



Trust Council Minutes of Regular Meeting

- Date:** March 9, 2021 – March 11, 2021
- Location:** Electronic meeting, Public venue
Islands Trust
200-1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1H8
- Executive Present:** Peter Luckham, Chair, Thetis Island (Victoria Boardroom)
Sue Ellen Fast, Vice Chair, Bowen Island Municipality
Laura Patrick, Vice Chair, Salt Spring Island
Dan Rogers, Vice Chair, Gambier/Keats Island
- Members Attending:** Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipality
Laura Busheikin, Denman Island
David Critchley, Denman Island
Scott Colbourne, Gabriola Island
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island
Tahirih Rockafella, Galiano Island
Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island
Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island
Alex Allen, Hornby Island
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti Island
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island (varied as shown)
David Maude, Mayne Island
Ben McConchie, North Pender Island
Deb Morrison, North Pender Island
Peter Grove, Salt Spring Island
Paul Brent, Saturna Island
Lee Middleton, Saturna Island
Cameron Thorn, South Pender Island (varied as shown)
Steve Wright, South Pender Island (varied as shown)
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island
- Regrets:** Grant Scott, Hornby Island (attending Herring Fest)
- Staff Present:** Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer (Victoria Boardroom)
David Marlor, Director, Local Planning Services
Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Julia Mobbs, Director, Administrative Services
Carmen Thiel, Legislative Services Manager/Recorder
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator (Victoria Boardroom)

Warren Dingman, Bylaw Enforcement and Compliance Manager
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
Kate Emmings, Manager, Islands Trust Conservancy
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

There were approximately 12-14 attendees present. The meeting was live-streamed for public viewing in real-time. It was reported that on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, there were 136 live-stream views.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. stating gratitude to live and work on Coast Salish traditional and treaty territory. Trustees and staff were introduced.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

To amend the agenda:

- Move item 6.1.1, December 2020 minutes after item 2. Approval of Agenda
- Add to item 10.2.2, Trustee Morrison's December request for decision (RFD) re: Accelerating Staffing Shifts to Support Strategic Plan Goals

By general consent the agenda was adopted as amended.

6.1.1 December 2020 minutes

TC-2021-001

It was Moved by Trustee Kaile and Seconded by Trustee Busheikin,
That the December 2020 minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chief Bill Williams, találsamkin siyám, of the Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw, Squamish Nation, joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. and was welcomed by Chair Luckham.

Chief Bill Williams thanked Trust Council for the wonderful protocol in place in acknowledging all People who live in the islands. He stated that the knowledge First Nations have gained over 10,000 years is something for all of us to learn and that we are in this journey together, to pull together in one canoe. He gave blessings to Trust Council members and their families.

3. POLICY STATEMENT DISCUSSION

Chair Luckham asked for a minute of silence, for Council to contemplate the work going forward in the next 5 hours dedicated to this discussion.

3.1 Policy Statement Amendment Project Trust Council Discussion Session (March 2021) – Briefing

Director of Trust Area Services (DTAS) Frater and Senior Policy Advisor Hippola introduced the discussion paper provided in the agenda package, as a guide for the workshop session.

Trustee Morrison, Chair of Trust Programs Committee, thanked the committee and staff for the effort that has been put in to the project to date and recognized that there will be areas of disagreement and interpretation which will be debated today.

Discussion followed beginning with Session 1: Dialogue regarding Truth Precedes Reconciliation.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

Discussion continued on Session 2: Introduction and Roundtable Discussion on Trust Object Interpretations and Three Key Questions

Trustee Dodds arrived at 11:37 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. and reconvened 1:30 p.m.

Discussion continued on Session 3: Feedback on Climate Change Policy Directions and Session 4: High-Level Feedback on Affordable Housing Policy Directions

The meeting recessed for a break at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

3.2 Trustee Requests For Decisions (RFD)

3.2.1 Trustee Wright – RFD

TC-2021-002

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee Morrison,

That Trust Council define the words “unique amenities” to be inclusive of the natural character of the environment and the cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples within the Islands Trust Area, and that these aspects are prioritized.

Debate ensued.

