



Islands Trust Council Highlights June 2018

The following list indicates the highlights of Trust Council's activities and decisions during its June 19-21 meeting on Saturna Island. These highlights are not the official minutes of the Trust Council meeting; Trust Council will adopt those at its September 2018 meeting on Keats Island.

Council Committee Review

That Trust Council maintain the status quo and direct that specific improvements; trustee remunerations, maintaining working groups and electronic communications be considered within the current structure to improve various service elements.

2018 Elections Administration

That the Islands Trust Council agree to enter into service contracts with the associated regional districts and to allow for the use of mail ballots where authorized by the elections administration bylaws of the respective regional districts.

Housing Needs Assessments for the Northern and Southern Regions of Islands Trust

That Islands Trust Council receives the final reports and request Staff to forward the Housing Needs Assessment to planning staff and relevant local trust committees.

Telecommunications: Model Strategy for Antenna Systems - Final Report

Islands Trust Council received and referred the report and recommended that charging fees for applications pertaining to the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems be included as an amendment to the provincial legislation.

Salt Spring, Bowen Island and Southern Gulf Islands Rural Status

That Trust Council request the Chair to write to the Premier of British Columbia to request that the Province designate all islands in the Islands Trust Area as permanently eligible for Rural Dividend Program funding and other granting programs for rural communities, including the Islands Coastal Economic Trust; and

That Trust Council request the Chair to write to the federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, responsible for Western Economic Diversification of Canada, to request that the Minister designate all islands in the Islands Trust Area as eligible for Community Futures funding and other granting programs for rural communities.

Temporary Freighter Anchorages in Southern Gulf Islands

That Trust Council direct the Executive Committee to amend its work program to include "Advocacy regarding temporary freighter anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands" as a top priority for the remainder of the current term.

Plastics and Microplastics in the Salish Sea

That Trust Council request the Chair to write to the federal Minister of the Environment and the Federal Ministry of Fisheries, Oceans and the Coast Guard, with copies to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, urging them to support Parliamentary Motion M-151 made by Member of Parliament Gordon Johns and to take positive action on reducing the influx of plastics and micro plastics into Canadian waters.

Research re Trust Secretariat Role to Coordinating Bodies

That Trust Council request staff to provide a report to Trust Council with information about the implications of the Islands Trust taking on a secretariat role for the Howe Sound Community Forum that considers the needs of existing and potential regional coordination processes in the Baynes Sound/Lambert Channel and Saanich Inlet regions and that the Trust Programs Committee is authorized to provide initial support if it deems it advisable out of its existing budget.

Trans Mountain Pipeline re Take a Stand

That Trust Council invite trustees to be signatories to an open letter to the federal government defining why Islands Trust Council opposes the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline and supports the action of the Province of British Columbia in seeking to protect our environment, our coast, and our coastal waters, AND THAT San Juan County councillors be invited to be co-signatories to the open letter AND develop a communications strategy and materials.

March 31, 2018 Audited Financial Statements

That Trust Council approves the audited financial statements of the Islands Trust including the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Operations, the Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets and the Statement of Cash Flows, for the year ended March 31, 2018.

Specific Reserve Fund for Local Trust Committee Projects

That Trust Council approves the creation of a specific reserve fund for LTC projects and approves an initial transfer to this fund of \$100,000 from the General Revenue Surplus Fund.

Islands Trust Act Amendments

That Trust Council endorse the list of Islands Trust Act potential amendments for further work by staff, the top 5 items in no specific order were: support in principle for amending the Islands Trust Act to add "First Nations" to the list of those with whom we work "in co-operation."; clarification of foreshore zoning authority; include reference to the ecosystem in section 8.2 of the Islands Trust Act; add language to the Islands Trust Act allowing for "incidental or conducive powers."; and enact the ability to charge fees for telecommunication applications.

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

That Trust Council request Executive Committee and Trust Programs Committee to incorporate climate change themes during the engagement processes for the Policy Statement amendment project in 2018-19 and update information on the website.

2017-18 Annual Report

That Trust Council approved for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Disposition of Delegations and Town Hall Requests

That Trust Council request that the Chair write to the provincial review process about BC Hydro net metering to comment that net metering is an important element of making solar energy viable in the Trust Area and work with regional districts in the Trust Area to develop a strong, united voice in support of solar energy.