



**Minutes**  
**Athlii Gwaii Strategic Planning Meeting**  
**July 8, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**At the Haida House in Tlell**

<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	Lori Wiedeman	Karen Dean
	Area 'E'	Flavien Mabit	Laurie Chisholm
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston via Zoom	Terry Carty
	Skidegate Band Council	Absent	Ooka Michelle Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	Stephen Grosse
	Old Massett Village Council	Donald Edgars via Zoom	Lisa Bell
	CHN Skidegate	Gidin Jaad Erica Reid	Absent
<b>Chair &amp; Staff:</b>	Chair	Huux Percy Crosby	
	Executive Director	Carla Lutner	
	Governance & Finance	Ruby Decock	
	Coordinator		

**Regrets:** Director Billy Yovanovich

*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 started at 10:20 am.

**2. Message from the Chair**

We have to make some tough decisions today about Athlii Gwaii and there have been many inquiries about the progress of rolling out the funding programs.

**3. Opening Prayer**

Gidin Jaad Erica Reid and Lisa Bell said Haida prayers. Director Gidin Jaad also facilitated a Haida language lesson.

**4. Notes from the April 27, 2024 Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Strategic Planning Meeting.**

The Executive Director presented the notes taken from the April 27, 2024 AGLT Strategic Planning meeting.

**5. Review of Poll Anywhere Results**

The Executive Director presented the poll anywhere results completed at the last strategic planning.

**6. Budgeting and Spend Down - Scenarios**

The Executive Director presented a couple of options to project how the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust funds could be managed as a perpetual fund.



The Board discussed the Athlii Gwaii budget options and approved a 7-year budget framework that spends down the excess buffer.

**Moved by:** Maureen Bailey  
**Seconded by:** Ooka Pineault **CARRIED** **DR #24 07 08 - 39**

**7. Allocation of funding per priority - decision**

The Gwaii Trust Board Society discussed options for allocating the AGLT funds and agreed to allocate \$2.0 million dollars each to projects aligned with three core pillars: restoration, renewables, and revitalization.

**Moved by:** Lori Wiedeman  
**Seconded by:** Flavien Mabit **CARRIED** **DR #24 07 08 - 40**

*Stephen Grosse entered the meeting at 11:35 am.*

**8. Grant criteria group discussion**

The Board discussed the types of grants and the need for grant criteria.

The Board discussed and approved creating an Arts program within Athlii Gwaii.

**Moved by:** Maureen Bailey  
**Seconded by:** Ooka Pineault **CARRIED** **DR #24 07 08 - 41**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Grants Committee to provide to the Board by October 1, 2024 the recommended grant criteria for each of the 3 R's (Restoration, Renewables, and Revitalization) and the measures of success used to develop the criteria.
- Grants Committee to suggest recommendations on how and when request for proposals could be identified.
- Executive Director to circulate to the GTS Board and post to the Grants Committee agenda, the legal opinion on whether Gwaii Trust Society can make grants and low or no interest loans to for-profit businesses on Haida Gwaii.

*Berry Wijdeven left the meeting at 12:55 pm.*

**9. NSCU Investments**

**a) Exiting Nicola**

The Board made the decision to exit their investments with Nicola Wealth Management.

**Moved by:** Maureen Bailey  
**Seconded by:** Bret Johnston **CARRIED** **DR #24 07 08 - 42**

**b) Investment Size**

The Executive Director requested the Board provide direction on how to re-invest the assets from Nicola Wealth Management.



**ACTION ITEM** – Request more information from George and Bell to determine what the timelines would be for exiting their investments with Nicola Wealth Management and determine what investment options Northern Savings Credit Union could offer.

#### 10. Community Futures

The Executive Director presented Community Futures Partnership Proposal. The Board discussed the proposal and expressed interest in further development of some of the ideas outlined in the proposal.

**ACTION ITEM** –

- Executive Director to request a comprehensive Community Futures Partnership proposal on the following 4 items with a revised cost:
  1. Haida Gwaii's Small Business Bank
  2. Business Grant Writer Program
  3. Small Business Marketing Program
  4. Consultant Rebate Program
- Executive Director to ask Community Futures to provide input on the value of a chamber of commerce and how to offer extended benefits to small businesses.

#### 11. Next meeting date

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 via Zoom at 6:30 – 9:00 pm.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

**Moved by:** Ooka Pineault **CARRIED**

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- Committee to suggest recommendations on how and when request for proposals could be identified (July 8 ,2024).
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**Huux Percy Crosby, Chair**

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**Latasha Williams, Chief Operations Officer**  
*for Carla Lutner, Executive Director*

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