



## Trust Programs Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Date:** February 5, 2021  
**Location:** Electronic Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:** Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trustee (Chair)  
Paul Brent, Saturna Island Local Trustee  
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island Local Trustee  
David Critchley, Denman Island Local Trustee  
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island Local Trustee  
Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee  
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island Local Trustee  
Benjamin McConchie, North Pender Island Local Trustee  
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island Local Trustee  
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island Local Trustee (EC Representative)  
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair (Ex Officio)

**Staff Present:** Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer  
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services  
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor  
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor  
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder

**Members of the Public:** None

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Morrison acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the traditional and treaty territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### 2.1 New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

- 6.1 Islands 2050 Questions for Trustees: Summary of Responses – additional responses received late

**By general consent** the additional late responses were accepted to be included in agenda item 6.1.

#### 2.2 Approval of Agenda

**By general consent** the agenda was approved as presented.

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

## Adopted

As Trustee Colbourne resigned as Vice-Chair effective December 4, 2020, the Committee wished to elect a Vice-Chair. Director Frater assumed the role of presiding officer and conducted an election.

- Trustee Langereis nominated Trustee Peterson and was seconded by Trustee Rogers.
- Trustee Morrison nominated Trustee Fenton and was seconded by Trustee Langereis.

Director Frater conducted the election by secret ballot (vote) and declared Trustee Peterson to be the Vice-Chair of the Trust Programs Committee (TPC).

#### 4. TOWN HALL AND DELEGATIONS

None

#### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/COORDINATION

##### 5.1 Minutes of Meeting

###### 5.1.1 Trust Programs Committee minutes of January 22, 2021

**By general consent** the minutes as presented were approved.

##### 5.2 Resolutions Without Meeting

None

##### 5.3 Follow Up Action List

Director Frater provided an update in regards to the items that are in progress, noting that:

- staff are continuing with meetings with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development staff in regards to consolidating existing agreements with respect to Crown land agreements;
- staff continue to work with MLA Adam Olsen's office to identify a facilitator for the Southern Gulf Islands Regional Forum.

Trustee Rogers enquired about the status of an item on the Executive Committee Follow Up Action List that is on hold pending review by TPC: Discuss with the province and report to Trust Council at the December Trust Council meeting on a process to identify potential governance and/or operational change that could be adopted in order to improve the delivery and integration of all the types of services that are delivered to the Islands Trust Area.

**By general consent** the review is to be added to the TPC FUAL.

#### 6. TRUST COUNCIL BUSINESS

##### 6.1 Islands 2050 Questions for Trustees: Summary of Responses – Briefing

Director Frater introduced the Briefing, indicating that the intention is to receive feedback and comments from TPC and then forward the briefing to Trust Council.

## Adopted

Committee members expressed a desire to edit their own comments and to offer all trustees the same opportunity before finalizing the Trust Council agenda package.

### **TPC-2021-007**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee send out the preliminary responses to the three questions posed by the Trust Programs Committee Chair regarding the Object for their review and further edits to be delivered back to Staff no later than Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Islands 2050 (Policy Statement Amendment Project) Discussion Paper - RFD**

Director Frater introduced the Discussion Paper, the purpose of which is to provide relevant historical context and current analysis to support an informed and fulsome Trust Council discussion on key questions relating to Trust Object interpretations, the regional/local balance of policy directives, preliminary recommendations from the TPC working groups, and a summation of engagement with First Nations governments to date. It was noted that the report's summary of the working groups' discussions had been drawn from documents produced by the working groups themselves.

Trustee Colbourne joined at 10:02 a.m.

### **TPC-2021-008**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee forward the "Islands Trust Object: Past, Present, and Future" Policy Statement Amendment Project Discussion Paper to Trust Council.

**CARRIED**

The Committee recessed at 10:09 a.m. and resumed at 10:15 a.m.

## **7. BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Proposed Islands 2050 Virtual Open House - Briefing**

The Briefing provided information about a proposed Islands 2050 virtual open house scheduled prior to the March meeting of Trust Council. It was noted that Staff had provided a Request for Decision to the Executive Committee's February 3, 2021 meeting agenda regarding the project charter for the open house which was approved as presented. Staff will provide the results of the open house to the March meeting of Trust Council.

Trustee McConchie joined at 10:23 a.m.

A desire was expressed for Staff to provide background information and speaking notes for all Trustees to use as a resource when discussing this engagement tool with the public. It was noted that Committee members are welcome to provide to Staff any comments in regards to the proposed virtual open house.

## Adopted

### 7.2 Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter – RFD

Director Frater spoke to the RFD indicating that the Mailing Program is in response to the Committee request to reach out to new residents of the Islands Trust Area.

Discussion included:

- need to connect to realtors in the Trust Area;
- need to know how much a mail out to all residents (approximately 36,000 residents) would cost;
- the cost of this program leaves \$3,000 to do other education programs for the year which is likely enough for two other online educational webinars; and
- the possibility to connect with informal free distribution on the islands.

#### TPC-2021-009

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee endorse the Living in the Trust Area Mailing Program Project Charter, dated February 5, 2021.

**CARRIED**

#### TPC-2021-010

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request that the Financial Planning Committee include in the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget \$24,000 for Strategic Plan Item No. 21 - Develop and implement a stewardship education program directed towards the public, industry and stakeholders in the Trust Area (increased from \$15,000), in recognition of the fact that the Committee intends to underspend its Stewardship Education Program budget in 2020/21 by \$9,000.

**CARRIED**

**Trustee Kaile opposed**

### 7.3 Community Benefit Land Trust Concept – Briefing

Director Frater introduced the Briefing, indicating that it was previously presented to Trust Council in December, 2020, to provide information on the community benefit land trust concept and options for Islands Trust to hold land for community benefit.

Discussion included:

- the importance of this concept;
- the possibility of moving the concept forward by:
  - adding it to the TPC projects list,
  - adding it to the current Policy Statement Amendment Project,
  - adding it to the Strategic Plan,
  - referring the briefing to the Trust Council;
- the impact to First Nations communities.

#### TPC-2021-011

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee add the Community Benefit Land Trust Concept to the TPC Projects List.

Adopted

CARRIED  
Trustees Brent and Kaile opposed

**TPC-2021-012**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee ask staff consider the ideas presented in the Community Benefit Land Trust concept Briefing when drafting bylaw options in the Policy Statement Amendment Project.

DEFEATED

**TPC-2021-013**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request that the Community Benefit Land Trust Concept be added to the Policy Statement Topic Review Inventory.

CARRIED

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. WORK PROGRAM**

**10.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program**

Director Frater advised that the Policy Statement Amendment Project continues to be a priority.

**TPC-2021-014**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee forward the Work Program to Trust Council as amended.

CARRIED

**11. CLOSED MEETING**

The meeting was not closed.

**12. RISE AND REPORT**

No Rise and Report as the meeting was not closed.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It was noted that the agenda will likely require more time than currently scheduled as a draft Policy Statement Bylaw will be presented at that time. Discussion included options to schedule more time for the Committee to meet to address the agenda.

Adopted

**TPC-2021-015**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Trust Programs Committee request staff to provide options for a late afternoon/evening meeting in the week following the next TPC meeting.

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Deb Morrison, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder