



The following list indicates the highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its December 5-7, 2017 meeting in Victoria. These highlights are not the official minutes of the Trust Council meeting; Trust Council will adopt those at its March 2018 meeting on Salt Spring Island.

Budget Session

Trust Council reviewed the draft 2018/19 Budget and made the following changes.

That Trust Council reduce the Local Planning Committee toolkit budget from \$40,000 to \$25,000.

That the 2018/19 budget be put to public consultation.

Amendments to Trust Council Meeting Procedure Bylaw - RFD

Trust Council Bylaw No. 171, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2017" was given third reading. Amendment to the Trust Council Procedures Bylaw was required to acknowledge the change in local election dates and term through the *Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act*. There was also a need to review the impact of these changes to the regularly scheduled sequence of Trust Council meetings.

Revised Trust Council 2018 Meeting Dates

Given the changes to the length of term of elected officials and the change of date for local elections, Islands Trust Council established the following meeting schedule for 2018 and a Special Meeting in January of 2019 to facilitate new trustee orientation.

March 13-15, 2018 – Salt Spring Island

June 19-21, 2018 – Saturna Island

September 18-20, 2018 – Gambier/Keats

November 6-8, 2018, swearing in of a new council for 2018-2022 term – Victoria

January 16-17, 2019 – Nanaimo

Revisions to Policy 6.5.3 Procurement Policy

That the Islands Trust Council amend Policy 6.5.3 Purchasing Procedure and rename it Procurement Policy to update it for several items raised by Trustees and Staff since the policy was last updated in March 2014.

Quarterly Financial Report

That the Islands Trust Council approve the September 30, 2017 Quarterly Financial Report as presented.

Revisions to Policy 7.2.vi Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation

That the Islands Trust Council amend Policy 7.2.vi Municipal Tax Requisition Calculation to incorporate Mapping Services expenses into Information Services expenses, subject to referral to the Bowen Island Municipality under section 4.3 of the Islands Trust/Bowen Islands Municipality protocol agreement.

Islands Trust Fund 2018-2022 Plan

That the Islands Trust Council endorse the Islands Trust Fund Five Year Plan (2018-2022).

Amendments to Policy 4.1.13 – Guidelines For Executive Committee Sponsorship Or Local Trust Committee Initiated Development Applications

That Trust Council adopt amended Policy 4.1.13 [Guidelines for Executive Committee Sponsorship or Local Trust Committee Initiated Development Applications] policy to allow the Executive Committee to consider up to 100% sponsorship of applications by taxpayer supported entities.

Town Hall

Trust Council amended the standard length of time for Town Hall participants to address Trust Council from 2 minutes to 5 minutes.

That Trust Council allow five minutes for Town Hall participants.

San Juan County Session

That Trust Council ask the Executive Committee to consider a joint letter with San Juan County asking Transport Canada to provide a stand-by rescue tug in Sidney that could be available at Turn Point.

Islands Trust Standards of Conduct Policy 2.7

That Trust Council amend the Standards of Conduct policy as recommended below to affirm the right of Trustees to comment publicly about local political matters that substantively affect the Trust Area as a whole or other Local Trust Areas:

2.7 As an elected official, respect local autonomy and avoid becoming publicly involved in the local politics or controversial issues that are local in nature in an area outside a local trust area or island municipality that he or she represents unless the local political issue could affect other Local Trust Areas or the Trust as a whole.

Prior to the above resolution being passed, policy 2.7 required that public involvement in issues by Trustees outside their Local Trust Committee area be avoided unless elected officials first consult with the local trustees. The changes will provide some flexibility to exercise discretion on behalf of Trustees on a case by case basis.

Trust Council response to Transport Canada’s Draft Interim Protocols regarding Southern Gulf Island anchorage

That Trust Council direct the Executive Committee to prepare, by the December 15th deadline, a response to the request from Transport Canada regarding its draft Interim Anchorages Protocol for anchorages in the South Coast of B.C.