

**THETIS ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
BYLAW NO. 105, 2018**

A bylaw to establish procedures for meetings of the Local Trust Committee

The Thetis Island Local Trust Committee, being the local trust committee having jurisdiction in respect of the Thetis Island local trust area under the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited as “Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 105, 2018”.

MEETINGS AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS

2. The first regular meeting of the Local Trust Committee shall be held on a date to be determined by the Local Trust Committee by Resolution Without Meeting following a general local election.
3. At the first regular meeting of the first year and the last meeting of each of the subsequent calendar years, following a general election, or by Resolution Without Meeting, the Local Trust Committee shall establish a schedule of the date, time and place of regular Local Trust Committee meetings for the following calendar year, of which there shall be at least two, and the schedule shall be posted on a notice board on island that is accessible to the public and in the Northern Office of the Islands Trust.
4. Public notice of the availability of the regular meeting schedule shall be given at least once a year by publication in a newspaper circulating in the local trust area.
5. Each local trustee shall provide to the Secretary of the Islands Trust a telephone number and electronic mailing address for the purpose of receiving notices of Local Trust Committee meetings, and notice shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given to the local trustee if the notice is delivered to the trustee’s electronic mailing address or given to the trustee in person.
6. Any two members of the Local Trust Committee may call a special meeting by giving notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting to the third member of the Committee by telephone or written notice delivered to the trustee at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting, and by posting the notice at the place specified in Section 3, except that notice to Local Trust Committee members may be waived by unanimous vote.
7. If the Chairperson is not one of the members calling the special meeting, the members calling the special meeting shall, prior to doing so, advise the Chairperson of the calling of the meeting and consider the Chairperson’s representations, if any, regarding the calling of the meeting.
8. Regular and special meetings of the Local Trust Committee shall be open to the public, except where the Committee has stated by resolution in open meeting that the meeting or portion of the meeting is to be closed to the public, and has stated the statutory basis on which it is to be closed.

9. A quorum of the Local Trust Committee is two members.
10. In the event that neither the Chairperson nor the alternate member of the Local Trust Committee appointed by the Chair of the Trust Council is present within one half hour of the scheduled time of a regular or special meeting, the Director of Local Planning Services, or their designate, shall call the meeting to order and the remaining trustees shall determine which of them shall act as Chairperson.

MINUTES

11. The Director of Local Planning Services, or their designate, shall legibly record the minutes of the meetings of the Local Trust Committee, and shall record any resolutions without meeting. After the minutes of a meeting have been adopted, the Director of Local Planning Services, or their designate, shall certify the minutes as correct and the Chairperson or other trustee who presided at the meeting shall sign the minutes.
12. The minutes shall record every resolution of the Committee including every resolution closing a meeting to the public, the reading and adoption of every bylaw, and every declaration made in relation to a conflict of interest.
13. The minutes shall record every instance when a voting member votes against a motion, or when a voting member is absent from the meeting at the time of voting on a motion.

MEETING PROCEDURE, RESOLUTIONS AND BYLAWS

14. Any question of meeting procedure that is not provided for in this Bylaw, the *Islands Trust Act*, the *Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter*, or regulations under either of those statutes, shall be resolved in accordance with the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.
15. Bylaws shall be in writing, may be read by title only, provided that each member of the Local Trust Committee is in possession of a complete copy of the proposed bylaw at the meeting, and may be adopted on a motion to that effect at a regular or special meeting. Bylaws may be read a first time and adopted, by resolution without meeting.
16. The Chairperson of the Local Trust Committee or other trustee who presided at the meeting at which it was adopted, and the Secretary of the Islands Trust shall sign every bylaw adopted by the Local Trust Committee, and signed bylaws shall be retained by the Islands Trust.

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

17. A special meeting of the Local Trust Committee to deal with urgent new business may be conducted entirely by means of audio or audio-visual electronic communication facilities if a majority of the members of the Local Trust Committee have agreed by resolution that the meeting may be conducted in this way and provided the Deputy Secretary has received sufficient notice and can make the necessary arrangements.
18. An individual Local Trust Committee member who is not at the physical location of a special Local Trust Committee meeting or a regular Local Trust Committee meeting may choose to participate by means of audio or audio-visual electronic communication facilities, provided

the Deputy Secretary has received sufficient notice and can make the necessary arrangements.

19. At a regular Local Trust Committee meeting, not more than one Local Trust Committee member may participate by means of electronic communication facilities.
20. An individual member of the Local Trust Committee may not participate by means of electronic communication facilities in two consecutive regular meetings of the Local Trust Committee.
21. The Local Trust Committee may waive the restrictions in sections 19 and 20 by unanimous resolution, provided the waiver does not conflict with provincial legislation and regulation that enables electronic meetings.
22. Local Trust Committee members who use electronic communication facilities to participate in a meeting conducted in accordance with this bylaw are deemed present at the meeting.
23. A member of the Local Trust Committee may begin participation in a meeting by electronic communication facilities after the meeting has been called to order.
24. Where a member of the Local Trust Committee is participating in a meeting through electronic communication facilities, the facilities must enable all meeting participants to hear, or watch and hear, each other and must provide notice when participants join or leave the meeting.
25. Where a member of the Local Trust Committee is participating in a meeting through electronic communication facilities, the facilities must enable the public to hear, or watch and hear, all meeting participants at a place specified in the meeting notice, unless the meeting has been properly closed to the public.
26. For the duration of an electronic meeting that is open to the public, the Director of Local Planning Services, or their designate, must attend at the place specified in the meeting notice.
27. If communication is lost to one or more electronic participants during a meeting:
 - 27.1 the affected participants will attempt to reestablish the link and, in the interim, will be deemed to have left the meeting, and this will be recorded in the minutes;
 - 27.2 if there is not a quorum, the Local Trust Committee Chair or person presiding will call a recess until the link is reestablished; and
 - 27.3 if, after 15 minutes, a link cannot be reestablished and there is not a quorum, the meeting will be deemed adjourned and the item under discussion at the time of loss of communication will be added to the next Local Trust Committee meeting agenda.
28. The costs of electronic participation in a Local Trust Committee meeting will be borne by the Thetis Island Local Trust Committee if a Local Trust Committee member is participating from a location within Canada or has otherwise received the approval of the majority of Local Trust Committee members.

EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

- 29. The Chairperson and one other member of the Local Trust Committee may execute any document on behalf of the Local Trust Committee once the Committee has, by resolution, authorized the execution of the document.

MEETING DECORUM

- 30. The Chairperson is to preserve order at every meeting of the Local Trust Committee and has the power to make such rulings as are necessary to do so, including the power to rule on all points of order.
- 31. The Chairperson may deny any individual or a delegation the right to address the Local Trust Committee if, in the Chairperson’s opinion, the individual or delegation:
 - 31.1 Makes defamatory remarks about any person or speaks disrespectfully of any person;
 - 31.2 Immoderately raises their voice, or uses profane, vulgar or offensive language, gestures or signs;
 - 31.3 Addresses issues that are not related to Local Trust Committee business; or
 - 31.4 Addresses issues that may not be discussed in an open meeting of the Local Trust Committee in accordance with the *Community Charter or Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- 32. The Chairperson may expel and exclude a person from a meeting of the Local Trust Committee for improper conduct.

REPEAL OF BYLAW

- 33. “Thetis Island Local Trust Committee Meeting Procedures Bylaw No. 78, 2004” is repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	28 TH	DAY OF	AUGUST, 2018
READ A SECOND TIME this	28 TH	DAY OF	AUGUST, 2018
READ A THIRD TIME this	28 TH	DAY OF	AUGUST, 2018
APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS			
	5 TH	DAY OF	SEPTEMBER, 2018
ADOPTED this	10 TH	DAY OF	OCTOBER, 2018

Chair

Secretary