



## Executive Committee Acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Date:** April 21, 2021  
**Location:** Electronic Meeting

**Members Present:** Peter Luckham, Chair  
Laura Patrick, Trustee  
Sue Ellen Fast, Trustee

**Staff Present:** Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager  
Wil Cottingham, Administrative Assistant  
Katherine Vogt, Recorder

**Others Present:** Bob Rogers, Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area E Director

**Regrets:** Dan Rogers, Trustee

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 11:01 pm. He introduced and welcomed trustees, staff, and Regional District of Nanaimo Director Bob Rogers. He acknowledged that the group was fortunate to be able to gather in locations across the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people. He expressed heartfelt regret that the pandemic was hitting many communities hard and that many First Nations communities were having to lock down. He noted that the meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and in a webinar format and that the group would consider any members of the public to participate on the webinar format.

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

### 2. TOWN HALL

Vice-Chair Patrick offered that if members of the public wished to correspond with the Executive Committee Acting as a Local Trust Committee (Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands) (BWEXLTC) they could email through the Northern Office.

Staff member Cottingham clarified that the proper email was [northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca).

### 3. MINUTES

#### 3.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes - none

Chair Luckham noted that the previous minutes would have been adopted by Resolution Without Meeting and were posted on the Islands Trust website.

#### 3.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting Report April 7, 2021

Received.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES****4.1 Follow-up Action List dated April 12, 2021**

Chair Luckham suggested that the status of Boat Tours be put on hold pending direction from the BWEXLTC. It was discussed that future Boat Tours could be of key importance to future relationship building.

**5. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS - none****6. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS - none****7. DELEGATIONS - none****8. CORRESPONDENCE - none**

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

**9. NEW BUSINESS****9.1 Forest Conservation Outreach Briefing - for information**

Chair Luckham noted that the Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands did not meet criteria for forest conservation. Trustee Fast and Director Rogers spoke on the significance of the marine ecology of kelp forests in the Ballenas-Winchelsea region.

**9.2 Change November 10, 2021 Meeting Date - for discussion**

The meeting date was changed to October 13, 2021 at 10:30 am.

**10. REPORTS****10.1 Trustee Reports**

Trustee Patrick spoke regarding the significance of shoreline protection work in relation to the Ballenas Winchelsea Islands region and expressed that the recent BC Parks purchase of West Ballenas Island was a thrilling new development.

Trustee Fast reported the following:

- The Islands Trust Conservancy was joining with the BC Kelp Resiliency Project to map and plan for kelp forests in times of climate change.
- The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute April 21 newsletter refers to a Marine Park Application for the entire 4900 Hectares of Ballenas-Winchelsea.
  - Chair Luckham responded that the application did not seem to be advancing. Part of the initiative of the application was to provide some protection from human and dog encroachment. Presently the Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands and Islets have Crown Land status which is quite open to public use. Park status would offer more protection.

**10.2 Chairs Report**

Chair Luckham expressed that the recent West Ballenas Island park acquisition was very exciting.

He queried if Island Planner Zupanec was still a member of the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute group. Regional Planning Manager Kauer could not confirm this. Chair Luckham expressed that it would be valuable to have some Islands Trust representation on this group.

### **10.3 Trust Conservancy Report - January 26, 2021**

- Trustee Fast noted that as a member of the Islands Trust Conservancy Board, the recent BC Parks Foundation purchase of West Ballenas Island would seem to offer new possibilities for relationship building between the two bodies, towards which future boat tours could be helpful.

### **10.4 Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area E Director Update**

Director Rogers noted the following:

- He was aware that another Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) director attended meetings of The Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute group, but that there was no formal connection between the RDN and that group.
- He had received strong positive community feedback over the recent BC Parks purchase of West Ballenas Island, especially in Nanoose. He spoke on the local financial and other contributions in the area that helped make the purchase happen. There were no financial contributions specifically from the Nanaimo Regional District towards this purchase.
- Future boat tours would be valuable.
- Kelp ecology is a significant concern.
- Some boaters on the Ballenas-Winchelsea Islands had been approached and questioned by the military.
- RDN staff are doing a search for a new General Manager for its Community Development and Strategic Planning because the previous position holder has moved on to become the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Courtenay.
- RDN is also in a search for a new Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional District of Nanaimo.
- RDN is also in a search for a General Manager of Community Utilities including Solid Waste.
- RDN is doing a secondary upgrade to the Nanoose wastewater treatment plant to be completed by 2024.
- RDN has just completed an upgrade to its Nanaimo Wastewater treatment system to the benefit of the marine ecosystem.
- Nanaimo General Hospital is one of the two designated hospitals on Vancouver Island for Covid treatment.

### **10.5 Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nation Representative Report (verbal report)**

### **10.6 Applications Report - none**

### **10.7 Trustee and Local Expense Report - none**

### **10.8 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

### **10.9 Local Trust Committee Webpage**

**11. WORK PROGRAM**

**11.1 Top Priorities Report dated April 12, 2021**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer had nothing new to report.

**11.2 Projects List Report dated April 12, 2021**

**12. CLOSED MEETING**

**13. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**13.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for**

October 13, 2021 at 10:30 am.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

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Peter Luckham, Chair

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Katherine Vogt, Recorder