



Trust Programs Committee Minutes of a Regular Meeting

- Date:** October 29, 2021
Location: Electronic Meeting
- Members Present:** Timothy Peterson, Lasqueti Island Local Trustee (Vice 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
Kees Langereis, Gabriola Island Local Trustee
Dan Rogers, Gambier Island Local Trustee (EC Representative)
Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council Chair (Ex Officio)
- Regrets** Michael Kaile, Bowen Island Municipal Trustee
Deb Morrison, North Pender Island Local Trustee (Chair)
- Members Absent** Benjamin McConchie, North Pender Island Local Trustee
- Staff Present:** Clare Frater, Director, Trust Area Services
Dilani Hippola, Senior Policy Advisor
Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
Gillian Nicol, Engagement Planner
Narissa Chadwick, Island Planner
Tara Todesco, Community Communications Specialist
Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder
- Others Present:** No members of the public were present

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Vice Chair Peterson acknowledged that attendees of the meeting were on the traditional and treaty territories of several Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 New Items and Re-Ordering of the Agenda

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- 7.1 Freshwater Sustainability Strategy – verbal update from Island Planner Chadwick
- 8.1 Correspondence from Trustees Morrison and Wolverton to Executive Committee dated October 8, 2021, re: Sustained Learning

2.2 Approval of Agenda

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

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3. TOWN HALL

None

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1 Minutes of Meeting

5.1.1 Trust Programs Committee draft minutes of August 27, 2021

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

5.2 Resolutions Without Meeting

None

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Director Frater spoke to some of the items in progress. She noted that:

- there is progress in regards to the Crown land protocol including a meeting on October 28 with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and other meetings scheduled in December and January of 2022 to identify issues and to draft the agreement
- a meeting is being planned with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to investigate options for a joint review of road standards

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Appointment of Trust Programs Committee (TPC) alternate representative on Financial Planning Committee

TPC-2021-045

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Vice Chair be appointed to the Financial Planning Committee in the absence of the Chair of the Trust Programs Committee.

CARRIED

6.2 Secretariat Services – Feedback from Recipients - Briefing

Director Frater spoke to the briefing which was produced as a result of TPC's request.

Discussion included:

- all recipients are happy with the program and likely will want more support in future years

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- the value and impact of supporting these groups
- proposed changes to the *Islands Trust Act* may result in the ability to provide direct grants to organizations
- Director Frater will provide to Trustee Brent the reference to the Trust Council resolution that speaks to the requested change to the *Islands Trust Act* in regards to the potential ability to provide direct grants to organizations
- Director Frater also indicated that the proposed change to the *Act* would be enabling legislation, in that it would be Trust Council's decision to use that authority or not.

6.3 Stewardship Education Program Update - Briefing

Director Frater presented the Briefing that provides an update on the program. It was noted that there are many new residents in the Trust Area who would benefit from this program.

6.4 Trust Programs Committee Budget Requests FY2022/23 - Business Cases - RFD

Director Frater presented the RFD, indicating that the three business cases were provided as requested by the Committee. Discussion in regards to climate change indicators program business case included:

- there is no current baseline data available for the Trust Area that measures climate change impacts in the Trust Area
- the challenge for Islands Trust to measure progress in mitigation and adaptation efforts without accurate and complete baseline data
- the challenge of what would be possible with the amount of funds that might be available to develop a set of data and performance criteria
- possibility of partnering with other agencies or limiting the scope of the project
- Islands Trust does not have direct regulatory control of emissions and consumerism
- identification of actions that are within the jurisdiction of Islands Trust that likely would support mitigation and adaptation efforts
- potential of the draft Policy Statement amendments to more effectively address climate change within the jurisdiction of Islands Trust

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee reallocate funding currently (fiscal year 2021/22) in place for the climate change indicators program to the Trust policy engagement process as required.

TPC-2021-046

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the words 'recommend to Trust Council to' be added to the motion "that Trust Programs Committee reallocate funding currently (fiscal year 2021/22) in place for the climate change indicators program to the Trust policy engagement process as required".

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The question on the motion as amended was then called.

TPC-2021-047

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council to reallocate funding currently (fiscal year 2021/22) in place for the climate change indicators program to the Trust policy engagement process as required.

