



Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

Islands Trust 2014-2018 TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

OVERVIEW

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) held a ‘Strategic Planning Session’ on January 22, 2015, facilitated by planning staff. The session took about an hour and comprised the following steps:

1. **Wishlist** - A brainstorming of what the three Trustees hoped to get out of the 2014-2018 term. The trustees completed this step independently using post-it notes and then shared their goals.
2. **What Else?** – A review of the current Top Priorities list, the Projects list, and any external requirements and considerations. The LTC identified certain topics and tasks they agreed should be added to the discussion.
3. **Grouping and Filtering** – Reviewing all the individual goals and additional topics and tasks, similar goals and tasks were grouped. Synergies were also considered.
4. **The Goals List** – The LTC established goals for the term. Some were content-related, some were process-related.

The resulting list of goals for the 2014-2018 term represents the result of an initial conversation this LTC had at the start of their term about shared goals. This list can be referred to over time should the LTC find it useful during the course of their term, and can be further refined.

SUMMARY NOTES FROM JANUARY 22 SESSION

Trustee Responses to “Wish List” Brainstorm

- Strengthen First Nations relationships
- Implement First Nations protocols
- Enhance relations with First Nations
- Shoreline protection issues
- Coastal protection and alternatives to seawalls
- Protect coastal areas
- Protect groundwater quality and quantity
- Respond effectively to bridge feasibility study
- Respond proactively to bridge feasibility study
- Emergency preparedness (evacuation)
- Tackle “quick fix” projects. eg. Mudge medicinal marijuana
- Support work on village core
- Find synergies with community-led projects / leverage community resources for projects
- Find synergies with other islands to leverage resources

- Climate change – creative approaches to green sustainable development
- Promote green energy on Gabriola
- Promote self-reliance in food production, support community agriculture
- Resolve issues around dog-sitting / kennels
- Define dogsitting in LUB
- Enhance community economic sustainability re home based businesses
- Enhance community economic sustainability re affordable housing
- Explore options to increase availability of affordable housing
- Meet community housing needs
- Update the build-out map
- Ensure that the community feels OCPs/LUBs are an accurate reflection of their wishes
- Complete OCP and feel good about it, not just give up
- Satisfy community desire for a sense of completion of OCP/LUB review
- Increase sense of community “buy-in” and ownership of Islands Trust
- Great communication from IT and LTC to community
- Increase community engagement in LTC
- Enhance relationship between community and Islands Trust – help define role of Trust in community

“What Else” List:

- Upcoming groundwater regulations
- Possible Sea Level Rise Mitigation regulations
- Review of policies and regulations around aquaculture (aquaponics, land-based aquaculture)
- Reviewing the priority projects, most current priorities aligned with goals that the trustees identified.
- Reviewing the projects list, some projects could be grouped with Wishlist goals, some remained on their own as additional considerations.

Draft Long-Range LTC Goals for the 2014-2018 Term

- Satisfy community engagement expectations re: OCP/LUB reviews
- Strengthen First Nations Relationships
- Meet Gabriola’s Housing Needs
- Protect Coastal areas
- Protect groundwater
- Promote/encourage/don’t discourage green/alternative/sustainable development
- Improve response on “quick fix” minor items
- Collaborate/support community-led projects

- Advocate effectively regarding the Bridge Feasibility study
- Encourage local agriculture
- Improve emergency preparedness
- Leverage resources for cross-island issues
- Increase “buy-in” and ownership of Islands Trust / LTC policies

NEXT STEPS

This list can be referred to in amending the LTC Work Program; the Top Priorities and Projects Lists. Weighing potential projects against identified goals can help set priorities.

The LTC can refer to this list of goals throughout the term, especially when projects are completed and a new project can be moved up to the Top Priorities list for staff to begin work on.