



Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting

Date: February 3, 2022
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Sue Ellen Fast, Chair
 Dan Rogers, Local Trustee
 Kate-Louise Stamford, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager
 Diane Corbett, Recorder

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 Fast called the meeting to order at 10:32 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of Coast Salish First Nations.

Chair Fast introduced staff and trustees.

Chair Fast outlined the nature of the Special Meeting, which was being live streamed and recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

3.4 Letter of Appreciation to Minister for Glass Sponge Protection

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Meeting Procedure Bylaw No. 155 - for consideration and decision

Regional Planning Manager Kauer summarized the staff report on a proposed updated meeting procedure bylaw to: incorporate provincial regulation changes permitting local government regular business electronic meetings; and add provisions for public participation and meeting decorum. As this was an administrative bylaw, no public hearing would be required.

There was discussion of proposed recommendation number 5 regarding staffing support for electronic meetings.

Chair Fast drew attention to the meeting participation guidelines developed by the Local Trust Committee a few years ago, that discussed delegations, town hall, public comments, correspondence and applicants. Chair Fast compared some aspects of the guidelines with those proposed in the draft bylaw.

Points of ensuing discussion on the draft bylaw included:

- Response of other Local Trust Committees to the draft bylaw;
- There had been a range of views throughout the Trust regarding Recommendation 5 on staffing. The Executive Committee had determined to review this issue over the next six weeks. It would be on the agenda of the Financial Planning Committee;
- Support for flexibility around timelines at meetings (e.g., for delegations and Town Hall sessions);
- Applicability of some sections in the bylaw may vary on different islands; example: difference in public participation on Salt Spring and Gambier;
- Support for public comment on sections 18 to 40;
- Support for a focus on aspects of the draft bylaw dealing with electronic meetings.

GM-2022-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 155, 2022, be amended by removing sections 18 through 40, and that those sections be brought back to the Local Trust Committee for consideration at a future regular business meeting.

CARRIED

GM-2022-002

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 155, as amended, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022” be read a first time.

CARRIED

GM-2022-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 155, as amended, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022” be read a second time.

CARRIED

GM-2022-004

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 155, as amended, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022” be read a third time.

CARRIED

GM-2022-005

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 155, as amended, cited as “Gambier Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedure Bylaw, 2022” be forwarded to the Secretary of the Islands Trust for approval by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

3.2 GM-CL-2021.6 (New Brighton Barge Ramp)

Chair Fast advised that staff would follow up on the letter regarding the New Brighton dock that was on the Executive Committee agenda the previous day.

Trustee Stamford clarified that the current item of discussion pertained to the ramp that is beside the dock. The comment period on the application had closed. A planner had made a submission on behalf of Islands Trust regarding the zoning that suggested a rezoning would be required.

Regional Planning Manager Kauer (RPM) reported that, after staff had sent the referral to the Province, upon further assessment it appeared possible the ramp might be zoned properly. RPM Kauer recommended that staff take another look to confirm that the zoning is appropriate.

Trustee Stamford noted that there had been a lot of consternation in the community due to uncertainties pertaining to the dock and the ramp. The New Brighton dock committee was starting to become more active, and was moving toward a request for support from the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD). Trustee Stamford planned to meet with BC Ferries.

RPM Kauer will reconfirm the zoning and advise the LTC as soon as possible on the outcome.

3.3 Timber Supply Review - verbal report

RPM Kauer announced that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRORD) was conducting a review of the Sunshine Coast Timber Supply Area. Under Section 8 of the *Forest Act*, the Chief Forester must review the timber supply every ten years and determine the allowable timber cut.

There is public process for that process; the comment period ends February 15. Islands Trust was contacted by the SCRD who were referred those documents. They asked if Islands Trust wanted to submit a response with the SCRD referral; RPM Kauer indicated there was not staff capacity to look at this in detail. This is a Crown function on Crown land. Islands Trust does not have much capacity to influence, but now has that background information.

RPM Kauer noted her office has a new planner, who had received the information on the review. The new planner was asked to make sure it was considered as part of the Gambier OCP project.

Discussion ensued about forestry and the OCP, and background pertaining to the designation of two large cutblocks on Gambier.

GM-2022-006

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair to issue a letter of response regarding the Timber Supply Report for the Sunshine Coast pertaining to Gambier Island.

CARRIED

Trustee Stamford will work with Chair Fast in drafting a letter.

3.4 Letter of Appreciation to Minister for Glass Sponge Protection

GM-2022-007

It was MOVED and SECONDED

that Gambier Island Local Trust Committee direct the Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans thanking her for the provision to protect glass sponges in the Atl'ka7tsem / Howe Sound region.

CARRIED

Trustee Stamford will work with Chair Fast in drafting a letter.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fast noted the next scheduled Local Trust Committee meeting would be held on March 31, 2022.

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

Sue Ellen Fast, Chair

Certified Correct:

Diane Corbett, Recorder