Trustee Thorn joined the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

TC-2021-003

It was Moved by Trustee Critchley and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That further consideration of motion **TC-2021-002** be postponed to the September meeting of Trust Council.

DEFEATED

Debate on motion **TC-2021-002** continued.

TC-2021-004

It was Moved by Trustee Busheikin and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That motion **TC-2021-002** be split into two parts:

Part 1 – be it resolved that Trust Council define the words “unique amenities” to be inclusive of the natural character of the environment and that these aspects are prioritized and;

Part 2 - be it resolved that Trust Council define the words “unique amenities” to be inclusive of the cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples within the Islands Trust Area and that these aspects are prioritized.

CARRIED

TC-2021-005

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee Morrison,

Be it resolved that Trust Council define the words “unique amenities” to be inclusive of the natural character of the environment and that this aspect be prioritized.

DEFEATED

TC-2021-006

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee Morrison,

Be it resolved that Trust Council define the words “unique amenities” to be inclusive of the cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples within the Islands Trust Area and that this aspect is prioritized.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

4. DELEGATIONS

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Luckham reconvened the meeting stating it was an honour and privilege to meet on Lək̓ʷəŋən territory in Victoria. He welcomed the public who were viewing the live-stream. Trustees and staff were introduced.

Chair Luckham introduced and welcomed the following delegations:

4.1 Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea (IMERSS) Delegation Request and Presentation

Andrew Simon, Emily Adamczyk, and Jeannine Georgeson gave a Power Point presentation on how the Salish Sea has changed over time and the purpose of the Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea (IMERSS) is to innovate an inclusive paradigm of long-term ecological research; one that is multidisciplinary; intergenerational; cross-cultural; and transboundary—connecting communities throughout the Salish Sea.

IMERSS recommended Islands Trust require both engagement and capacity building with local communities and First Nations for all future environmental and cultural research in the Trust Area.

4.2 B.C. Organic Extension Delegation Request and Presentation

Wallapak Polasub and Angeli Dela Rosa, from Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Institute for Sustainable Food Systems, gave a Power Point presentation about how organic extension services currently operate in B.C. Highlighting the need for increased access to information, skills, awareness, knowledge, and support relating to organic and regenerative agriculture and food, their request to Trust Council was to write a letter of endorsement, in concept, for the organic extension service.

4.3 Rodenticide Free B.C. Delegation Request and Presentation

Deanna Pfeifer offered a Power Point presentation requesting municipalities, regional districts and the Islands Trust Area endorse a province-wide ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, which are known to move through the food chain endangering wildlife.

4.4 Raincoast Conservation Delegation Request and Presentation

Shauna Doll, from Raincoast Conservation Foundation, addressed Trust Council with a Power Point presentation following up on her September 2020 delegation where Trust Council passed two resolutions regarding the protection of forest ecosystems in the Islands Trust Area.

4.5 Gulf Islands Alliance Delegation Request

Susan Yates spoke, on behalf of Gulf Islands Alliance, in support of Raincoast Conservation Foundation's advocacy and called on Trust Council to recognize and act on the significance of the remaining Coastal Douglas-fir forests in the Islands Trust Area.

4.6 M. Sketch - A Draft Trust Policy Statement

Michael Sketch read his delegation submission titled, "A draft trust policy statement duty of care: an article of faith for the *Islands Trust Act*" which was contained in the agenda package asking Trust Council make the Policy Statement reflect the preserve and protect mandate of the *Act*.

5. **TOWN HALL**

Chair Luckham recognized the following attendees who were each allotted two minutes to address Trust Council:

Jacinthe Eastik, Gabriola Island, spoke to defining "unique amenities" as each island has its own special places, that affordable housing include reference to being "subsidized" and to use the precautionary approach.

Jason Mogus, Salt Spring Island, asked Trust Council to not "walk away" from its responsibility to preserve and protect communities together with the environment and that climate change solutions should not be sought through only an ecological lens but must include people.

Jennifer Margison, Galiano Island, asked that affordable housing developments of any kind should not be given the same primacy as environment, climate change mitigation, and First Nations reconciliation with regards to the Policy Statement Amendment Project and the precautionary principle be observed.

Rhonan Heitzmann, Salt Spring Island, spoke in favour healthy communities and affordable housing; that rural sprawl and trophy houses contribute to destroying the environment and asked that Trust Council reject resolutions that removed healthy communities from the Policy Statement Amendment Project.

Jacinthe Eastik, Gabriola Island, spoke a second time asking Trust Council to continue to advocate for accessible B.C. Ferry services and to adopt the precautionary approach with regards to island build out.

David Bird stated that the preservation and protection of the Islands Trust Area should be its foremost principle.

Myna Lee Johnstone, Salt Spring Island, appreciated being able to listen to the today's live stream meeting and spoke to adverse effects automobiles have on the islands.

Jacinthe Eastik, Gabriola Island, spoke a third time saying the Policy Statement should require multi-dwelling housing be self-sustainable and does not agree with trucking in water to meet water needs.

Jennifer Margison, Galiano Island, spoke a second time stating she agrees with previous speakers regarding protecting the environment with regards to land use decisions and climate change mitigation.

Myna Lee Johnstone, Salt Spring Island, spoke a second time in support of "eco-homes" on shared lands asking to move forward with new policies to allow for this.

Hearing no further speakers, Chair Luckham thanked everyone for today's attendance.

By general consent, at 8:49 p.m., the meeting recessed for the day.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Chair Luckham reconvened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. stating gratitude to live and work on Coast Salish First Nations traditional and treaty territory. Trustees and staff were introduced.

With the exception of Trustee Grant Scott and Trustee Cameron Thorn, all members were present.

There were approximately 8-10 attendees present. The meeting was live-streamed for public viewing in real-time. It was reported that on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, there were 121 lives-stream views.

Chair Luckham continued with unfinished business at item 3.2.1.

3.2.1 Trustee Wright – Request for Decision (RFD)

TC-2021-007

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

Be it resolved that, as the *Local Government Act* instructs Local Trust Committees to include policies for a variety of housing in their Official Community Plans, housing policies not be included in the Policy Statement of the Islands Trust.

DEFEATED

TC-2021-008

It was Moved by Trustee Wright and Seconded by Trustee McConchie,

Be it resolved that, Trust Council remove from the Strategic Plan, item 16, part i, ii, iii, iv, and v, associated with housing and that these items be referred to Local Trust Committees and their local planning staff for consideration to include these matters in their local planning projects.

DEFEATED

The meeting recessed for a break at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Trustee Wright withdrew proposed motion no. 4 as contained in the request for decision (RFD) report.

Trustee Wright left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Trustee McConchie left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

3.2.2 Trustee Rogers – RFD

TC-2021-009

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Patrick,

That Trust Council affirm its understanding that the object (and thus the mandate) of the Trust contained in s. 3 of the *Islands Trust Act* includes the concept of and protection of healthy and inclusive communities including (but not limited to) housing and transportation.

Trustee Critchley moved to amend the motion by adding the phrase “subject to the paramount object of preservation and protection of the natural environment”.

Chair Luckham ruled the proposed amendment rejects the original motion and was not in order.

CARRIED

TC-2021-010

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That Trust Council request the Trust Programs Committee and the Executive Committee continue their work on developing proposals for revising the Trust Policy Statement in accord with the current Project Charter including policy related to Sustainable Communities and affordable housing.

CARRIED

TC-2021-011

It was Moved by Trustee Critchley and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That Trust Council affirm its understanding that the paramount object of the *Islands Trust Act* is protection and preservation of the natural environment.

DEFEATED

The meeting recessed for a break at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

7. EXECUTIVE

7.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations in items 7.1.1. to 7.1.4.

7.1.1 Trust Council Follow-up Action List

Receive for information.

7.1.2 Strategic Plan Quarterly Update

Receive for information.

7.1.3 Continuous Learning Plan

Receive for information.

7.1.4 Executive Committee Work Program Report

That Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Executive Committee Work Program Report.

7.2 Discussion/Decision Items

7.2.1 Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) Report

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the highlights of the report as presented.

Trustee McConchie joined the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

7.2.2 Amendments to the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan – RFD

CAO Hotsenpiller spoke to the request for decision as presented in the agenda package.

