



Islands Trust

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE MEETING

June 3, 2008, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1627 Fort Street
Victoria, BC

MINUTES

In attendance:

Louise Bell
Kim Benson (Chair)
George Ehring
Ken Hancock
Peter Lamb
Sheila Malcolmson
Gisele Rudischer
Roy Smith
Gary Steeves
Rose Willow

Regrets:

Peter Frinton
Brian Hollingshead
Tom Johnstone
Alison Morse

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Staff:

Linda Adams, Chief Administrative Officer (recorder)
Mac Fraser, Director of Local Planning Services

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Task force members agreed to approve the agenda as circulated.

2. Previous Meeting

1. Approval of the Regular Minutes of May 20, 2008

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the task force approve the Minutes of May 20, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY

Staff will post the minutes to the website.

2. Approval of In camera Minutes of May 20, 2008

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the task force approve the In camera Minutes of June 3, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY

3. Follow-up Action List

The Follow Up Action List was not available to review. CAO Linda Adams noted that work requested at the May 2008 meeting had been carried out as requested.

3. Council Referrals

1. Legislative Change Requests

a. Response from Minister Ida Chong

CAO Linda Adams provided an update regarding the Islands Trust's requests to the province for legislative and regulatory changes. She reviewed the letter of May 23, 2008 from Minister of Community Services Ida Chong and also reviewed a written briefing about the topic. The briefing contained additional information arising from a meeting between the CAO and Ministry staff on June 2.

The Ministry had confirmed that it was not willing to proceed with the Trust Council's original recommendation to increase both the size of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and the degree of representation from the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area at Trust Council. The Minister had recommended a referendum in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area to determine if there was electorate support for a 5-member Local Trust Committee.

b. Response Options

Task Force members discussed the implications of having a referendum in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area, as recommended by Minister Chong to determine whether the electorate supported the creation of two additional trustee positions on the SSILTC.

Several Task Force members noted the advantages of having any additional trustees participate in Trust Council business and of Trust Council determining the roles of new trustees as much as possible in advance of any referendum.

Task Force members also discussed the size of the Executive Committee and Trust Council's request that legislation be changed so that Trust Council could determine its size. The minister had not addressed this request in her May 23 letter.

c. RFDs for Trust Council

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Governance Task Force request the Executive Committee to develop a Request for Decision for the June 2008 meeting of Trust Council that recommends that the Islands Trust Council request the minister and the Executive Committee to proceed with arrangements for a referendum in the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area regarding the size of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Governance Task Force request the Executive Committee to include a recommendation in its Request for Decision that the Governance Task Force be requested to provide recommendations to Trust Council in September 2008 about any amendments to existing policies, bylaws or protocols or any new policies required to maximize the participation of any additional Salt Spring Island local trustees in Trust Council business.

CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Governance Task Force request the Executive Committee to develop a Request for Decision for the June 2008 meeting of the Trust Council that recommends that Trust Council recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the number of vice chairs on the Islands Trust Executive Committee be increased from three to four

CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY

4. New Business

There were no new business items to discuss.

5. Regular Business

1. Governance Task Force Work Program

Task force members discussed a draft, dated June 3 2008, of the Governance Task Force work program and the relative priority of work items.

It was agreed by consent that the June 3 2008 Work Program be forwarded to Trust Council in place of the May 20 2008 version.

6. Next Meeting

It was noted that the Governance Task Force may need to meet more frequently over the summer, provided the Islands Trust Council agrees with its recommendations regarding a referendum on Salt Spring Island and regarding clarification of the role of additional trustees from Salt Spring Island. Further meeting dates will be determined by the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.