



Gwaii Trust

MINUTES

**Gwaii Trust Members Meeting
Annual General Meeting
May 23, 2020 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Videoconference**

In Attendance:	Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
	Graham Island Central Graham Island South	Maureen Bailey Clyde Greenough	Shelley Sansome (incoming)
	Area 'E' Graham Island North	Laurie Chisholm Bret Johnston	Warren Foster Bob Isaacs (outgoing) Terry Carty (incoming)
	Skidegate Band Council CHN Old Massett Old Massett Village Council CHN Skidegate	Billy Yovanovich Alfie Setso, Sr. Cecil Brown Kim Goetzinger	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault Trevor Russ Lisa Bell Jason Alsop (Gaagwiis)
Chair & Staff:	Chair Chief Operations Officer Chief Investment Officer Communications Officer Project Officer Finance Manager	James Cowpar Carla Lutner Errol Winter Joey Rudichuk Dana Bellis Christine Carty	
Guests:	Michael Johnson, MNP		

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

2.0 Excusals - Proxies

There are no excusals for today's meeting.

3.0 Introductions

The board, staff, and guests are introduced by the Chair.

4.0 Message from the Chair

The Chair recognizes the twenty fifth anniversary of the Gwaii Trust. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, sends condolences to Frank Parnell's family. The Chair describes the visionary and advocate role that Frank played for communities. The Chair recognizes the significant role of Frank in the beginning of Gwaii Trust as the first Chair.

5.0 Call for Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments to the agenda.

6.0 Call for Adoption of the Agenda

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society reviewed the agenda, and after discussion the Board of Directors made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Bret Johnston

Seconded by: Cecil Brown

CARRIED



7.0 Call for Adoption of Previous Minutes

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society reviewed the May 4, 2019 meeting minutes. After discussion, the Board of Directors made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: Cecil Brown
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey CARRIED

8.0 COO Report / CIO Report

The COO provided a PowerPoint and verbal report on the 2019 operational activities of Gwaii Trust.

The CIO provided a verbal report on the financial activity of the Gwaii Trust in 2019. In addition, the CIO provides an update on the impacts of Covid 19 on the Trust.

9.0 Approval of the Gwaii Trust Society's 2019 Annual Report

The 2019 Gwaii Trust Annual Report was presented to the Gwaii Trust Members. The members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report as presented. The COO discussed the contents of the Annual Report to the AGM participants.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Laurie Chisholm CARRIED

10.0 Auditors Presentation of 2019 Audited Financial Statements

Michael Johnson from MNP provided an overview of the 2019 audited Gwaii Trust Society financial statements.

11.0 Approval of the 2019 Audited Financial Statements

After review and discussion, the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors made a motion to approve the 2019 audited statements as presented.

Moved by: Laurie Chisholm
Seconded by: Kim Goetzinger CARRIED MR #2020-01

12.0 Auditor Appointment for 2020

Director Maureen Bailey, Chair of the Audit, Governance and Finance Committee, presents an overview of the RFP process to select an auditor. The Audit Committee recommends the selection Chan Nowosad Boates as the auditor for 2020.

The Members of the Gwaii Trust Society appointed Chan Nowosad Boates as the auditor for the 2020 fiscal year

Moved by: Kim Goetzinger
Seconded by: Billy Yovanovich CARRIED MR #2020-02

13.0 Member appointments

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to appoint the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors as follows:

Community:	Director	Alternate	Term Expiry
Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	Christine Cunningham	2021
CHN Skidegate	Kim Goetzinger	Jason Alsop	2021
CHN Massett	Alfie Setso, Sr.	Trevor Russ	2021
Area 'E'	Laurie Chisholm	Warren Foster	2021
Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Terry Carty	2022



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Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	Shelley Sansome	2022
Skidegate Band Council	Billy Yovanovich	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault	2022
Old Massett Village Council	Cecil Brown	Lisa Bell	2022

Chair: James Cowpar

Moved by: Billy Yovanovich
Seconded by: Clyde Greenough **CARRIED** **MR #2020-03**

14.0 Questions from the Public

The Chair opens the meeting for questions and answers from the public.

- Community member request that for future virtual AGMs meeting packages go out in advance.
- Discussion on how the Gwaii Trust manages area directors who are not reelected to their local government.
- Question on whether Gwaii Trust can provide support for local businesses. The discussion outlines what projects Gwaii Trust is funding to help support local businesses access funding supports from other organizations.
- Questions on the Gwaii Trust Covid19 Emergency Response Grant and what local needs it is addressing. The COO provided an update on approved projects and current funding available.
- Question on if Gwaii Trust can provide direct funding to local businesses. The COO updates that this cannot be done due to aspects in the Trust's Constitution. Local governments, not for profits, and island residents are eligible to apply to Gwaii Trust.
- Director Carty spoke to the 25th anniversary of Gwaii Trust and provided thanks to the directors and alternates of the Gwaii Trust over the years. He shared the history of Trust and those who stood on the line. The Trust's response to the Covid19 pandemic is a demonstration that the original intent of the Trust is alive. Director Carty remembers the Gwaii Trust's first Chair Frank Parnell and how through his life he shared his strength and ability for all people.
- Question on grant opportunities from community members.

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm

Moved by: Clyde Greenough **CARRIED**

James Cowpar
Chair

Carla Lutner
Chief Operations Officer