



Trust Fund Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Board Members Present
Tony Law, Chair
Dereck Atha
Ronald Bertrand
Julie Glover
Susan Morrison
Kate-Louise Stamford attended the meeting by teleconference.

Staff Present
Jennifer Eliason, Islands Trust Fund Manager
Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Nuala Murphy, Property Management Specialist
Rob Gratton, Communications & Fundraising Specialist
Corlynn Strachan, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. CLOSED MEETING

The Trust Fund Board convened the closed portion of the meeting at 10:05 am and resumed in open meeting at 11:55 am to Rise and Report.

TFB-2015-052

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Trust Fund Board; and (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that Jennifer Eliason, Kate Emmings, Nuala Murphy, Rob Gratton, and Corlynn Strachan be invited to remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

4. RISE AND REPORT

The Trust Fund Board reported on the following items:

- The Board approved a conservation proposal for a conservation covenant on Lasqueti Island.
- The Board authorized the Chair to sign the Finlay Lake Conservation covenant with the Galiano Conservancy Association and directed staff to consider

recommending the addition of TLC - The Land Conservancy of BC as a co-holder to the Finlay Lake covenant in the future.

- The Board requested staff to prepare possible revisions to the Trust Council *Procedure 2.1.xxi Administration of the Crown Land Acquisition Initiative* to more clearly address aboriginal claims and title and the procedures TFB will follow to consult with First Nations.
- The Board directed staff to pursue options for the protection of a 21 hectare property on Thetis Island.

5. MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1. Minutes of Meetings/Resolutions without Meetings

5.1.1. Approval of the January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

5.2. Follow-up Action List

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Follow-up Action List for information.

6. BUSINESS

6.1. Items for Approval

6.1.1. RFD - Wallace Point NAPTEP Covenant Approval

The Ecosystem Protection Specialist briefed Board members on the Wallace Point NAPTEP conservation covenant.

TFB-2015-053

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Fund Board authorizes the Chair to sign a NAPTEP covenant with 0697595 B.C. Ltd., Inc. No. 0697595 over the land described as PID 008-045-453, Lot 23, Section 6, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1084, Except Part in Plan 19554.

CARRIED

6.1.2. RFD - Approval of Revised TFB Policy 1.7 Fundraising and Donations

The ITF Manager highlighted the revisions to *Policy 1.7 Fundraising and Donations* for Board members, and explained that existing TFB Policy 1.8 would become redundant with the adoption of the revisions.

TFB-2015-054

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Fund Board approve the revisions to TFB Policy 1.7 Fundraising and Donations.

CARRIED

TFB-2015-055

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Fund Board repeal TFB Policy 1.8 Donor Recognition Policy.

CARRIED

6.1.3. RFD - Achilles NAPTEP Proposal

The Ecosystem Protection Specialist presented the Achilles NAPTEP conservation proposal to the Board, highlighting that the existing covenant on the property allows for firewood removal, which will not continue under the NAPETP covenant. The property contains sensitive ecosystems and rare species. Yellow flag iris is present in the wetland, which is a potential management issue. The EPS also highlighted that the owner would be required to provide a new baseline report.

TFB-2015-056

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Trust Fund Board approve the proposal to covenant approximately 6.3 ha (15.5 acres) of the land owned by Nancy Achilles and described as PID 017-434-297, Lot 2, District Lot 39, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP52771.

CARRIED

6.2. Items for Discussion/Direction

6.2.1. Agenda Items for Joint Meeting with Executive Committee

Board Members discussed possible agenda items and noted that this is the 1st meeting of a four year term. Possible agenda items include:

- Trust Council's Strategic Plan and ITF priorities
- CDFCP Strategic Plan and ITF's Regional Conservation Plan
- TFB involvement with building relationship with Bowen Island
- Salish Sea Conference - 2016, possibly have representation from Islands Trust and ITF
- Budget and increasing costs of ITF taking on additional properties
- Property management costs and strategy
- Identify conservation priorities, CDF initiative
- Working with LPS on model OCP bylaws and protected area networks
- First Nations relationship building

The ITF Manager and Chair Law agreed to review and narrow down agenda items for the May meeting.

6.2.2. BRF CDFCP Update

The Ecosystems Protection Specialist briefed Board members on the background and recent activity of the CDFCP. The CDFCP Conservation Strategy is currently being drafted by a consultant. This project will end in June 2015. Board members discussed how the CDFCP relates to the RCP Regional Conservation Plan.

6.3. Updates for Information

6.3.1. Public Acquisitions Update

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Public Acquisitions Report for information.

6.3.2. Public Covenants Update

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Public Covenants Report for information.

6.3.3. Communication and Fundraising Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Communication and Fundraising report for information. Board members suggested tracking the effect of NAPTEP on property appraisals/values. The Communications and Fundraising Specialist updated Board members on plans to create a YouTube video in collaboration with THINC to raise funds for Lower Burchell Hill.

The Board discussed the Gambier Island Acquisition Fund and the Gambier Island Conservancy's interest in seeing the fund used to support Crown land acquisition on Gambier Island. The Board confirmed that the Lasqueti Crown land initiative is a priority, and that Gambier Crown land presents a future opportunity.

6.3.4. Budget Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Budget Report for information. The ITF Manager highlighted that most of property management budget will be spent and there is a slight surplus in conservation planning amount.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on May 12, 2015.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By **general consent** the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm