



# Islands Trust

## GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE MEETING

December 11, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Islands Trust Boardroom

200 – 1627 Fort Street

Victoria, BC

### MINUTES

#### **In attendance:**

Louise Bell  
Kim Benson (Chair)  
George Ehring  
Peter Frinton\*  
Ken Hancock  
Brian Hollingshead  
Tom Johnstone  
Peter Lamb  
Sheila Malcolmson\*  
Alison Morse\*  
Gisele Rudischer  
Gary Steeves  
Rose Willow

#### **Regrets:**

Roy Smith

\*by telephone

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **Staff:**

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (recorder)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 p.m.

### **1. Agenda**

Task force members agreed to add a new item as Item 2 – “Briefing re Executive Committee meeting with Minister Chong” and to renumber the remainder of the agenda accordingly.

### **2. Briefing regarding December 10 meeting with Minister Ida Chong**

Chair Benson briefed task force members on a meeting held December 10 2008 between the Executive Committee and Minister Chong, also attended by Trustees Ehring and Lamb

from Salt Spring Island and Electoral Area Director Gary Holman. She indicated that Minister Chong had asked for some additional information regarding support for the legislative changes. Task force members agreed on the need for consistent communications regarding the meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Governance Task Force agree that, if asked regarding the outcome of the Executive Committee's December 10 meeting with Minister Chong, task force members will indicate that the Islands Trust Council's request for legislative change is under active consideration, that the Islands Trust Chair will be providing additional information in support of the request and continues to encourage the minister to make the Islands Trust's request a priority for the 2008 spring legislative agenda. Task force members will also encourage others to write in support of the Islands Trust Council's request.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of November 6, 2007**

Task force members noted that the reference to inter-agency liaison under Section 3 of the minutes on Page 2 referred to coordination with the CRD and asked that the point be clarified in the minutes.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the task force approve the Minutes of November 6, 2007 with the clarification noted.

**CARRIED**

Staff will post the minutes to the website.

### **4. Review of Follow-up Action List**

Members reviewed the list of Follow-up Actions to November 6, 2007 and noted that all requested items were complete.

### **5. Executive Committee – legislative role**

Chair Benson requested Trustee Tom Johnstone to chair the meeting and he took the Chair.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to close the meeting to the public pursuant to s. 90(1)(i) of the Community Charter to discuss matters that were subject to solicitor-client privilege and to request CAO Linda Adams to remain in the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was closed to the public at 10:35 a.m.

**See separate in camera meeting minutes.**

The meeting re-opened to the public at 1:30 p.m.

### **6. Task Force Work Program**

#### **a. Strategic Plan Items**

Members reviewed an update regarding the status of Strategic Plan items that were on the Task Force's work program.

Completed work included

- review political representation options and develop recommendations
- review options for integration with Regional Districts.

Delayed items included:

- strategy to attract and retain trustees
- review of taxation/service delivery balance
- integration between SSILTC and CRD

New priorities and expanded initiatives included:

- review of Executive Committee role

#### **b. Work Program Priorities**

Members agreed by consent that the Work Program should be amended by moving "Political Representation" to Priority 1, with the Legislative Role of the Executive Committee moved to Priority 2.

#### **7. Budget Request**

Members discussed budget needs for the 2008-9 fiscal year. The current draft of the budget includes \$5000, which is sufficient to cover the costs of Governance Task Force meetings, but not new projects.

Members agreed by consent not to request more than \$5000 for Governance Task Force activities in the 2008-9 fiscal year.

#### **8. Correspondence Received**

The Islands Trust has received no public correspondence for the task force to consider since the last meeting.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

Members agreed by consent to request staff to identify a meeting date in February in consultation with the Executive Committee, and to coordinate with Financial Planning Committee meetings where possible.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.