



Gwaii Trust

MINUTES

**Gwaii Trust Board Meeting
April 22, 2021 6:30 – 9:00pm
Videoconference**

In Attendance:	Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
	Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	Elizabeth Condrotte
	Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	Shelley Sansome
	Area 'E'	Laurie Chisholm	
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Terry Carty
	Skidegate Band Council		Ooka Pineault
	CHN Old Massett		Trevor Russ
	Old Massett Village Council		
	CHN Skidegate	Kim Goetzinger	
Chair & Staff:	Acting Chair	Billy Yovanovich	
	Chief Operations Officer	Carla Lutner	
	Communications Officer	Joey Rudichuk	
Regrets:	Chair	James Cowpar	
	CHN Old Massett	Alfie Setso, Sr.	
	Old Massett Village Council	Cecil Brown	

Note: The following is an accurate reporting of the meetings as they occurred, however these minutes are not to be construed as a verbatim report of all conversations that transpired, but rather a reflection of the outcome of those discussions. Where necessary members have been quoted as closely as possible.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors was called to order at 6:35pm.

2. Excusals

As noted above.

3. Message from the Acting Chair

The Chair welcomed the Board. Dir. Brown has submitted his resignation and will be leaving the board of directors following the AGM.

4. Call for amendments to the agenda

There were two amendments to the agenda:

- Agenda Recommendation: 6b
- Major contributions funding conditions: 10b

5. Call for adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with amendments.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey

Seconded by: Bret Johnston **CARRIED**

6. Call for adoption of previous minutes

Action: The minutes of April 17, 2021 were tabled to the next Board meeting.



6 b. Agenda Recommendation

The Communications Officer made the following recommendation:

Update process and timelines for the following board meeting agenda items, which will now be moved to the beginning of each meeting:

Action Items (max 10 min) - Responses should be kept as close to 'in progress' or 'complete' as possible, with a short opportunity for clarification or questions. If there is extended discussion or board input required, it should be added as a new agenda item.

Committee Reports (max 5 min) - Reports will be provided in writing by committee chairs one week in advance of board meetings. There will be a motion to receive and file the reports at the board meeting as a consent agenda item, with short opportunity for clarification or questions.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED**

7. Review Action Items

- a. Audit & Governance Committee:
 - i. Create some scenarios around what a conflict may be to bring back to the board. (May 4, 2019) **in progress**
 - ii. Review orientation materials (Jul 31, 2019). Materials reviewed and updated, will be sent to Audit Committee for review and then sent to Board as a recommendation. **In progress.**
- b. Board in-camera action
 - i. Carla to explore hiring controller and present options and budget impacts to board (Feb 29, 2020). **In Progress**
- c. The COO will prepare an information and status sheet on Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust for the Board. There was a request to write simply and clearly using layman's terms. (Oct 24, 2020) **In Progress.**
- d. The OMVC Health Centre request was deferred for further review until after 2021 strategic planning. (Jan 19, 2021)

Request to add to Strategic Planning:

- a. Add scheduling to strategic planning agenda – shared calendar of some sort, options for contacting directors who are not responding to BoardBookit (texts, calls) (Feb 29, 2020)
- b. Process for draft committee meeting minutes being shared with the board. (Feb 25, 2021)
- c. Clarification request for the policy around contact between applicants and directors, and directors lobbying for applications. (Feb 25, 2021)

Action: Action items were tabled to the next meeting.

8. Audit Dashboard

The COO provided an overview of the audit dashboard.

The Board asked to add the dashboard to the consent agenda discussed earlier for future meetings.

The COO clarified that if an item within a consent agenda requires further discussion it may be removed and added to the regular agenda.



“IN CAMERA” All program discussion is held in camera: {GTS Policy: In-camera sessions will be called to deal with issues of personnel, legal, financial matters and program allocation decisions. After the Board has taken a decision, the results become public and will be published}.

9. Community Innovation Applications

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed three Community Innovation applications and approved as follows:

Organization	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
a. QCC Community Club	New office space at Queen Charlotte Community	None	\$6,352.00
b. Sandspit Volunteer Fire Department	Road & Rope Rescue Training & Equipment	GT to cost share all budget line items.	\$9,522.00
c. Literacy Haida Gwaii	Youth Technology Mentorship	None	\$10,000.00

Dir. Greenough declared a conflict at 6:50pm for the QCC Community Club and was put in a waiting room at 6:50pm. He returned to the meeting at 6:56pm

- a. **Moved by:** Ooka Pineault
Seconded by: Kim Goetzinger **CARRIED** **DR #21 04 22 - 21**
- b. **Moved by:** Bret Johnston
Seconded by: Clyde Greenough **CARRIED** **DR #21 04 22 - 21**

Dir. Chisholm declared a conflict for the Literacy Haida Gwaii request and was put in a waiting room at 6:59pm. She returned to the meeting at 7pm.

- c. **Moved by:** Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Ooka Pineault **CARRIED** **DR #21 04 22 - 21**

10. Food Sovereignty Applications

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed three Food Sovereignty applications and after discussion approved as follows:

Organization	Project	Conditions	Amount
a. Agnes L Mathers Elementary School	Community Garden	Verification of equity funding from the Parent Advisory Council	\$4,500.00
b. Haida Heritage Centre	Local Market	None	\$10,000.00

- a. **Moved by:** Laurie Chisholm
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED** **DR #21 04 22 - 22**

Dir. Condrotte declared a conflict for the Graham Island Farmers Institute request and was put in a waiting room at 7:03pm. She returned to the meeting at 7:18pm.

- b. **Moved by:** Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Kim Goetzinger **CARRIED** **DR #21 04 22 - 22**



Action: The board asked the COO to draft an updated policy for board consideration around providing funding that benefits private business.

10b. Major Contributions Funding Conditions

Four applications that were partially funded at the April 17th board meeting required updated funding conditions. A request for consideration was sent to the board by email.

After discussion the Gwaii Trust board approved the updated funding conditions for the following applications:

- XaaydaGa Dlaang / Restoring the Balance
- Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace / Greening the Roofs Project Phase 2
- OMVC / Old Massett Warrior Program
- Village of Masset / 2021 Howard Phillips Community Hall Upgrade

Moved by: Bret Johnston

Moved by: Clyde Greenough CARRIED DR #21 04 22 - 23

11. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

Dir. Greenough provided an update. The Executive met on April 13th. Topics discussed included chairing of upcoming meetings, Athlii Gwaii and the rescheduling of the CHN meeting.

b. Covid-19 Emergency Response Committee

Dir. Bailey provided an update. Slowdown on applications and pleased to see recent applications going towards youth and mental health.

c. AGLT Working Group

The COO provided an update. The group met on April 9th and 13th. The April 9th meeting included the PowerPoint presentation that was delivered to the All-Island Protocol group in October. The presentation went well, and the feedback was that it gave the government representatives a clearer picture of the need for the funding, and how the fund would be used and managed. At the April 13th meeting, the group discussed the legal restrictions of the fund (restricting AGLT from using it to sue government, Directors and residents). GTS expressed that there may be a need to litigate against former Directors or grantees to protect the fund (i.e., fraud or misuse of grant funds). This is now with government to respond to. Further work was done on the nature of the protector agreement though this is not complete. With each meeting the government is moving more towards trusting Gwaii Trust and Haida Gwaii to manage the funds without interference.

Two significant gains as of the last meeting were that the province agreed to table the legislation to dissolve the Trust (as opposed to a private member's bill) and they suggested that an interim Memorandum of Understanding may be possible. An MOU would allow the Trust to start funding while awaiting legislation.

d. Youth Board

Dir. Pineault provided an update on the meeting of March 23rd, draft minutes included in materials. Dir. Carty noted that Haana Edenshaw has resigned from the Youth Board.



e. COO Report

The COO distributed her report by email.

In 2018, Gwaii Trust provided nine attendees of the Haida Language diploma program with a stipend of \$3,000.00 during their practicum to offset living costs. There are two individuals who have continued through that program and they have enquired about funding to assist them through their next practicum.

After discussion the Board approved a \$3000 stipend for these two individuals for their next practicum.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough

Seconded by: Laurie Chisholm CARRIED DR #21 04 22 - 24

The board requested that the COO include language in the award letter that the funds are provided without precedent or prejudice so as to not set future precedent.

12. Next meeting date:

Board Meeting and AGM, May 1st

13. Director in-camera discussion

The Board made a motion to go in-camera.

Moved by: Bret Johnston CARRIED

The COO and Communications Officer left the meeting at 7:55pm.

The board have requested that any correspondence sent to Archibald Clarke & Defieux in the future be sent by registered mail.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Moved by: Bret Johnston CARRIED

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