



## Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Date:** June 6, 2022  
**Location:** Judith Fisher Centre  
 #1 China Cloud Bay Road  
 Lasqueti Island, BC

**Members Present:** Laura Patrick, Chair  
 Peter Johnston, Local Trustee  
 Timothy Peterson, Local Trustee

**Staff Present:** Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager  
 Katherine Vogt, recorder BY Zoom

**Others present:** Regional Director Andrew Fall by Zoom  
 Approximately two (2) members of the public

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. She introduced Trustees, staff, and recorder and welcomed Director Andrew Fall and members of the public.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Add Item 7.2.1 'Bylaw 100 Proposed Amendment' for discussion
- Add Item 7.2.2 'Notice Posting Position' for discussion

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

### 3. RISE AND REPORT - IN CAMERA MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Deferred until next meeting.

### 4. REPORTS

#### 4.1 Trustee Reports

Trustee Johnston reported on the following:

- An upcoming June 18, 2022 afternoon meeting at the Lasqueti Community Hall regarding the proposed Trust Policy Statement.
- Lasqueti Community Association and BC Parks involvement with the plaque unveiling in Squitty Bay to honor First Nations ancestors on July 15, 2022, with some First Nations individuals invited to attend.

Trustee Peterson reported on the following:

- The upcoming unveiling of the plaque honoring First Nations ties with Lasqueti Island.
- Correcting a personal statement made in the Town Hall portion of the previous Lasqueti Local Trust Committee meeting (LTC) regarding the oath of office for Trustees. It was recently confirmed that upholding the Object of the Trust is not a part of the Trustees Oath of Office. The Oath of Office is rather a generic oath that applies to all local governments. It was also recently conveyed that there was some interest in customizing the Oath of Office for the next round of swearing in.

#### **4.2 Chair's Report**

Chair Patrick reported on the following:

- An upcoming June 21 to 23, 2022 all virtual Trust Council meeting includes an opportunity in the evening of June 21, 2022 for members of the public to engage in a Town Hall.

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

Director Andrew Fall reported on the following:

- The qathet Regional District (qRD) recently received coastal flood mapping data for Lasqueti and other islands for emergency preparedness planning which will be shared with the Islands Trust.
- The Vancouver Island Regional Library is back to normal operations.
- The Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department (LIVFD) Asset Management Survey rolled out by the qRD received a very good number of 128 public responses which helps the qRD move forward with a management policy for the acquisition of local fire protection equipment.
- The qRD has secured grant funds for an emergency supplies shipping container for Lasqueti Island.

### **5. TOWN HALL**

Members of the public spoke on the following:

- Supreme Court of Canada ruled that members of the public can record conversations that they are involved in; therefore, members of the public should be permitted to record at LTC meetings.
  - Regional Planning Manager Kauer expressed uncertainty of Islands Trust policy regarding this issue
  - Chair Patrick noted that it would be a courtesy to disclose such recording.
- Chair Luckham's previous assertion that the term 'Grandfathered' is a racist term is based on its historical uses in the southern United States as an exclusionary term; however, its use in Canada is inclusionary and not connected to racism.
  - Trustee Johnston clarified that the origins of the term 'Grandfathered' relates to the 15<sup>th</sup> United States Constitutional Amendment which disallowed the denial of voting rights based on former enslavement or race. In opposition, some Southern states required licenses to vote which incidentally excluded many poor or illiterate white people who were then permitted to be 'Grandfathered In' to vote if their ancestors had been allowed to vote.

- Delegations' rules to send information to the Islands Trust 10 days in advance of a meeting for checking for defamatory contact is censoring and unfair given that members of the public are only given 5 days of notice for the change of a meeting venue or time; and, given that the Chair can refuse to consider defamatory debate or content at the meeting itself. The Meetings Procedures Bylaw should be amended to 5 days of notice for delegations' information and 5 days of notice for public meetings notification.
- Many people on Lasqueti feed the uncontained sheep which are legally considered owned if they are cared for or fed.
  - Trustee Peterson noted that the Ministry of Agriculture had recently suggested that the sheep be termed 'unowned' or 'formerly domestic.'
- A submission about a Trust survey referenced by the Southern Gulf Islands Coalition to the local newspaper Our Isle & Times that showed that 49% of residents wanted a decrease and 80% wanted no increase in the Trust budget has been side-stepped by local Trustees as misinformation. The approved budget is an increase of approximately 2 million dollars or 25%.
  - Trustee Peterson affirmed he had voted in favor of the budget and was aware of the survey results. Actual taxpayer property tax increases in the Trust average about 2%. Islands Trust does not control alarming increases in some people's property assessments or that increases in some assessments can result in lower taxes or tax rates for others. Public involvement in the budget process needs to be supported to be more proactive rather than post-reactive.
  - Chair Patrick noted the significant grant increases to the Trust this year and the significant expenses increase of the election. Trust budgets typically start out large and then get whittled down.
  - Trustee Johnston noted that only a portion of the Our Isle & Times submission was misleading, not all of it. A significant reason for the Trust budget increase was a loss of Federal money to the Conservancy for Species at Risk work. Grants add to the budget at no cost to the taxpayers.

## 6. MINUTES

### 6.1 Local Trust Committee Minutes dated April 11, 2022 - for adoption

The following amendments to the April 11, 2022 minutes were considered:

- Under Item 1, delete the entire italicized preamble.
- Under 4.1, Bullet 2, Line 2, June 15 should be corrected to July 15

**By general consent** the minutes of the Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Meeting of April 11, 2022 were adopted as amended.

### 6.2 Section 26 Resolutions-Without-Meeting - none

### 6.3 Advisory Planning Commission Minutes - none

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

### 7.1 Follow-up Action List dated May 30, 2022

In response to questions about the status of the Freshwater Sustainability Project, Regional Planning Manager Kauer noted that Freshwater Specialist William Shulba was anticipated to attend the next LTC meeting.

Chair Patrick noted that Southern Island Freshwater completed reports were available on the Trust website.

## **7.2 Notification Recommendation – Memorandum**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer noted that the present Lasqueti Island meeting procedures bylaw does not address making short notice changes to meeting dates, times, or venues. New notice procedures could be adopted by either amending the bylaw or by passing a standing resolution. There were also practical considerations around printing, mailing, and posting notices.

Trustee Johnston questioned that 2 trustees can apparently legally call a meeting and waive notice, which amounts to a secret meeting.

- Regional Planning Manager Kauer clarified that some notice had to be given, even if it were only 24-hour notice.

### **LA-LTC-2022-022**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee adopt the following standing resolution with respect to public notification of changes in Local Trust Committee meeting times, dates, or venues: Changes in meeting start times, dates, and/or venues shall be posted five business days prior to the meeting time on the Islands Trust website, on a notice board on island that is accessible to the public, and on a building entrance of the original and new venue if the venue is being changed.

**CARRIED**

Regional Planning Manager noted that staff needed to be on the Trustees email notification list.

#### **7.2.1 Bylaw 100 Proposed Amendment for discussion**

Discussion was deferred to agenda item 14.1.

#### **7.2.2 Notice Posting Position for discussion**

**By general consent** a closed meeting was added to agenda item 16 to discuss practical issues for notice posting.

## **7.3 Fees Bylaw No. 99 - Staff Report**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer presented the staff report which asks Trustees to consider third reading of Bylaw No.99 which would replace the older LTC Fees Bylaw No. 85.

### **LA-LTC-2022-023**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee amend Fees Bylaw No. 99 Section 6.6 by replacing the word 'less' to the word 'more'.

**CARRIED**

**LA-LTC-2022-024**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request that the Advisory Planning Commission either define 'community benefit' for the Official Community Plan Project as it relates to temporary use permits or recommend a process by which the Local Trust Committee could define 'community benefit.'

**CARRIED**

Consideration of third reading of Bylaw No.99 was deferred to next meeting.

**By general consent** the meeting recessed at 1:03 pm and reconvened at 1:31 pm.

**8. APPLICATIONS AND REFERRALS**

Received.

**9. LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

**9.1 Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan (OCP) Comprehensive Review - Staff Report**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer presented the staff report which updates Trustees on the Lasqueti Official Community Plan (OCP) project, noting the following:

- A requested letter from the Chair to Snaw-Naw-As First Nation will be ready soon.
  - Chair Patrick suggested that her new role as Chair of the Lasqueti LTC could be included in the letter.
- The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) referral regarding the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) objections regarding crown land uses is pending the setting up of an Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting.
- The Ministry of Agriculture response to Lasqueti sheep terms advised that the terms 'feral,' 'invasive,' and exotic' have specific legislative meaning. It was suggested to use the terms 'unowned' or 'formerly domestic' instead.
  - Trustee Johnston noted that the sheep were not considered a heritage breed, yet some in the community wanted a heritage status to better protect them.

**10. DELEGATIONS-none**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE-none**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

**12.1 Annual Report - Staff Report**

Regional Planning Manager Kauer presented the staff report that asks Trustees to endorse the Lasqueti portion of the annual Trust report.

**LA-LTC-2022-025**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee endorse the following text for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Annual Report for approval by the Islands Trust Council and submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, as amended:

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee (LAILTC) held five regular business meetings and one special meeting in the 2021/22 fiscal year, for a total of six meetings. Work for this period focused on advancing amendments to the Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan. The LAILTC also amended their Meeting Procedures bylaw to allow all LTC meetings to be electronic when needed. This year staff reviewed one subdivision referral in the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Area.

**CARRIED**

**12.2 Making Requests of Staff More Specific - for discussion**

Trustees discussed how to better clarify resolutions, referrals to the APC, and requests of staff.

**13. REPORTS**

**13.1 Trust Conservancy Report dated March 3, 2022**

Received.

**13.2 Applications Report dated May 30, 2022**

Received.

**13.3 Trustee and Local Expense Report dated March, 2022**

Received.

**13.4 Adopted Policies and Standing Resolutions**

Received.

**13.5 Local Trust Committee Webpage**

**14. WORK PROGRAM**

**14.1 Top Priorities Report dated May 30, 2022**

**LA-LTC-2022-026**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee remove Model Cell Tower Strategy from the Top Priorities list.

**CARRIED**

**LA-LTC-2022-027**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee add amending Bylaw No. 100 to include notice procedures for changes to meeting dates, time, or venue; and amendment to Section 21, to the Top Priorities list.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Peterson declared a conflict of interest in the matter of any discussion regarding The Last Resort and left the meeting at 2:03 pm.

Regional Planning Manager Kauer noted that Health Center activities at the Last Resort, as well as activities at several other local properties, were uncompliant with current zoning because there was no community use zoning on Lasqueti Island.

**LA-LTC-2022-028**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee add amendment of the Land Use Bylaw to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Project by adding a new zoning designation that would allow community uses more broadly.

**CARRIED**

Trustee Peterson returned to the meeting at 2:12 pm.

**14.2 Projects List Report dated May 30, 2022**

Received.

**15. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**15.1 Next Regular Meeting Scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2022 at 11:00 am at Judith Fisher Centre, #1 China Cloud Bay Road, Lasqueti Island, BC**

**By general consent** the regular meeting was recessed at 2:13 pm

**16. CLOSED MEETING**

**LA-LTC-2022-029**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, s.90(1) (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality; and that the recorder and staff remain.

**CARRIED**

Director Fall left the meeting at 2:15 pm.

**By general consent** the regular meeting reconvened at 2:25 pm.

**LA-LTC-2022-030**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to look into purchasing a laser printer for the use of the Local Trust Committee.

**CARRIED**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**By general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Laura Patrick, Chair

Certified Correct:

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Katherine Vogt, Recorder