



Trust Fund Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Board Members Present Tony Law, Chair
Ronald Bertrand
Kate-Louise Stamford
Susan Morrison

Board Members Regrets Dereck Atha

Staff Present Jennifer Eliason, Islands Trust Fund Manager
Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Nuala Murphy, Property Management Specialist
Corlynn Strachan, Secretary
Mandy Giesbrecht, Executive Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Law called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added under 6.2 Items for Discussion/Direction:

6.2.2 Communications for Acquisitions

6.2.3 Fundraising for Major Gifts

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

3. CLOSED MEETING

The Trust Fund Board convened the closed portion of the meeting at 10:05 am and resumed in open meeting at 10:45 am to Rise and Report.

TFB-2016-010

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 that Jennifer Eliason, Kate Emmings, Nuala Murphy, Corlynn Strachan, and Mandy Giesbrecht be invited to remain in the meeting.

CARRIED

4. RISE AND REPORT

The Trust Fund Board reported on the following items:

The Trust Fund Board approved an Opportunity Fund grant of \$3,250 to the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy to be used for a property appraisal associated with a proposed acquisition.

5. MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1 Minutes of Meetings/Resolutions without Meetings

5.1.1 Approval of February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

By general consent, the minutes were adopted, as amended.

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 NAPTEP Proposal – Link Island

The Ecosystem Protection Specialist (EPS) highlighted that staff have been in contact with the applicant for eight years, since NAPTEP expanded to include the Regional District of Nanaimo. The EPS also noted the important ecological features of the island, as well as potential trespass and deer management issues.

TFB-2016-011

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board approve Elizabeth Working Swift's proposal to covenant approximately 20 ha of the land described as "Section 25, Nanaimo District (Part of DeCourcy Group of Islands), Parcel Identifier 009-772-138" through the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program (NAPTEP).

CARRIED

6.1.2 Support For "Fund For Nature's Future"

The ITF Manager briefed Board members on the Environmental Law Centre report and highlighted the "Pops for Parks" initiative. Board members discussed the report and addition of this item to the Trust Fund Board – Executive Committee liaison meeting agenda scheduled for the afternoon.

TFB-2016-012

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board show support for increased provincial funding for the acquisition of natural lands by signing onto the "Fund for Nature's Future" proposal.

CARRIED

TFB-2016-013

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board share information about the “Fund for Nature’s Future” and the AVICC resolution proposed by the District of Highlands regarding “Pops for Parks” with the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Voting Authorization for the Land Trust Alliance of BC

The ITF Manager advised Board members that since she became a LTABC Board member in 2015, it is preferable to have a Board volunteer to fulfill the voting representative role required by LTABC to be eligible for funding from the BC Gaming Commission. Member Stamford volunteered.

TFB-2016-014

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board appoint Kate-Louise Stamford for a two year term as the voting representative of the Trust Fund Board at the Annual General Meeting of the Land Trust Alliance of BC, and appoint Kate Emmings and Tony Law as alternates.

CARRIED

6.2 Items for Discussion/Direction

6.2.1 Review Agenda for TFB/EC Liaison Meeting

Board members reviewed the agenda and noted the need to discuss the follow up items from the May 12, 2015 meeting.

6.2.2 Communications for Acquisitions

Board member discussed the current partner acquisition project and suggested the use of disclaimers on photos in communications materials.

6.2.3 Fundraising for Major Gifts

Member Stamford asked about ITF work to date on major gifts. Board members discussed the use of a fundraising consultant and possible training for TFB board members. Board members requested a summary of work and reports to date on this subject be provided at a future meeting, once the new ITF Communications Specialist is in place.

6.3 Correspondence

6.3.1 Letter from PICA re: Port Browning Marina Resort, N. Pender - ITF Inventory Map

The Trust Fund Board received the letter for information. The Ecosystem Protection Specialist will follow up with Justine Stark, Island Planner, regarding providing a report and inventory map.

6.4 Updates for Information

6.4.1 Public Acquisitions Update

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

6.4.2 Public Covenants Update

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on May 10, 2016 at 10:00 am.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.