TC-2021-012

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to include:

- I. Forestry initiatives including establishment of development permit areas, tree cutting authority advocacy, enforcement of development permits related to forestry and advocacy associated with the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*;
- II. Governance and Management Review;
- III. Request to the Province for additional funding, AND
- IV. Trust Council Policy Review Project.

TC-2021-013

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Allen,

That Trust Council split the motion **TC-2021-012** to include items I., III., and IV., and then item II.

CARRIED

TC-2021-014

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Rogers,

That Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to include:

- I. Forestry initiatives including establishment of development permit areas, tree cutting authority advocacy, enforcement of development permits related to forestry and advocacy associated with the *Private Managed Forest Land Act*;
- III. Request to the Province for additional funding, AND
- IV. Trust Council Policy Review Project.

CARRIED

TC-2021-015

It was Moved by Trustee Kaile and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to include:

- II. Governance and Management Review.

TC-2021-016

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That Trust Council postpone consideration of motion **TC-2021-015** until the conclusion of the discussion around the Financial Planning Committee recommendations.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Islands Trust Reconciliation Report 2019-2021 – Briefing

Trustees recognized and thanked Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor (SIPA) Wilcox for presenting the work in this report, and that the Islands Trust Reconciliation Report 2019-2021 be posted to the website and shared with subscribers and community.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

8. SELECT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW

8.1 Discussion/Decision Item

8.1.1 Select Committee Chair's Report

Trustee Middleton, Chair of the Select Committee on Governance and Management Review spoke to the report contained in the agenda package.

Discussion followed regarding how funding of the Governance and Management Review project would be allocated.

TC-2021-017

It was Moved by Trustee Middleton and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Trust Council affirms a commitment to fund the Governance and Management Review using reserve funds from fiscal 2020/2021 to a maximum of \$75,000 as agreed at Trust Council December 3rd meeting by motion TC-2020-117.

There was discussion about procedure, whether this motion is contrary to one coming forward from Financial Planning Committee and whether the funds have to be in next fiscal year's budget. It was confirmed that the surplus would have to come out of the 2021/22 budget.

The Chair ruled that the motion was out of order because Trust Council is unable to spend 2020/21 monies in a 2021/22 budget.

TC-2021-018

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That Trust Council postpone consideration of motion **TC-2021-017** to debate on the budget under item 11.2.2.8.

CARRIED

11. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / FINANCE

11.1 **Consent Agenda Items**

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations in items 11.1.1 to 11.1.3.:

11.1.1 Director of Administrative Services Report
Receive for information.

11.1.2 Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report
That Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Financial Planning Committee Work Program Report.

11.1.3 December 31, 2020 Third Quarter Financial Report - RFD
That Trust Council approve the December 31, 2020 Financial Report.

11.2 **Discussion/Decision Items**

11.2.1 Required Minimum Surplus Balance Islands Trust and Motion - Trustee RFD

Financial Planning Committee (FPC) Chair Grove spoke to the request for decision.

TC-2021-019

Moved by Trustee Grove, Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Trust Council approve a reduction to the minimum balance required by policy to be held in general revenue surplus from 25% to 20% of budgeted annual operating expenses, less 20% of non-tax, non-grant revenue.

CARRIED

11.2.2 Proposed 2021/22 Budget Session Outline

Director of Administrative Services (DAS) Mobbs introduced the budget session referencing the outline contained in the agenda packaged.

By general consent, item 11.2.2.9 was addressed next.

11.2.2.9 Public Feedback on Draft 2021/22 Budget – Briefing

Director of Trust Area Services (DTAS) Frater provided an overview of the public consultation survey and briefing noting there were over 900 respondents.

11.2.2.1 2021/22 Draft Budget Assumptions and Principles – Briefing

Director of Administrative Services (DAS) Mobbs highlighted changes that have occurred since Trust Council saw the draft budget in December 2020.

Trustee Wright joined the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

11.2.2.2 FPC Recommended 2021/22 Budget Overview and Highlights - Briefing

DAS Mobbs noted that the largest part of the budget increase is being paid for by external grant funding.

The meeting recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m.

11.2.2.3 FPC Recommended Changes to the 2021/22 Budget – Briefing

DAS Mobbs reviewed the Financial Planning Committee (FPC) recommended changes contained in the briefing.

Council discussed adding back to the budget, items FPC recommended to remove, if reserve funds would still be adequate.

11.2.2.4 Islands Trust Conservancy Budget Request

Provided for information.

11.2.2.5 Local Trust Committee Project Requests >\$5,000

Provided for information.

11.2.2.6 Strategic Plan Projects and Staffing Requests

Provided for information.

11.2.2.7 SSI LTC - SSIWPA Special Tax Requisition – RFD

Financial Planning Committee (FPC) Chair Grove spoke to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SSI LTC) Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA) special tax requisition request for decision (RFD) as presented in the agenda package.

TC-2021-020

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Patrick,

That Islands Trust Council include a special property tax requisition for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area in the amount of \$75,500 in its 2021/22 annual budget, to fund additional operations of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) in preserving and protecting the quality and quantity of water resources within the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area.

CARRIED

11.2.2.8 2021/22 Budget Pre-FPC Amendments

Business Cases for Removed Projects

Trust Council discussed and debated the business cases for projects which were removed from the budget as presented in the agenda package.

Chair Luckham called the question on motion **TC-2021-017** which was postponed earlier.

TC-2021-017

It was Moved by Trustee Middleton and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Trust Council affirms a commitment to fund the Governance and Management Review using reserve funds from fiscal 2020/2021 to a maximum of \$75,000 as agreed at Trust Council December 3rd meeting by motion TC-2020-117.

TC-2021-021

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,
That motion **TC-2021-017** be amended to add to the end “and that the \$75,000 be allocated from the 2021/22 budget”.

CARRIED

The question on motion **TC-2021-017**, as amended by **TC-2021-021**, was called.

CARRIED

TC-2021-022

It was Moved by Trustee Wolverton and Seconded by Trustee Rockafella,
That Trust Council not accept Financial Planning Committee’s recommendation to remove the eelgrass mapping project and that it be added back in to the 2021/22 budget.

CARRIED

TC-2021-023

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Busheikin,
That Trust Council not accept Financial Planning Committee’s recommendation to reduce the Stewardship Education Program and that the additional \$15,000 be added back to the 2021/22 budget.

CARRIED

TC-2021-024

It was Moved by Trustee Fenton and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,
That the item “develop a set of climate change performance criteria” of \$25,000 be reinstated in the 2021/22 budget.

CARRIED

TC-2021-025

It was Moved by Trustee Busheikin and Seconded by Trustee Fast,
That the Bylaw Communications Specialist position be renamed “Community Communications Specialist” in the amount of \$34,260 and be reinstated in the 2021/22 budget as a part-time one-year position to be funded from surplus.

TC-2021-026

It was Moved by Trustee Busheikin and Seconded by Trustee Fast,
That the Bylaw Communications Specialist position be renamed “Community Communications Specialist” in the amount of \$34,260 and be reinstated in the 2021/22 budget as a part-time one-year position to be funded from surplus.

CARRIED

The question on motion **TC-2021-025**, as amended, was then called:

That the Bylaw Communications Specialist position be renamed “Temporary Community Communications Specialist” to be funded in the amount of \$34,260 and be reinstated in the 2021/22 budget to be funded from surplus.

CARRIED

TC-2021-027

It was Moved by Trustee Johnston and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,
That Islands Trust have no more than three Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Officers, including the Manager, for the year 2021/22.

DEFEATED

TC-2021-028

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Brent,
That Trust Council indicate that the September Trust Council meeting be held electronically and the budget be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED

TC-2021-029

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Busheikin,
That Trust Council include funding of \$25,000 for one additional in-person Trust Council meeting in March 2022.

CARRIED

Chair Luckham called the question on motion TC-2021-015, which was postponed earlier in the meeting.

TC-2021-015

It was Moved by Trustee Kaile and Seconded by Trustee Brent,
That Trust Council amend the Strategic Plan to include:
II. Governance and Management Review.

CARRIED

At 4:45 p.m. the meeting was recessed for the day and was scheduled to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Chair Luckham reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. stating gratitude to live and work on Coast Salish First Nations traditional and treaty territory. Except for Trustee Grant Scott and Trustee Cameron Thorn, all Trustees were in attendance when the meeting started. It was reported that on Thursday, March 11, 2021 there were 90 live-stream views.

