



SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS FORUM

Meeting NOTES from Monday June 10, 2023 – 8:30 – 9:30am

Attendees:

- Gary Holman, (SSI CRD Director) - Chaired, Lisa Gauvreau (Galiano Island Trustee), Laura Patrick (Salt Spring Island Trustee), Chief Pam Jack - Cha'keen (Chief of Penelakut Tribe), Dag Falck (South Pender Island Trustee), Elizabeth May (MP, Saanich - Gulf Islands) and Laura Parker (MLA staff – notetaker)
- Regrets: Adam Olsen (MLA, Saanich North and the Islands), Mairead Boland (Saturna Island Trustee), Paul Brent (SGI CRD Director)

ACTION ITEMS from last meeting, 05/13:

- **Tim:** re: need for briefing on Protocol Agreements - discuss this at the upcoming trust council meeting
 - Laura (Patrick): none up to date – June 17 SSI meeting will be about this
- **Laura (staff):**
 - check in w/MP May re: chairing September's half day meeting and to find new date for it
 - **DONE:** Yes, Elizabeth will chair - **Working on finding date** before Sept. 13 as Elizabeth will be in session thereafter - will need to be held on another day of the week besides a regular Monday. – **Action Item**
 - **DONE:** Checked w/Clare re: what dates work best for most Trustees, Choices: Sept ~~Tues. 3~~, Wed. 4, Thurs.5, Sept Tues. 10, Wed. 11, Thurs.12, ~~Fri. 13~~
 - **DONE:** Cancel July 8 and August 12 meetings
 - **DONE:** Book date for end of July meeting - booked 06/29, after checking w/Clare re: Trustees' schedules
 - Error: not 06/29 - should be 07/29
 - **DONE:** so noted in July Draft agenda - Put discussion of 'Indigenous Port Authority proposal' as an agenda item for July's meeting
 - **DONE:** follow-up with Lisa to check – re: from past meeting, Lisa: send letter re: roads and LED headlights safety concerns to Adam and Elizabeth's offices (as both jurisdictions) for their follow-ups to appropriate Ministries
 - **Reply from Lisa** "Yes, I am still putting that letter together. I am trying to get as much community input as I can. It is such an important issue here in Galiano. Without the ambient light from street lights, driving at night is quite dangerous"
- **Tobi: DONE:** rec'd formal invite from Lori Foster, Executive Administrative Assistant - to invite Adam to Trust Council meeting June 18, to speak to Governance issues
- **Mairead:** report back re: "Payment in lieu of taxes" as it applies to Parks
 - **Follow-up:** sent regrets to this meeting - re: her action item, "No - nothing yet"

Discussion: (No agenda items received)

- **Dag:** concerns re: the Canal Dip Road project
 - community concern about a road dip on South Pender causing environmental impacts and increased noise pollution.
 - **Laura (staff):** Adam's office has been getting updates from the Project Manager – Patricia, our Constituent Advocate, has been monitoring and making inquiries for a more comprehensive response
 - **Laura (Patrick):** will email Shawn Haley Owen Paige, Mike Pearson to urge them to provide an update on the projects in Salt Spring
- **Elizabeth, MP updates:**
 - 1. no response to shared letter (to Ministers Rodriguez, Lebouthillier, and Guilbeault - sent in March as outcome of January's Marine Roundtable workshop) – buoys as minor works, Nav. Waters protection act
 - 2. **AI-generated content**
 - *Elizabeth provided an update on Bill C. 33, [https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/pl/charter-charte/c33_1.html] which deals with railway safety and marine transportation, including anchorages. She noted that many amendments were made in committee, but these had not yet been reviewed by the House. Two more votes were expected in Parliament, followed by a review in the Senate.*
 - *Elizabeth also mentioned she would propose additional amendments at the Report stage to improve the bill.*
 - *She acknowledged the hard work of the [South Coast Ship Watch Alliance] <https://nofreighteranchorages.ca/>*
- **Chief Jack, Penelakut:**
 - [Further to Elizabeth's comments on anchorages] – she has concerns in their waters re: anchorages, bilging, harvesting – having to speak to many different departments, as they are very siloed - we need to work together.
 - **AI-generated content:**
 - *[She] emphasized the importance of indigenous monitoring programs [[Indigenous Advisory Monitoring Committee](#)] and the need for government recognition of their role as stewards of the land. [She] also criticized the current system of monitoring, where issues are identified behind a screen and not verified in the field, leading to a lack of trust.*
- **OF NOTE:** the July 29 meeting focus is to further discuss the proposal of an indigenous-led port authority for the Salish Sea (Action Item from May Forum mtg)
- **Laura (staff):**
 - re: outcomes from April's: Regional Workshop: Collaborative Action to Resolve Boat-Related Issues in the Capital Region - Adam had asked for outcome or summary - received reply from Jody Watson, (Supervisor, Environmental Stewardship and Initiatives, Capital Regional District), who provided a good review of high-level outcomes. Jody said she will be sure to send us the summary report once it is completed (should be late July)
- **Elizabeth:**
 - suggested inviting FNNES to a future Forum mtg, to speak on their work in forest fire preparedness and climate emergency preparedness - First Nations' Emergency Services Society Of British Columbia - <https://www.fness.bc.ca> - **Action Item**

Next Steps/Action Items:

- Next regular meeting (usually second Monday of each month):
 - ~~July 08~~ – ~~Cancelled~~
 - July 29, 8:30 – 9:30am
 - ~~August 12~~ – ~~Cancelled~~
 - ~~September 9~~ – ~~to be rescheduled~~
 - September half day meeting: date TBD
 - *October 7, new date, rescheduled from October 14 (Thanksgiving holiday)
 - *November 4, new date, rescheduled from November 11 (Remembrance Day holiday)
 - December 9, 8:30 – 9:30am

- ACTION ITEMS:
 - Elizabeth May's office to follow-up to confirm best date for Elizabeth's schedule:
 - Sept Tues. 3, Wed. 4, Thurs.5, Sept Tues. 10, Wed. 11, Thurs.12, Fri. 13 (no Islands Trust mtgs - as per Clare Frater)

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Addendum:

- **DONE** Elizabeth May's office followed up to confirm:
 - Thursday September 5, 10:30 - 2:30, the next half-day meeting
 - Elizabeth will Chair the meeting. MLA Olsen will attend
 - Virtual (Zoom and in MLA office) - awaiting Zoom link from Islands Trust
 - More information to follow.