Section 18, Saturna Island, Cowichan District, Plan 11979, Except Part in Plan 17076 (SA-SUB-2020.1 [Peretz]) from the 1/10 perimeter provision of Section 512 of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

13. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS

13.1 Groundwater Sustainability Project – Presentation by William Shulba

Islands Trust Groundwater Specialist William Shulba presented the Groundwater Sustainability Strategy and the following comments were made:

- The project provides important empirical information on groundwater in the Islands Trust region;
- The project will allow the LTC to consider next steps and staff to do further analysis with respect to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaws and new policies;

- Galiano and North and South Pender Islands have made this a top priority project, while Mayne Island has chosen to see how the project unfolds on other islands; and
- The Regional Planning Committee has received a briefing of the technical review of the project as well as a briefing on the applicability of the groundwater mapping to land-use planning and conservation.

14. REPORTS

14.1 Work Program Reports

14.1.1 Top Priorities Report Dated February 2021

Received for information.

Discussion was held about time constraints and whether or not the parking project should be addressed by the LTC within the public sphere or handled, instead, by residents.

14.1.2 Projects List Report Dated February 2021

Received for information.

14.1.3 Review of Projects – Discussion

Received for information.

By general consent item 2 - Amenity Zoning and Accessible Housing Review – and item 5 – Watershed Lands - DPA – were removed from the Projects Report.

Discussion was held about whether rainwater catchment could be a sustainable primary supply of water and whether cisterns should be required; the following comments were made:

- Water storage is useful;
- Requiring that a building be equipped with a cistern is difficult as current bylaws do not adequately define cistern;
- Requiring water storage and determining what water source goes into cisterns (eg. rainwater vs groundwater storage) are two separate considerations;
- Local Trust Committees taking this issue up in a regional approach would strengthen regulatory resolve; and
- There is need to provide clarification on items 3 and 4 of the Projects List – Review of drinking water regulations and Secondary suites - potable water source.

14.2 Applications Report Dated February 2021

Received for information.

14.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report Dated December 2020

Received for information.

14.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions

Received for information.

14.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage

14.6 Islands Trust Conservancy Report Dated November 24, 2020

SA-2021-003

It was Moved and Seconded,

that the Islands Trust Conservancy Report has been received.

CARRIED

14.7 ITC Forest Conservation Outreach Campaign - Briefing November 2020 (attached)

Received for information.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1 Salt Spring LTC Letter re Short Term Vacation Rental Communications and Strategies

Chair Patrick described the initiative led by Salt Spring LTC regarding Short Term Vacation Rental strategies.

SA-2021-004

It was Moved and Seconded,

that Trustee Brent would attend the meeting re Short Term Vacation Rental Communications and Strategies.

CARRIED

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 Electronic Meetings

SA-2021-005

It was Moved and Seconded,

that in order to meet the principles of openness, transparency, and accessibility, meetings of the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will be held electronically until Ministerial Orders under the Emergency Program Act and requirements or recommendations under the Public Health Act change regarding public attendance at trust body meetings; and that such meetings be live streamed, and the public invited to participate in meetings by connecting to the link or the phone number provided in the meeting notice, in order to observe proceedings and speak when invited by the Chair.

CARRIED

16.2 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for May 20, 2021 - Location: TBD

17. TOWN HALL

No comments were made.

18. CLOSED MEETING

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

Carly Bilney, Recorder