12. CLOSED MEETING (under separate cover)

At 9:07 a.m., the meeting was closed to the public.

TC-2021-030

It was Moved by Trustee Rogers and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That the Islands Trust Council meeting be closed to the public subject to Section 90(1) of the Community Charter in order to consider matters related to: (c) labour relations or other employee relations, (g) litigation affecting the Islands Trust; and (i) receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege; and that staff be invited to attend the closed session.

CARRIED

At 10:15 a.m., the meeting was reopened to the public.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

12.1 Rise and Report

Chair Luckham reported on the following from the closed meeting:

- that the December Trust Council in-camera minutes were adopted,
- received a legal interpretation on *Islands Trust Electronic Meeting Regulation*,
- received a legal opinion on prohibiting or regulating non-emergency anchoring of vessels,
- received a staff report on litigation cases in the Trust Area,
- staff matters were discussed.

Trustee Rockafella left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

13. 2021/22 BUDGET APPROVAL

13.1 Bylaw No. 181 Financial Plan Bylaw 2021/22 – RFD

Director Mobbs spoke to the revised documents that were discussed by Trust Council yesterday, noting that the six changes were incorporated into the revised budget documents as presented and answered trustee questions.

TC-2021-031

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 181, cited as the “Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021-2022” be read a first time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-032

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 181, cited as the “Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021-2022” be read a second time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-033

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 181, cited as the "Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021-2022" be read a third time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-034

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 181, cited as the "Financial Plan Bylaw, 2021-2022" be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval consideration.

CARRIED

13.2 Bylaw No. 182 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw - RFD

TC-2021-035

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Fast,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 182, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2021-2022" be read a first time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-036

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 182, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2021-2022" be read a second time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-037

It was Moved by Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 182, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2021-2022" be read a third time.

CARRIED

TC-2021-038

It was Moved Trustee Grove and Seconded by Trustee Brent,

That Islands Trust Council Bylaw 182, cited as the "Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw 2021-2022" be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval consideration.

CARRIED

Vice Chair of the Financial Planning Committee, Trustee Brent, acknowledged the competence and excellence of financial advice and work provided by Director Mobbs.

9. TRUST AREA SERVICES

9.1 Consent Agenda Items

By general consent Trust Council adopted the recommendations in items 9.1.1. to 9.1.3.:

- 9.1.1 Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report
That Trust Council approves the top priorities of the Trust Programs Committee Work Program Report.
- 9.1.2 Legislative Monitoring Briefing
Receive for information.
- 9.1.3 Policy Directions Survey Results - Briefing
Receive for information.

9.2 Discussion/Decision Items

9.2.1 Trust Area Services Directors Report

Director of Trust Area Services Frater presented the highlights of the report. A question period ensued.

Director Frater and her team were commended for their significant effort on projects over recent months.

9.2.2 Islands Trust Conservancy Report

Chair of the Islands Trust Conservancy, Trustee Stamford, spoke to the report on activities over the fourth quarter.

10. LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES

10.1 Consent Agenda Items

10.1.1 Regional Planning Committee Work Program

By general consent Trust Council approved the top priorities of the Regional Planning Committee Work Program Report.

10.2 Discussion/Decision Items

10.2.1 Director of Local Planning Services Report

Director of Local Planning Services (DLPS) Marlor spoke to the report as presented and answered trustee questions.

10.2.2 Local Planning Services Renewal Status Report – Briefing

DLPS Marlor spoke to the Local Planning Services Renewal Report which responded to motions TC-2020-119 and TC-2020-120 made by Trust Council in December 2020.

Trustee Morrison spoke to the rationale for December’s request for decision contained in the report

TC-2021-039

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Colbourne, that Trust Council direct staff to allocate, no later than June 2021, five full-time equivalent (FTE) planners towards proactive policy planning, shifting these FTEs from current application planning work and to prepare draft amendments to relevant trust council policies.

Trustee Peterson left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Trustee Thorn joined the meeting at 12: 15 pm

DEFEATED

10.2.3 Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Statistics Report – Briefing

Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Manager Dingman spoke briefly to the report as presented.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

14. TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE

Trustees gave verbal updates on their local trust committee work, application updates and advocacy items. Trustee spoke to the focus topic of tree-cutting authority in the Islands Trust Area.

16. TRUSTEE / SUMMARY UPDATES

16.1 BC Ferries Advisory Committee Chairs – Update

Trustee Maude’s provided a written update contained in the agenda.

16.2 First Nations

Trustees spoke to recently attended meetings with K’òmoks First Nation, Snaw-Naw-As Nation, and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation). Jessica Wood was recommended as a speaker to consider for future Continuous Learning sessions.

16.2.1 Trustee Johnston re: Lasqueti Archaeology Project – Briefing

A report from Trustee Johnston about the project was provided with the agenda.

16.3 Gulf Islands National Park Reserve Advisory Committee

Trustee Middleton gave a verbal update on the committee's relationship building and cooperation with First Nations.

16.4 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance

Trustee Patrick reported on a recently convened Southern Gulf Islands roundtable where all levels of government, staff and others met to discuss issues on managing fresh water.

16.5 Howe Sound Community Forum

Trustee Rogers gave an update on the Cumulative Effects Pilot Project.

16.6 Freighter Roundtable Update

Trustees gave verbal updates regarding continued advocacy on this file. There is momentum locally however, with the appointment of a new federal minister, responses to concerns have slowed.

It was suggested that the Southern Gulf Islands Forum / Secretariat be added as regular item under Trustee Summary Updates on future agendas.

16.7 Trust Council Priorities Chart

TC-2021-040

It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That Trust Council add freighter anchorages to the list of Executive Committee Top Priorities.

CARRIED

16.8 Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

Chair Luckham called for disposition of delegation requests heard at item 4. The following motions were passed:

Rodenticide Free B.C. Delegation, item 4.3.

TC-2021-041

It was Moved by Trustee Patrick and Seconded by Trustee Wolverton,

That Trust Council direct staff to prepare a letter from the chair addressed to Provincial Minister of Environment urging that the Province of British Columbia introduce a province wide ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides, which are known to move through the food chain endangering wildlife.

CARRIED

B.C. Organic Extension Delegation, item 4.2.

TC-2021-042

It was Moved by Trustee Patrick and Seconded by Trustee Fenton,

that Trust Council direct staff to prepare a letter from the Chair to endorse Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Institute for Sustainable Food Systems' development and implementation of an organic agriculture and food system extension service in British Columbia with content in the letter that outlines that this extension service has the potential to contribute to the Islands Trust Council's strategic priorities for ecosystem preservation and protection, reconciliation, and climate change mitigation and adaptation including food security.

CARRIED

Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea Delegation, item 4.1.

TC-2021-043

It was Moved by Trustee Morrison and Seconded by Trustee Peterson,

That Trust Council ask staff to provide recommendations about how to broaden engagement and capacity building within local communities, particularly with respect to involving First Nations, in the work of the Islands Trust Area.

CARRIED

18. NEXT MEETING

18.1 Proposed June Trust Council Agenda Program

The schedule was presented for information. Some suggestions for meeting format included:

- Scheduling the evening session of delegations and town hall during the week before Trust Council so the meeting day is not so long;
- Adding standing item of Southern Gulf Islands forum under Trustee/Summary Updates;
- Including an education session on Coast Guard response;
- Length and duration of meeting during the pandemic makes for extraordinarily long meetings; for effective meetings spread them over more days.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

17.1 Trustee Johnston re: Model Bylaws – Briefing

TC-2021-044

It was Moved by Trustee Busheikin and Seconded by Trustee Langereis,

That the briefing from Trustee Johnston on the subject of model bylaws be forwarded to the Regional Planning Committee for consideration.

CARRIED

**17.2 F. Carlin re: Support for Ganges Village Planning and Climate Action in Island's Trust
Proposed Budget and Policy Statement dated February 5, 2021**

Received for information.

19. ADJOURNMENT

TC-2021-045

**It was Moved by Trustee Johnston and Seconded by Trustee Grove,
That the meeting adjourn at 3:15 p.m.**

CARRIED

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator