



**MINUTES**  
**Gwaii Trust Board Meeting**  
**April 11, 2024, 6:30 – 9:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Area Director</b>	<b>Area Alternate</b>
	Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	Berry Wijdeven
	Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	
	Area 'E'	Flavien Mabit	Laurie Chisholm
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	
	Skidegate Band Council	Billy Yovanovich	
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	
	Old Massett Village Council	Freda Davis	
	CHN Skidegate	Gidin Jaad Erica Reid	
<b>Chair &amp; Staff:</b>	<b>Chair</b>	Huux Percy Crosby	
	Executive Director	Carla Lutner	
	Finance & Admin. Assistant	Ruby Decock	
	Chief Operation Officer	Latasha Williams	
<b>Regrets:</b>	None		

*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 wanted to acknowledge the passing of Alternate Director Vince Collison and how he will be missed.

Director Gidin Jaad Reid said an opening prayer.

**4. Amendments to the agenda.**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**5. Call for adoption of the agenda.**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**Moved by:** Billy Yovanovich

**Seconded by:** Gidin Jaad Reid

**CARRIED**



**6. Consent Agenda**

The following items were adopted as presented.

- a) Previous Minutes:
  - i. Board Business & Allocation Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2024
- b) Executive Director Report
  - i. Financials
  - ii. Audit Dashboard
- c) Committee Reports
  - i. Finance & Audit Committee Report
- d) Pre-approved Grants

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
The Haida Gwaii Healthy Communities Society	Soup Kitchen 2024	\$ 8,302.33
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 8,302.33</b>

**Moved by:** Bret Johnston  
**Seconded by:** Gidin Jaad Reid **CARRIED**

**7. Action Items**

The Executive Director provided an update on the action items.

**8. Internet Expenses Process**

The Board reviewed the options the Board could receive payment for personal internet use for Board business and chose to change from an internet reimbursement to a communication allowance of \$100 per month effective May 1, 2024.

**Moved by:** Bret Johnston  
**Seconded by:** Clyde Greenough **CARRIED** **DR #24 04 11 - 12**

**9. Request for Re-evaluation of Granting Procedures**

The Gwaii Trust Society Board received a letter for a request that the Board re-evaluate the Gwaii Trust Society granting procedures and approved full payment of the Arts 23-01 grant.

**Moved by:** Clyde Greenough  
**Seconded by:** Maureen Bailey **CARRIED** **DR #24 04 11 - 13**



**10. Audit & Finance Committee Recommendations**

- a. Nicola Wealth Fees Recommendation

The Gwaii Trust Society Board discussed and approved the Audit & Finance Committee’s recommendation:

That the Board approve the amended fee agreements for Nicola Wealth for Gwaii Trust and Athlii Gwaii.

**Moved by: Clyde Greenough**

**Seconded by: Flavien Mabit**

**CARRIED**

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- b. Recovery of Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Legal Fees Recommendation

The Gwaii Trust Society Board discussed the Audit & Finance Committee’s recommendation:

That the Gwaii Trust Society Board pursue recovery of the Athlii Gwaii legal costs.

**ACTION ITEM:** Director Davis to request a letter of support from Minister Cullen for recovery of costs.

**"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}.**

**11. Food Sovereignty Grants**

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed 2 Food Sovereignty grants and approved 2 of the grants with the following conditions:

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Conditions</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Haida Gwaii Museum Society	Haida Gwaii Food Strategy Phase 2	N/A	\$ 20,000.00
Skidegate Band Council	Food and Land-Based Mentorship	Grantee to provide an updated budget that includes eligible expenses only.	\$ 20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>

*Director Billy Yovanovich declared a conflict for the Skidegate Band Council application.*

**Moved by: Clyde Greenough**

**Seconded by: Flavien Mabit**

**CARRIED**

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## 12. Major Contributions Grants

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed 10 Major Contribution grants and approved 9 of the grants with the following conditions:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace	Green Flame Project: Enhancing Wellness through Propane Heating Solutions	N/A	\$ 25,513.88
Haida Gwaii Hospital and Health Centre – Xaayda Gwaay NgaaysdII Naay	HGH and NHGH Phillips patient monitor update	N/A	\$ 55,872.50
XaaydaGa Dlaang Society	XaaydaGa Dlaang Housing Project	N/A	\$ 142,510.31
Village of Masset	2024 MVFD Breathing Equipment Upgrade	N/A	\$ 95,727.00
Skidegate Band Council	Windy Bay, Looking Around Blinking House Replacement Project	N/A	\$ 123,324.00
Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Wastewater System Upgrade	Grantee to only report on construction costs.	\$ 50,000.00
Niislaa Naay Healing House Society	G_aw Xaadee buud tlaawhlaa 'la'aaylan (Old Massett Boat Builders	N/A	\$ 45,956.80
Masset Arts Society	Masset Playhouse Purchase and Renovation	N/A	\$ 100,000.00
Haida Gwaii Youth Soccer League	TII.aal – Tlell Soccer Fields Renewal	Grantee to provide a second letter of support.	\$ 20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 658,904.49</b>

*Director Gidin Jaad Erica Reid declared a conflict of interest on the XaaydaGa Dlaang Society application.*

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

**CARRIED**

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*Ruby Decock left the meeting at 7:25 pm.*



**13. In Camera**

The Gwaii Trust Society Board went in-camera at 7:25 pm.

**a) Grants Reporting & Application Processes**

Gwaii Trust to review the current grant and reporting processes and a communication to go out inviting public feedback.

**Moved by: Clyde Greenough**

**Seconded by: Maureen Bailey**

**CARRIED**

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**ACTION ITEM:** Grants Committee will meet to review the grant application and reporting processes prior to the May 11<sup>th</sup> AGM. Committee to invite Lori Wiedeman to sit on the Committee.

*Latasha Williams left the meeting at 7:49 pm.*

**14. Next meeting date**

Board Business & Allocation Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 6:30 -9:00 pm via Zoom.

Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Strategic Planning, in person on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Haida House in Tl'aal.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**Moved by: Billy Yovanovich**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Executive Director to discuss the new Museum Support Fund with museums on Haida Gwaii (December 6, 2023) In Progress.
- Director Davis to request a letter of support from Minister Cullen for recovery of costs (April 12, 2024)
- Grants Committee will meet to review the grant application and reporting processes prior to the May 11<sup>th</sup> AGM. Committee to invite Lori Wiedeman to sit on the Committee (April 12, 2024).

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**Huux Percy Crosby, Chair**

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**Carla Lutner, Executive Director**

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