



## Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Date:** August 3, 2021  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Laura Patrick, Chair  
 Doug Fenton, Local Trustee  
 Peter Luckham, Local Trustee

**Staff Present:** Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager  
 Jaime Dubyna, Island Planner  
 Sarah Shugar, Recorder

**Others Present:** Lynne Smith, Cowichan Valley Regional District Area G Saltair / Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director

### 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 9:31 a.m. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. Chair Patrick expressed support for the Penelakut Nation and continued reconciliation.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Luckham presented the following report:

- Attended Trust Council June 8 to 10, 2021.
- Attended a Trust Council special meeting on July 8, 2021 to consider the draft Trust Policy Statement. Trust Council deferred first reading of the draft Trust Policy Statement to continue the public consultation process.
- Attended a Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meeting.
- Attended a Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee meeting.
- Expressed gratitude to live and work on Thetis Island within the Penelakut territory.
- Spoke to the water shortages and impacts to the environment.
- Participated in a Walk for Children event organized by the Penelakut Nation on August 2, 2021. Approximately 1500 people attended the event.

Director L. Smith joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Trustee Fenton presented the following report:

- Expressed gratitude to live and work in Lyackson and Penelakut territory.
- Participated in a Walk for Children event organized by the Penelakut Nation on August 2, 2021.
- Attended an Islands Trust Conservancy meeting.
- Attended a site visit to Sidney Island with Islands Trust Conservancy staff and Raincoast Conservation Federation staff regarding land stewardship.
- Attended a Trust Policy Committee meeting.
- Attended Trust Council June 8 to 10, 2021.
- Attended a Trust Council special meeting on July 8, 2021 to consider the Trust Policy Statement. Trust Council deferred first reading of the draft Trust Policy Statement to continue the public consultation process.
- Attended a meeting with the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy (Thinc) regarding habitat stewardship opportunities for Thetis Island.
- Trustee Fenton expressed support for a community composting project.

### **3.2 Chair's Report**

Chair Patrick reported the Trust Policy Statement is an Islands Trust Federation-wide guiding principles document. Chair Patrick encouraged members of the public to email feedback concerning the draft Trust Policy Statement to [islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca). The Executive Committee supported a resolution requesting staff to report back on further public consultation on the draft Trust Policy Statement and a draft public consultation plan will be considered at the next Trust Council meeting.

### **3.3 Electoral Area Director's Report**

Director Smith presented the following report:

- Participated in a Walk for Children event organized by the Penelakut Nation on August 2, 2021.
- A CVRD regional recreation project will proceed with data collection to bring forward a referendum in 2022. Director Smith expressed support for Area G Gulf Island residents to be excluded from the data collection and the regional recreation usage funding as they would be minimal users of recreation programs.
- The Thetis Island Wharf grant application was unsuccessful. Director Smith will meet with stakeholders in August 2021 to explore options and solutions.
- Expressed support for a Thetis Island community composting initiative.

## **4. TOWN HALL**

There were no speakers in the town hall portion of the meeting. Chair Patrick welcomed members of the public to submit comments and questions to [northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca).

## **5. MINUTES**

### **5.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated June 1, 2021 - for adoption**

The following amendment to the minutes was presented for consideration: Replace the statement “Acknowledged the recently discovered missing and murdered students of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School” with “Acknowledged the lost children and unmarked graves of residential school students of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School” in the Call to Order, Trustee Reports and the Electoral Area Director's Report.

**By general consent** the minutes were adopted as amended.

**5.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report dated July 20, 2021**

Received.

**5.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**6.1 Follow-up Action List dated July 26, 2021**

Planner Dubyna provided an update regarding an item dated June 1, 2021 - Staff to provide supporting documentation to the Local Trust Committee (LTC) regarding a mining operation permit on Valdes Island.

**7. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

**7.1 Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 280 - Referral Request for Response**

A bylaw referral form dated July 19, 2021 regarding Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 280 was presented.

**TH-2021-023**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee advise the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee that its direct interests are unaffected by Galiano Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 280, however, the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee is cognisant of the accumulative impacts and is respectful of the need to create high density, low impact housing on the islands.

**CARRIED**

**8. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

**8.1 Shoreline and Coastal Protection Strategy Project - Staff Report**

Planner Dubyna presented a staff report dated July 20, 2021 regarding a Thetis Island Local Trust Committee – Shoreline and Coastal Protection Strategy Project.

