



Trust Fund Board - Executive Committee Liaison Meeting Minutes of Regular Meeting



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

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

Board Members Regrets Dereck Atha

Executive Committee Members Present George Grams
Laura Busheikin
Peter Luckham, EC Chair

Staff Present Jennifer Eliason, ITF Manager
Kate Emmings, ITF Ecosystems Protection Specialist
Corlynn Strachan, ITF Secretary
Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Gordon, Director Trust Area Services
Clare Frater, Trust Area Policy Analyst
Mandy Giesbrecht, Executive Coordinator

Guests Danielle Prevost, Environment and Climate Change Canada
Jenna Bedore, Environment and Climate Change Canada

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order early at 12:47 pm. Chair Law acknowledged that the meeting was being held in traditional territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Chair Law welcomed the guests and initiated introductions.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was approved.

3. MINUTES/COORDINATION

3.1 Record of May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Trust Fund Board received the adopted May 12, 2015 meeting minutes for record.

Trustee Luckham requested an update on Item 5.1.1 Grace Islet and Potential TFB Involvement. The ITF Manager reported she had communicated to the Nature Conservancy of Canada TFB's willingness to enter into a covenant and to participate in ongoing monitoring and stewardship of the islet. NCC staff

appreciated the offer, and indicated it may be some time before they would be ready to consider a covenant.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Items for Discussion/Direction

4.1.1 Update on Trust Fund Board Appointed Members

Trust Fund Board Member Bertrand reported that the TFB is currently down one appointed member, as Julie Glover's term ended December 31, 2015. Member Atha's second term expires in June. The ITF Manager is currently working with the Board Resourcing and Development Office (BRDO) staff to advertise two vacant positions.

Trust Fund Board and Executive Committee members discussed "getting the word out" via the Executive Committee and advertising the positions.

4.1.2 Request for Legislative Change/Name Change

Trust Fund Board and Executive Committee members discussed the history, the importance of the name change, delays related to the Salt Spring Island incorporation referendum.

Trustee Luckham noted the importance of continuing with the name change request and not to fear the implications of opening up the Islands Trust Act.

4.1.3 Trust Fund Board collaboration with Trust Council, Local Trust Committees and Bowen Island Municipality on items of mutual interest

- TFB and EC members discussed the value of the Trust Fund Board report for local trust committees. It was suggested that each LTC chair could highlight relevant points on the report to increase public awareness.
- TFB and EC members discussed concerns occasionally raised regarding the cost of Islands Trust Fund. Trustee Grams noted the perception that the more land protected by TFB, the more the islanders pay in taxes. Chair Law noted ITF is responding to a community need. Director Gordon noted that the ITF budget has gone from 10% of overall Islands Trust budget to 7% in the last 10 years. The ITF Manager commented on tax implications, and noted the three tools used to protect land (TFB owned, NAPTEP and covenants) have different costs and tax implications associated with them.
- TFB and EC members discussed visioning of the Islands Trust and Islands Trust Fund. Board members highlighted that ITF has a vision, laid out in the Regional Conservation Plan, and that ITF's work should be promoted and celebrated as part of the Islands Trust's success.
- ITF Manager briefed Executive Committee members on the Environmental Law Centre report, *Fund for Nature's Future*, and the possibility of an AVICC resolution supporting "Pops for Parks".

4.1.4 Role of Local Government in Protecting Species at Risk

Danielle Prevost, Environment Canada, provided a presentation to TFB and EC members and staff regarding the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), the designation of critical habitat, and local government tools to protect species at risk. Ms. Prevost highlighted that SARA is applicable to all Canadian lands and waters.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be determined in early 2017 in Victoria

6. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm.