



MINUTES
Gwaii Trust Board Meeting
November 23, 2023, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Via Zoom

In Attendance:	Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
	Graham Island Central	Absent	Berry Wijdeven
	Graham Island South	Absent	Geoff Martynuik
	Area 'E'	Flavien Mabit	Laurie Chisholm
	Graham Island North	Absent	
	Skidegate Band Council	Absent	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	
	Old Massett Village Council	Absent	Jade Collison
	CHN Skidegate	Erica (Gidin Jaad) Reid	
Chair & Staff:	Chair	Huux Percy Crosby	
	Executive Director	Carla Lutner	
	Finance & Admin. Assistant	Ruby Decock	
Regrets:	Directors Billy Yovanovich, Maureen Bailey, Clyde Greenough, Bret Johnston, and Freda Davis		

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 was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Excusals

As noted.

3. Message from the Chair

The Chair said his condolences from the GTS Board to Ooka on the passing of her mother. Erica (Gidin Jaad) said an opening prayer.

4. Call for amendments to the agenda.

Addition to PHN commercial mortgage investment update.

5. Adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted with the additions.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit

Seconded by: Berry Wijdeven

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted as presented.

a) Previous Minutes:

- i. Board Business & Allocation Minutes – October 26, 2023



- b) Executive Director Report
 - i. October 2023 Financials
 - ii. Audit Dashboard
- c) Committee Reports
 - i. Youth Board Committee Report

Moved by: Erica Reid
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED**

7. Update on Action Items

The Executive Director provided an update to the Board on the action items.

8. Role of Alternate Directors

The Chair provided an update on the legal advice on the Alternate Directors role on the Gwaii Trust Board.

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed and approved the following recommendations from the Executive Committee pertaining to the issue of Alternates:

- Alternates should continue to attend Board meetings.
- All discussion should come through the Director if they are present.
- The Chair reserves the right to call upon Alternates at his discretion.
- It is the Director's responsibility to engage their Alternates for their opinion in advance of meetings.

Moved by: Michelle Pineault
Seconded by: Geoff Martynuik **CARRIED** **DR #23 11 23 - 44**

9. Youth Board Recommendations

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the following Youth Board Recommendations:

- That \$1000 be allocated from each of the 2023 and 2024 Youth budgets for Youth Leadership awards. These will be provided to each high school for graduating students. The 2023 funding has already been awarded.

Moved by: Michelle Pineault
Seconded by: Berry Wijdeven **CARRIED** **DR #23 11 23 - 45**

10. Standard Rates

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the updated Gwaii Trust Standard Rates.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit
Seconded by: Berry Wijdeven **CARRIED** **DR #23 11 23 - 46**

11. PH&N Commercial Mortgage Investments Updates – Actually #12

The Executive Director provided an update on the status of exiting the Commercial Mortgage investment with Phillips, Hager, & North Investment Management due to their inclusion of fossil fuel investments in the cash management portion of the fund. PHN had informed Gwaii Trust that there is a substantial early redemption penalty (\$250,000) if the Trust makes this withdrawal within three years of the initial investment. The Executive Director has requested that this penalty be waived in recognition of the length



of time with PHN, the reason behind the withdrawal and their remaining investments. In response, PHN is exploring the creation of a new fund which would exclude fossil fuels. The Board should know before March 2024 the status of this fund.

"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}.

12. Haida Parity

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed one Haida Parity application and approved it with the following conditions:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Secretariat of the Haida Nation	SHN Interim Administration Building	Grantee to provide confirmation that they can cover any cost overruns.	\$ 1,697,606.57
TOTAL			\$ 1,697,606.57

Moved by: Michelle Pineault

Seconded by: Lisa Hageman

CARRIED

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13. Community Innovations Grant

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed five Community Innovation grants and approved all five of the grants with the following conditions:

	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
a)	Haida Gwaii Hospital and Health Centre – XNN	Daajing Giids Weekly Wellness Drop-In Lunch	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
b)	Archipelago Ground Search & Rescue	2024 SAR Base and Office Upgrade	Grantee to provide a copy of the lease for the Masset SAR base.	\$ 9,742.51
c)	Gwaii Animal Helpline Society	Gwaii Animal Helpline Society Wellness Workshops 2024	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
d)	Village of Daajing Giids	Daajing Giids Fire Services Review	N/A	\$ 4,920.00
e)	Agnes L. Mathers Elementary School	ALMES Pottery Mugs	N/A	\$ 750.00
TOTAL				\$ 35,412.51

a) Moved by: Flavien Mabit

Seconded by: Geoff Martynuik

CARRIED

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- b) **Moved by:** Lisa Hageman
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED**
- c) **Moved by:** Berry Wijdeven
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED**
- d) **Moved by:** Geoff Martynuik
Seconded by: Erica Reid **CARRIED**
- e) **Moved by:** Flavien Mabit
Seconded by: Michelle Pineault **CARRIED**

14. Next meeting date

November 25, 2023 in Port Clements Multiplex, from 10 am – 4 pm .

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm .

Moved by: Michelle Pineault CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS:

- Contact Coastal First Nations about what support they can provide to advance AGLT (April 29, 2023). In Progress.
- Ask the Province of BC to remove Denis Doyle from the AGLT process (April 29, 2023). In Progress.
- Policy of fraud impacting grant funds to be developed and discussed at future board meeting (September 28, 2023) In Progress.

Huux Percy Crosby, Chair

Carla Lutner, Executive Director

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