



Trust Fund Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2016
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Board Members Present
Tony Law, Chair
Ronald Bertrand
Kate-Louise Stamford
Susan Morrison
Hoops Richard Harrison, by teleconference

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Law called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and acknowledged that the meeting was being held in the territory of Coast Salish First Nations.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following addition to the agenda was presented for consideration:

- 6.2.5 Communications with Land Trust Partners

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 11:33 am to Rise and Report.

TFB-2016-031

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

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Trust Fund Board if they were held in public; and that Jennifer Eliason, Kate Emmings, Nuala Murphy, 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 Trust Fund Board request staff to amend the Trust Fund Board Land Securement Strategy 2016-2027, as discussed at the November 22, 2016 meeting.
- The Trust Fund Board approved negotiation of a conservation covenant with the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy and Cowichan Community Land Trust.

5. MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1 Minutes of Meetings/Resolutions without Meetings

5.1.1 Approval of the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

By general consent, the Trust Fund Board meeting minutes of September 19, 2016 were adopted as presented.

5.2 Follow-up Action Report

The Islands Trust Fund Manager provided an update for each item on the Follow-up Action Report.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Items for Approval

6.1.1 2017 Trust Fund Board Meeting Dates

TFB-2016-032

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board approves the 2017 Meeting Schedule, as attached.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Cyril Cunningham Nature Reserve Management Plan, Salt Spring Island

The ITF Property Management Specialist presented the management plan to Board members and highlighted that this is the third revision of the plan, noting that although a comprehensive species at risk report has not been done, one provincially-listed Species at Risk, leafless wintergreen, has been identified.

TFB-2016-033

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board approve the 2016 Cyril Cunningham Nature Reserve Management Plan.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Burren's Acres Nature Reserve Management Plan, Gabriola Island

The ITF Property Management Specialist highlighted that this is the first management plan for this property. There is no conservation covenant on

this reserve and the volunteer warden has done lots of invasive species removal.

TFB-2016-034

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board approve the 2016 Burren's Acres Nature Reserve Management Plan.

CARRIED

- 6.1.4 Seeking Provincial Support for Thetis Island Land Acquisition
Board members discussed the timeline for additional groundwork needed to plan this approach. The ITF Manager noted recent contact with the MLA and highlighted the limited period to secure funds.

TFB-2016-035

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board direct Chair Law to write to both the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations seeking funding to complete the purchase of Fairyslipper Forest, Thetis Island.

CARRIED

6.2 Items for Discussion/Direction

- 6.2.1 Round Table: LTABC Seminar Series Updates
Board members and ITF staff who attended the LTABC Seminar Series on November 3rd and 4th in Victoria highlighted Mark Smiley's presentation on the four dimensions of sustainable impact – leadership, strategy, band and culture; the idea of "friend raising"; the Islands Trust Fund's role in fundraising; tourist versus active board members; and, a possible Board retreat once the new TFB member is appointed.
- 6.2.2 Briefing for Council Committees re: 2014-2018 Strategic Plan
Board members reviewed the document and requested edits.

ITF-2016-036

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board requests the following changes to the Islands Trust Strategic Plan and directs staff to forward the request to the Executive Committee:

- **Update** T.1.1.3 Investigate collaborative opportunities for promoting voluntary stewardship options on mixed-use landscapes - change "measure of success" to "By whether TFB has considered tools, resource requirements and opportunities associated with mixed use landscape conservation"
- **Delete** T.1.5.4 Protect a parcel of Crown forest on Lasqueti Island through Sponsored Crown Grant Program
- **Extend to 2018/19** T.2.2.1 Complete mapping of forage fish habitat for major islands

CARRIED

- 6.2.3 Draft Trust Council Policy - First Nations Engagement Principles
The ITF Manager briefed Board members on the draft First Nations Engagement Principles Policy that will be considered by Trust Council in December.

ITF-2016-037

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board request an additional principal be added to the First Nations Engagement Principles Policy: The Islands Trust works with separate nations with different customs, history, culture and expectations of engagement.

CARRIED

- 6.2.4 Fairyslipper Forest Communications Plan
The ITF Manager presented the communications plan to Board members and highlighted the upcoming Giving Tuesday campaign and a possible matching campaign in early 2017.

- 6.2.5 Communications with Land Trust Partners
Chair Law suggested writing a non-agenda letter to partners expressing appreciation, noting ITF work on the Regional Conservation Plan and the upcoming opportunity for feedback. Board members discussed the importance of partner relationships and the timing of the letter.

2016-2016-038

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board direct Chair Law to write a letter to each of our local land trust partners in appreciation of the work they do.

CARRIED

6.3 Correspondence

- 6.3.1 ITF Response to BC Marine Trail Network
The Trust Fund Board reviewed the response letter for information.

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.
- 6.4.3 Communication and Fundraising Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Communication and Fundraising Report for information.

6.4.4 Property Management Specialist Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Property Management Specialist Report for information. The ITF Property Management Specialist highlighted a recent funding application for a platform around Elder Cedar to reduce negative impact of foot traffic and vandalism.

6.4.5 Budget Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Budget Report for information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on February 7, 2017 at 10:00 am.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.