In discussion, the following comments were noted:

- Add to discussion paper new item 2.4 – Current and future uses.
- Add to discussion paper new item 2.5 - Upland ecosystems at risk. If impacted will (indirectly) affect the health and sustainability of the coastal shoreline ecosystem.
- Project Charter “Objectives” section: Move the second bullet “to frame the direction and scope of the project” to be the first bullet.

- Project Charter “In Scope” section: Discussion paper that includes a review of existing Islands Trust wide and Thetis Island policies and regulations related to shoreline and coastal protection, collates existing data on shoreline ecosystem features/functions, and an overview of regulatory and educational options available to strengthen shoreline and coastal protection.
- Page 22 of agenda package (discussion paper section 5) – add a description of additional planning tools available (Regional Planning Committee shoreline project or other jurisdictions).
- Project Charter “In Scope” section: add “assess cumulative impacts”.
- Replace title “Thetis Island Shoreline and Coastal Protection Strategy Project - Charter v1” with “Thetis Island Shoreline and Coastal Protection Phase 1 Discussion Paper - Charter v1” to indicate this is a multi-phase project.
- It was noted there is a triangle area of ocean that is not currently zoned and it was asked whether this could be addressed in this project.
- To add funds to the budget to include community mail out and meeting costs.
- Timeline of project charter be extended for the item “Develop Project Charter for next phase” from Nov. 16, 2021 to Spring 2022 to be respectful of the time of mourning for First Nations and Covid.
- Discussion paper item 2.2 amended to recognize First Nations interests are broad and include “tidal, intertidal and upland”.
- Discussion paper item 2.3 - Replace “Data and mapping of buildings and structures sited within the shoreline area” with “Data and mapping of *existing* buildings and structures sited within the shoreline area”.
- Discussion paper item 2.3 - add a fourth bullet “hazard areas including landslip, surface water drainage, and severe weather impacted areas and sea level rise”.
- Discussion paper section 3 “Policy and Regulatory Framework for Shoreline Protection Strategies” moved to later in the document.
  - Under item 3.1. Replace “First Nation role” with “First Nation territorial interests” (to be considered with Lisa Wilcox).
  - Item 3.2. Replace “Federal role” with “Federal responsibilities”.
  - Item 3.3. Replace “Provincial role” with “Provincial responsibilities”.
- Discussion paper section 6, item 6.1 – replace “Identification and analysis of relevant Thetis Island OCP policies” with “Identification and analysis of relevant Thetis Island OCP policies, omissions, relevancy of current policy and climate change”. Applies to LUB (item 6.2) as well.
- In section 7 of the discussion paper, include an “Other” under “Options”.
- Include Regional District under the section 3 “Responsibilities”.
- Include reference to early and ongoing consultation - consultation should follow a ladder approach rather than a linear approach.
- Include provincial mapping for current buoys, docks and aquaculture leases.
- Include Trust-wide climate change adaption report.
- Include reference to Trust Council’s commitment to reconciliation in the introduction statement. Reference made to project work on Salt Spring – Ganges Village Plan and Housing project – for guidance.

**TH-2021-024**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a discussion paper for the Shoreline and Coastal Protection Strategy project in accordance with the draft discussion paper outline, dated August 3, 2021, inclusive of the feedback at the Local Trust Committee meeting of August 3, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9. DELEGATIONS – none**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - none**

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

**11. NEW BUSINESS – none**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 Trust Conservancy Report dated May 25, 2021**

12.1.1 The Heron - Spring 2021

Received.

**12.2 Applications Report dated July 26, 2021**

Received.

**12.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated May 2021**

Received.

**12.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

Received.

**12.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage - none**

**13. WORK PROGRAM**

**13.1 Top Priorities Report dated July 26, 2021**

Received.

**13.2 Projects List Report dated July 26, 2021**

There was discussion regarding adding a soil removal and deposit bylaw to the Projects List in association with community composting and supporting local food production. It was noted there are concerns regarding introduction of invasive species from removing and depositing soil. It was noted staff could reference North Pender Island Local Trust Committee and Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee recent work on Soil Bylaw projects.

**TH-2021-025**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee add development of a Soil Removal and Deposit Bylaw to the Projects List.

**CARRIED**

**14. CLOSED MEETING - none**

**15. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Thetis Island Community Centre (Forbes Hall), North Cove Road, Thetis Island, BC.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Sarah Shugar, Recorder