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TPC-2021-048

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee forward to the Financial Planning Committee, for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget, the business case for Strategic Plan Item No. 4.3 – to develop and implement a stewardship education program directed towards the public, industry and stakeholders in the Trust Area.

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TPC-2021-049

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee forward to the Financial Planning Committee, for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget, the business case for Strategic Plan Item No. 3.3 – to develop i) a set of climate change, demographic and environmental data and ii) performance criteria in order to identify the effects of climate change in the Trust Area and to measure mitigation and adaptation efforts.

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TPC-2021-050

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee forward to the Financial Planning Committee, for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget, the business case for Strategic Plan Item No. 5.2 – to provide a secretariat role to forums within the Trust Area

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6.5 Trust Programs Committee Meeting Schedule for 2022 - RFD

TPC-2021-051

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that Trust Programs Committee adopt the proposed meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year as presented in the Request For Decision.

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Director Frater noted that Financial Planning Committee passed the following resolution at their meeting of October 20, 2021:

that Financial Planning Committee recommend that Islands Trust Conservancy Board, Financial Planning Committee, Trust Programs Committee and Regional Planning Committee hold all but one meeting electronically annually and the budget be amended accordingly.

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TPC-2021-052

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that Trust Programs Committee direct staff to schedule the 2022 TPC meeting dates of February 11, April 8, May 13 and August 26 as electronic meetings, and list the Victoria Office Board Room as the public meeting location should Ministerial Orders under the *Emergency Program Act* regarding local government meetings change in 2022 requiring a physical location be provided.

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6.6 Community Stewardship Award Suspension - RFD

Director Frater presented the RFD, reminding the Committee that Trust Council requested that Trust Council reconsider the program in December of 2021 and therefore the Committee may consider a recommendation to be made to Trust Council. Director Frater indicated that the amount of staff time required to manage the program depends upon the number of nominations and enquiries that are received and therefore the number of hours of staff time could range from 1 to 2 full time weeks.

TPC-2021-053

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that Trust Programs Committee recommend to Trust Council that the Trust Council reinstate the Community Stewardship Awards Program beginning January 2022.

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TPC-2021-054

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that Trust Programs Committee recommend that Trust Council amend the Administration of the Community Stewardship Awards Program policy (2.1.11) to indicate that the program be offered once per Trust Council term.

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Committee recessed at 11:00 a.m. and resumed at 11:07 a.m.

TPC-2021-055

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

that Trust Programs Committee request staff amend the Community Stewardship Awards Program Trust Council Policy to reflect the program to run in the final year of a term.

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6.7 Policy Statement Amendment Project Update - Verbal Briefing

Director Frater stated that a Request for Proposals has been posted to the BC Bid site; it closes on November 12; the evaluation of received bids is tentatively scheduled for November 17; and once a contract has been concluded, staff will be in a better position to report to Trust Council in December in regards to any amended timelines for the

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project and budget considerations. She also stated that the current expectation of the conclusion of the contract will be in May, 2022, and that options to hire a communications person to support the project are being worked on. Discussion included:

- early and meaningful First Nation engagement is ongoing
- the referrals process to other agencies was open from July 22 to October 22; responses are on the website; a report will be provided to Trust Council in December.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Freshwater Sustainability Strategy (FWSS) – Verbal Briefing

Island Planner Chadwick provided a summary of the FWSS, indicating that it is a project of the Regional Planning Committee and they will be discussing it at their next meeting on November 3, 2021. The strategy involves many aspects of Islands Trust work including communication, planning, reconciliation and science. It includes a number of programs:

- Groundwater Sustainability Science Program
- Watershed Sustainability Science Program
- Freshwater Sustainability Reporting Program
- Cultural Knowledge and Engagement Program

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence from Trustees Morrison and Wolverton to Executive Committee, October 8, 2021, re: Sustained Learning

The correspondence was provided for information.

9. WORK PROGRAM

9.1 Trust Programs Work Program

Director Frater indicated that there are no recommended changes to the current Work Program.

TPC-2021-056

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Programs Committee Work Program be forwarded to Trust Council as presented.

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10. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is an electronic meeting on February 11, 2022.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Timothy Peterson, Vice Chair

Certified Correct:

Robert Barlow, Legislative Services Clerk/Recorder