



**Minutes of the Gabriola Island
Housing Advisory Planning Commission**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2019
Location: Islands Trust Office
700 North Road, Gabriola, BC

HAPC Members Present: Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley, Chair
Tobi Elliot, Secretary
Heather Cameron
Steven Earle
Angela Pounds

Regrets: Howard Houle
John Woods
Dave Neads

Staff Present: Sonja Zupanec, Island Planner, via telephone
Margot Thomaidis, VIU Student Intern
Nadine Mourao, Recorder

Others Present: There were two (2) members of the public in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Dunsmoor-Farley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She acknowledged that the meeting was being held in territory of the Coast Salish First Nations, welcomed the public and introduced Commission Members, Staff and Recorder.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- Deleted 5. First Nations Engagement Consideration as Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor was unable to attend.

By general consent the agenda was approved as amended.

3. MINUTES - Gabriola Island Housing Advisory Planning Commission Draft Minutes dated August 13, 2019 – for Adoption

By general consent, the Housing Advisory Planning Commission meeting minutes of August 13, 2019 were adopted.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS – selection of Chair for meetings October – December 2019

Next meeting Chair will be Steven Earle.

5. FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT CONSIDERATION**5.1 Presentation by Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor – none****6. ENGAGEMENT PROJECT – WORKING GROUP****6.1 VIU Intern and Soft Launch Engagement Event in November****6.2 Confirm planning approach for soft launch and resources required to support approach development and the event itself**

Margo Thomaidis, VIU Student Intern, provided an overview of the “Soft Launch” Community Engagement event and noted the following:

- To be held on Monday November 4, 2019 at the Phoenix Auditorium;
- Event engagement around three key engagement themes of the Gabriola Housing Options and Impacts Review Project: Housing Diversity and Affordability, People at Risk, and Environment and Cultural Heritage;
- Event to include intentional storytelling, learning, and discussion of engagement themes;
- Asked Housing Advisory Planning Commission (HAPC) to consider:
 - What did success look like?
 - Would the HAPC like music at the event?
 - Who would the HAPC like to attend?
 - Who are the local knowledge holders?
 - Identify a Master of Ceremonies, tech support, and logistics;
 - Consider hiring Gabriola’s Environmentally Responsible Trans-Island Express (GERTIE) bus;
 - Each theme supported by 2 – 3 presenters; and
 - Suggested a PetchaKutcha style for presentations and/or Photo-voice essays.

Staff noted the following points:

- Requested members pick a name for “soft launch”; and
- Would like to find out how the community would like to be engaged with, interested in a tone of curiosity.

Discussion ensued and the following key points were noted by members:

- Interested in possibly having Cultural Heritage as its own theme or as an overarching theme;
- First objective identified as ensuring community understands why the HAPC was created, what are the HAPC doing, and what is the project? Understand the mandate, responsibilities and mechanism HAPC have been given;
- How do we engage with people at risk?
- Access community readiness - people leaving event understanding what the themes are and understand them from their own perspective;
- What are the ways in which we can enliven the three engagement themes and hear key concerns?
- Presenters to be invited:
 - First Nations Elder (welcome/cultural heritage);
 - Trustee or Planner (direction);
 - HAPC member (process);

- Possible Five or Six presenters based on themes:
 - Housing Diversity and Affordability: Pat Maloney, VIU Planner in Residence and/or Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society;
 - People at Risk: People for a Healthy Community (PHC);
 - Environment and Cultural Heritage: Steven Earle (Climate Emergency), Melanie Mamoser (Protecting Aquifers), Islands Trust Ecosystem Protection Specialist/Rob Brockley, Gabriola Land and Trails Trust (GALTT, Permaculture Specialist), Lisa Wilcox, Senior Intergovernmental Policy Advisor
- Possible “soft launch” name ideas:
 - Interested in the word “Home”; and
 - Stories about Home, Shaping our Future, A Home for Everyone, Postcards from Home.

7. HAPC DELIVERABLES/MILESTONES

7.1 Review of the HAPC deliverables/milestones

Chair Dunsmoor-Farley provided an overview of the Recommended Changes to HAPC Deliverables and Milestones document dated September 24, 2019.

The following points were noted by members:

- Proposed a revised Deliverables and Milestones with three phases to be more objective driven and outcome-based; and
- Add “soft launch” engagement event to Phase 1.

8. HAPC REFERRAL NEXT STEPS

Planner Zupanec provided an overview of the Trustees comments regarding the Gabriola Housing Options and Impacts Review Project and will provide an updated copy of the Draft strategy for review to the HAPC.

The following key points were noted by members:

- Chair Dunsmoor-Farley requested that guidance for the proposed website be added to the next HAPC agenda; and
- Tobi Elliott, Secretary asked to send out Doodle Poll for next meeting date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley, Chair

Certified Correct:

Nadine Mourao, Recorder