



Trust Council Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: July 8, 2021

Location: Electronic meeting

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
Grant Scott, Hornby Island
Peter Johnston, Lasqueti Island
Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island
Jeanine Dodds, Mayne Island
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
Steve Wright, South Pender Island
Doug Fenton, Thetis Island

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 (Victoria Boardroom)
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor
Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator (Victoria Boardroom)

There were between 24-38 webinar attendees present throughout the meeting. It was reported that there were 270 live-stream views during the meeting.

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT / CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 a.m., Chair Luckham called the meeting to order and humbly stated gratitude to live and work on Coast Salish First Nations traditional and treaty territory.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TC-2021-062

It was Moved by Trustee Brent and Seconded by Trustee McConchie,
That we add under business item 4.0, trustee roundtable.

Discussion ensued.

TC-2021-063

It was Moved by Trustee Peterson and Seconded by Trustee Fast,
To amend motion **TC-2021-062**; that item 4.0 be changed to 4.2.

CARRIED

The question on **TC-2021-062**, as amended by **TC-2021-063**, was put.

CARRIED

TC-2021-064

It was Moved by Trustee Fast and Seconded by Trustee Wright,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 June 8-9, 2021 draft Trust Council meeting minutes

TC-2021-065

It was Moved by Trustee Allen and Seconded by Trustee Wright,
That the June 8-9, 2021, draft Trust Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Trustee Critchley – Motion

Trustee Critchley introduced the motion as presented in the agenda package.

TC-2021-066

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

That Trust council affirms its understanding that preservation and protection of the environment is central to the mandate of the Islands Trust and that this responsibility must be given special and profound consideration in all our decisions and in all we do.

Discussion followed.

Trustee Brent questioned Trustee Critchley, “do you consider human beings as part of the natural environment?”

Trustee Critchley responded, “Certainly”.

Trustee Brent requested his question and Trustee Critchley’s response be recorded in the minutes.

Discussion continued.

TC-2021-067

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

That motion **TC-2021-066** be amended to read “That Trust Council affirms its understanding that preservation and protection of the *natural, terrestrial and marine environment* is central to the mandate of the Islands Trust and that this responsibility must be given special and profound consideration in all our decisions and in all we do.”

Discussion followed.

Trustee Brent questioned the mover of the motion - Trustee Scott, “Was it your intention by adding the word “*and marine*” to diminish the importance of humans as part of the natural environment?”

Trustee Scott responded, “Not a bit.”

Trustee Brent requested his question and Trustee Scott’s response be recorded in the minutes.

The question on motion **TC-2021-067** was put.

CARRIED

The question on **TC-2021-066** as amended by **TC 2021-2021-067** was put.

CARRIED

Chair Luckham paused to note the passing of Louise Bell, long serving Denman trustee and Trustee Brent acknowledged Harvey Janzen’s passing, long serving Saturna trustee.

4.2 Islands Trust Policy Statement Draft Bylaw No. 183 Consideration of First Reading and Next Steps for Engagement – RFD

A “Trustee Roundtable” where each trustee spoke for approximately 2 minutes, as resolved by **TC-2021-062**, ensued.

All trustees shared perspectives heard from their constituents regarding consideration of first reading of Policy Statement draft Bylaw No. 183 via recently received correspondence, social media streams, and local trust area community conversations.

The meeting recessed for a break at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Trustee roundtable continued.

Following the roundtable, Trustee Morrison, as Chair of Trust Programs Committee, introduced the request for decision (RFD) outlining process for potential amendments.

TC-2021-068

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

That the Islands Trust Council Bylaw No. 183, cited as “Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw, 2021” be read a first time.

DEFEATED

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 a.m. and reconvened at 12:50 a.m.

TC-2021-069

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,

That the Islands Trust Council postpone consideration of first reading of Bylaw No. 183, cited as “Islands Trust Policy Statement Bylaw, 2021” to December 2021.

CARRIED

TC-2021-070

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Peterson,

That the Islands Trust Council ask all Trustees to share the draft Trust Policy Statement with their Local Trust Area constituents between now and September, asking for feedback to be provided to Islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca.

TC-2021-071

MOVED by Trustee Fast, SECONDED by Trustee Patrick,

That motion **TC-2021-070** be tabled until a motion about the overall consultation is voted on.

CARRIED

TC-2021-072

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Langereis,

That the Islands Trust Council request staff to develop a revised project charter for public engagement on the draft new Policy Statement for approval and implementation by the Islands Trust Executive Committee by the end of August 2021.

CARRIED

TC-2021-073

MOVED by Trustee Morrison, SECONDED by Trustee Rockafella,

That the Islands Trust Council request that the draft new Policy Statement be referred to First Nations, Bowen Island Municipality, Local Trust Committees, the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, Regional Districts, Improvement Districts, School Districts and Provincial and Federal government agencies or departments having jurisdiction in the Trust Area.

TC-2021-074

MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee Brent,

That motion **TC-2021-073** be amended to insert the words “receive the draft new Policy Statement and” between the words “That the Islands Trust Council” and “request”.

CARRIED

The question on the following motion, as amended, was then called:

That the Islands Trust Council receive the draft new Policy Statement and request that the draft new Policy Statement be referred to First Nations, Bowen Island Municipality, Local Trust Committees, the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, Regional Districts, Improvement Districts, School Districts and Provincial and Federal government agencies or departments having jurisdiction in the Trust Area.

CARRIED

TC-2021-075

MOVED by Trustee Peterson, SECONDED by Trustee Johnston,

That motion **TC-2021-070** be lifted from the table:

That the Islands Trust Council ask all Trustees to share the draft Trust Policy Statement with their Local Trust Area constituents between now and September, asking for feedback to be provided to Islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca.

Debate ensued on the motion.

TC-2021-076

MOVED by Trustee Busheikin, SECONDED by Trustee Fast,

That the motion be amended to add the words “as part of a comprehensive consultation plan and supported by contextual material created by staff” after the word “constituents”.

DEFEATED

The question on the original motion, **TC-2021-075**, was then called.

CARRIED

TC-2021-077

MOVED by Trustee Rogers, SECONDED by Trustee Langereis,

That Trust Council approve an additional transfer of up to \$75,000 from the general revenue surplus fund in fiscal 2021/2022 for enhanced community and First Nations engagement on the draft new Policy Statement subject to approval of the revised engagement project charter by Trust Council.

CARRIED

5. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

TC-2021-078

MOVED by Trustee Kaile, SECONDED by Trustee Busheikin,

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Peter Luckham, Chair

Certified Correct

Lori Foster, Executive Coordinator/Recorder