



Trust Fund Board Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Islands Trust Victoria Boardroom
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Board Members Present Tony Law, Chair (by teleconference)
Ronald Bertrand (by teleconference)
Kate-Louise Stamford (by teleconference)
Susan Morrison
Hoops Harrison
Robin Williams (by teleconference)

Staff Present Jennifer Eliason, Islands Trust Fund Manager
Kate Emmings, Ecosystem Protection Specialist
Nuala Murphy, Property Management Specialist
Corlynn Strachan, Administrative Assistant
Clare Frater, Director Trust Area Services, joined the meeting at 10:27 am
Russ Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer, joined the meeting at 12:05 pm and departed the meeting at 1:16 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The ITF Manager called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, acknowledged that the meeting was being held in Coast Salish First Nations territory, and initiated introductions.

1.1 Election of Trust Fund Board Chair

Trustee Law was elected by acclamation as Trust Fund Board Chair.

1.2 Resolution for Teleconference Meeting Attendance

TFB-2017-001

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board waive the restriction in 10.1 (b) of the Trust Fund Board Meeting Procedures Bylaw, allowing four members to attend the February 7, 2017 meeting by teleconference.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions/changes to the agenda were presented for consideration:

- Added Item 1.2 Resolution for Teleconference Meeting Attendance
- Added Item 7.1 Financial Planning Committee Appointment under New Business
- Defer Item 6.2.2 First Nations in the Islands Trust Area – Presentation/Discussion to the April 4, 2017 Trust Fund Board meeting

By general consent, the agenda was approved as amended.

3. CLOSED MEETING

TFB-2017-002

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 approved the TFB Land Securement Strategy 2017-2027 with amendments.
- The Trust Fund Board authorized Trustee Morrison to sign a covenant on Isabella Point, Salt Spring Island.
- The Trust Fund Board directed Trustee Morrison to sign the closing documents to purchase Moore Hill on Thetis Island.
- The Trust Fund Board directed the Chair to sign a covenant with the Cowichan Community Land Trust over Moore Hill, Thetis Island, once the land is successfully transferred.
- The Trust Fund Board will consult the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy (ThINC) during the development of a management plan for the nature reserve on Moore Hill.

5. MINUTES/COORDINATION

5.1 Minutes of Meetings/Resolutions without Meetings

5.1.1 Approval of the November 22, 2016 TFB Regular Meeting Minutes

By general consent, the Trust Fund Board meeting minutes of November 22, 2016 were adopted.

5.2 Follow-up Action List

The Islands Trust Fund Manager provided an update on each of the items in the Follow-up Action List.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Items for Approval

6.1.1 Project Charter: Regional Conservation Plan

Board members discussed objectives met/not met on the previous Regional Conservation Plan, connecting with Trustees at Local Trust Committee (LTC) by briefing of LTC Chairs at an Executive Committee meeting, and expressed concern about the timeline and staff capacity.

Board members requested changes to the Draft RCP Charter document:

- Objective: add “and conservancy partners” to bullet 4
- In-Scope: add Bowen Island Municipality to bullet 5 and under First Nations bullet 6 change “consideration of” to “seek and consider”

TFB-2017-003

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Trust Fund Board approve the amended project charter for development of the 2018-2028 Regional Conservation Plan.

CARRIED

6.2 Items for Discussion/Direction

6.2.1 Trust Council Resolution Regarding Provincial Funding for TFB

The ITF Manager briefed Board members on a recent resolution of Trust Council adding an activity to the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan which tasks the Executive Committee with reviewing the Islands Trust Act, and considering a request for legislative change to address a number of issues. One of the issues highlighted was the lack of provincial funding provided to the Trust Fund Board.

Board members discussed the resolution and outline provided to Trust Council, timing of a potential request for legislative change, and recommended this as a topic for discussion at the Trust Fund Board liaison meeting with the Executive Committee scheduled for July 18th. Trustee Morrison noted the discussion, and will report to the Executive Committee.

6.2.2 First Nations in the Islands Trust Area – Presentation/Discussion

Board members deferred this item to the April 4, 2017 TFB meeting.

6.3 Correspondence

6.3.1 Email update from the Coastal Douglas-fir and Associated Ecosystems Conservation Partnership (CDFCP)

The ITF Ecosystems Protection Specialist provided an update to Board members.

6.3.2 Letter of Support for Mayne Island Conservancy

Board members reviewed the letter of support. The ITF Manager briefed Board members on the project, noted this as a significant project that fits with ITF conservation goals, and highlighted that there is a short timeline on this project.

6.4 Updates for Information

6.4.1 Public Acquisitions Report

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

6.4.2 Public Covenants Report

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.

The ITF Manager noted that staff would be developing materials to celebrate reaching 100 conservation properties. Staff welcome suggestions from Board members regarding opportunities to acknowledge this milestone in island communities.

Chair Law suggested the creation of an ITF photo presentation for Trust Council to celebrate the work of the ITF.

Board members discussed Canada 150 and opportunities to acknowledge partnerships.

6.4.4 Property Management Specialist Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Property Management Specialist Report for information.

6.4.5 Budget Report

The Trust Fund Board reviewed the Budget Report for information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Financial Planning Committee Appointment

Newly appointed Trustee Williams expressed interest in this position. Chair Law and Trustee Morrison agreed to provide details for review.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on April 4, 2017 at 10:00 am.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm.