



MINUTES
Gwaii Trust Board Meeting
October 10, 2024, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Via Zoom

In Attendance:	Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
	Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	
	Graham Island South	Lori Wiedeman	
	Area 'E'	Flavien Mabit	
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Terry Carty
	Skidegate Band Council	Absent	Ooka Michelle Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	Stephen Grosse
	Old Massett Village Council	Duffy Donald Edgars	Lisa Bell
	CHN Skidegate	Gidin Jaad Erica Reid	
Chair & Staff:	Chair	Huux Percy Crosby	
	Chief Operations Officer	Latasha Williams	
	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 called to order at 6:31 pm.

2. Excusals

As noted.

3. Opening Prayer

Director Gidin Jaad Erica Reid said an opening prayer.

4. Message from the Chair

The Chair mentioned that there have been so many changes and there is finally light at the end of the tunnel and we can start moving forward

5. Amendments to the agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

6. Call for adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman

Seconded by: Flavien Mabit

CARRIED



7. Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted as presented.

- a) Previous Minutes:
 - i. AGLT Strategic Planning Minutes – July 8, 2024
 - ii. Business & Allocation Minutes – July 16, 2024
 - iii. Board Decision Record #24 09 24 – 44
- b) Committee Reports
 - i. Executive Committee Report
 - ii. Finance & Audit Committee Report
 - iii. Grants Committee Report
 - iv. Chief Operations Officer Report
 - a. July 31, 2024 Financials
 - b. Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust – June 30, 2024 Financial Statements
 - c. Q2 Investment Performance Review

Moved by: Flavien Mabit

Seconded by: Maureen Bailey

CARRIED

8. Action Items Update

- a) The Grants Committee to meet to determine and clarify the full extent of the Committee's recommendations and present them to the Board at the June 27th, 2024 Board meeting (May 23, 2024). COMPLETE
- b) Haida Gwaii Community Foundation Committee to invite Clyde Greenough to become a member of the committee (June 27, 2024). COMPLETE
- c) The Grants committee to review the appeals to ensure that the travel and continuing education guidelines are clear to avoid future appeals (June 27, 2024). COMPLETE
- d) Executive Director to provide Board Meeting calendar to Stephen (Buck) Grosse and potentially add the Executive Assistant functionality to his Govenda profile (June 27, 2024). COMPLETE
- e) 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 (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- f) Grants Committee to suggest recommendations on how and when request for proposals could be identified (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- g) 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 (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- h) 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 (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS



- i) Executive Director to request a comprehensive Community Futures Partnership proposal on the following 4 items with a revised cost:
 - a. Haida Gwaii’s Small Business Bank
 - b. Business Grant Writer Program
 - c. Small Business Marketing Program
 - d. Consultant Rebate Program (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- j) 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 (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- k) Executive Director to notify the Community Prosperity Fund that the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation would fund Literacy Haida Gwaii for the full 3 year ask if there was more money (July 16, 2024).

9. Grants Committee Recommendations

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the following Grants Committee recommendations:

That the Gwaii Trust Society Board create another category to the invitation-only granting stream specific to “Islands wide groups that provide Recreation and Activities for all age groups.”

Moved by: Bret Johnston
Seconded by: Ooka Pineault **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 45**

That the Arts Grant be split into two yearly intakes of equal amounts, with the first deadline on February 1st and the second deadline on October 1st, and any unawarded amounts from the first intake be added to the second intake.

Moved by: Duffy Edgars
Seconded by: Bret Johnston **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 46**

10. Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust – June 30, 2024 Financial Statements

The Chief Operations Officer presented the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust June 30th, 2024 Financial Statements

After review and discussion, the Board of Directors made a motion to approve the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Audited Financial Statements ending June 30th, 2024.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 47**

11. Haida Gwaii Community Foundation

Director Maureen Bailey highlighted the Gwaii Trust Society's responsibility to expand its involvement in the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation funding program and called for additional Board Members to join the HGCF Committee.

Director Lori Wiedeman and Director Duffy Edgars to join the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation Committee. The Board appointed Lori Wiedeman as Chair for the Committee.



Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Bret Johnston **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 48**

"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. Community Innovation Grant

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed one grant and approved it with the following conditions:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Masset Marine Rescue Society	Tagwaal FLIR Camera	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL			\$ 10,000.00

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Lori Wiedeman **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 49**

13. Grant Appeal

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed Lindsay Seegmiller’s Travel Assistance application appeal.

ACTIONS:

Staff to request additional information from Lindsay Seegmiller’s Travel Assistance Grant appeal.

Grants Committee to provide policy recommendations to the Board for funding Travel Assistance grant applications involving travel outside the province or abroad.

The Board reviewed and approved Hayley Zaks travel assistance grant application appeal.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit
Seconded by: Duffy Edgars **CARRIED** **DR #24 10 10 - 50**

ACTIONS:

Staff to notify Hayley Zaks that the Board approved her Travel Assistance Grant application appeal and update her on the pending revision of the Travel Assistance Granting guide for enhanced clarity on eligible travel types.

Grants Committee to review appeal on travel assistance applications and provide clarification on the list of eligible/ineligible travel.



The Grant Coordinator to offer guidance to the Grants Committee on ways the Board can improve Travel Assistant Grant policies to reduce potential appeals that may arise after applications have been denied.

14. Grant Feedback & Public Requests

The Chief Operations Officer presented a report on feedback received on the Travel Assistance Granting process.

The Gwaii Trust Board decided to change the Travel Assistance Grants deadline to 3 days prior to the day of travel.

Moved by: Ooka Pineault
Seconded by: Bret Johnston

CARRIED

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The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed a request for the Board to consider creating a grant allocation to provide enhanced support of accessibility to those community residents with special needs.

ACTION

Staff will send an acknowledgment letter and inform the community member that the Board will assess current funding options to determine the possibility of future funding for the proposed initiative.

Grants Committee to assess the suggestion to provide granting to community residents with special needs and determine whether an existing grant stream is suitable for providing funding to the specified program.

15. Next meeting date

- October 30th, 2024 – Board Business & Allocation Meeting at 6:30 – 9:00 pm via Zoom.
- November 2nd & 3rd, 2024 – The Stand
- November 9th, 2024 – Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Strategic Planning Session – In Person – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Port Clements Multiplex Building in Senior’s Room.
- November 28th, 2024 – Board Business & Allocation Meeting at 6:30 – 9:00 pm via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit

CARRIED

Huux Percy Crosby, Chair

Latasha Williams, Chief Operations Officer

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