



MINUTES
Gwaii Trust Board Meeting
December 5, 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	Karen Dean
	Area 'E'	Flavien Mabit	
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	
	Skidegate Band Council	Billy Yovanovich	Ooka Michelle Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	Stephen Grosse
	Old Massett Village Council	Absent	Lisa Bell
	CHN Skidegate		Absent
Chair & Staff:	Chair	Huux Percy Crosby	
	Governance & Finance	Ruby Decock	
	Coordinator		
Regrets:	Director Duffy Edgars		

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 6:30 pm.
- 2. Opening Prayer**
Director Lisa Bell said an opening prayer.
- 3. Excusals**
As noted.
- 4. Message from the Chair**
The Chair mentioned that there is a big agenda tonight and that there will be a short in camera meeting.
- 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: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Lori Wiedeman
CARRIED

Ruby Decock left the meeting at 6:33 pm.
Karen Dean entered the meeting at 6:33 pm



7. In Camera

The Chair called the Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors to go in camera at 6:33 pm.

The Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors resumed to regular Board meeting agenda at 6:56 pm.
Ruby Decock returned to the meeting at 6:56 pm.

8. Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted as presented.

- a) Previous Minutes:
 - i. Board Business & Allocation Minutes – October 10, 2024
 - ii. DR #24 11 29 – 52 – New AFT User
 - iii. DR #24 12 03 – 53 – GMS Transition Costs
- b) Committee Reports
 - i. Audit & Finance Committee Report
 - ii. Grants Committee Report
 - iii. Youth Board Committee Report
- c) Housekeeping
- d) Financials
 - i. Gwaii Trust Society October 2024 Financials
 - ii. Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust October 2024 Financials

Moved by: Bret Johnston
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED**

9. George and Bell Briefing Note – Asset Mix Considerations

Director Maureen Bailey presented the briefing note from George & Bell Consulting to the Board.

10. Haida Gwaii Community Foundation

Lori Wiedeman provided a background on Gwaii Trust Society's commitments and made the following motions.

That the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation agrees to continue to match donations to the Haida Gwaii Animal Hotline, Literacy Haida Gwaii, and Hope Air until they each receive a total of \$50,000.00 in donations.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED** **DR #24 12 05 - 54**

11. Q3 Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Financial Statements

The COO/Director Maureen Bailey presented the Unaudited Q3 Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Financial Statements – September 30, 2024.

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

Moved by: Flavien Mabit
Seconded by: Bret Johnston **CARRIED** **DR #24 12 05 - 55**



a) AGLT Operations Report ending September 2024

Director Maureen Bailey presented the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Operations report ending September 2024 and explained why this report is required.

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Operations Report ending September 2024.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit

Seconded by: Billy Yovanovich

CARRIED

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12. Grants Committee Recommendations

The Gwaii Trust Board received and approved the following Audit & Finance Committee recommendations:

That the purpose of the Travel Assistance Grant be changed to:

The Travel Assistance Grant provides support for:

- Haida residents to participate in off-island cultural events; and
- All Haida Gwaii residents to travel off island for educational, arts, sports, and senior's events.

That the annual limit on travel assistance grants per person to two, remove the "no limit for youth (ages 2-18), and associated additional grant for the parent/guardian."

That the Committee discussed eligible/ineligible travel uses for the grants and recommended changing the list as follows:

- For ineligible travel, change "SD50 groups, including school clubs, teams and classes" to "All SD 50 travel"

Remove "Participate in Senior Games" and "Watch Senior Games" in the table.

- Change "Travel to participate in lessons that are not available on Haida Gwaii (swimming for example) to "Travel to participate in registered lessons by a certified instructor."
- For travel outside of BC, the Pacific Northwest or Canada, justification of travel must be provided proving that the event/service/training is not available within those areas.
- Clarify that whether the travel also includes vacation is irrelevant so long as the travel would otherwise qualify as eligible.

That the following changes be made to the eligible/ineligible table:

NOTE:

- b) For travel outside of BC, the Pacific Northwest or Canada, the application must include proof that the event/service/training is not available within those areas.
- c) Travel paid in full or in part by a third party is eligible.



ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
Performance in a dance or singing group as a Haida resident.	Attend/watch an off-island ceremony, dance, or singing group as a spectator.
Participate in an off-island cultural gathering, ceremony or festival as a Haida resident, including witnessing a potlatch	Attend/watch an off-island cultural gathering, ceremony or festival as a spectator.
Perform at an off-island festival, concert, etc. as a registered performer	Attend/watch an off-island festival, concert as a spectator
Attend an off-island workshop or conference as a registered participant	Work off-island on your art, go to a museum, visit an aquarium, Science World, etc.
Travel to off-island post-secondary education as a registered student	Accompany a student over the age of 18 who is travelling off-island for post-secondary education
Participate in an off-island graduation ceremony	Attend/watch a relative's off-island graduation ceremony
Attend an off-island drama, film, art or dance camp as a registered participant	Attend/watch plays, concerts, or festivals off-island as a spectator
Exhibit your art off-island	Attend/experience another artist's exhibit off-island
Travel off-island to a youth camp, including sports, wilderness, drama , etc. as a registered participant.	Registration fees for youth camps on or off-island.
Participate off-island in sports at an event (race, tournament, games, etc.) of a group or individual as a registered participant or team	Attend/watch an off-island sporting event as a spectator (all native tournament, softball tournament, games, provincials, etc.)
Attend an off-island sports camp as a registered participant or team (tai chi, basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball, etc)	Attend an on-island sports camp as a registered participant or team
Participate in lessons delivered off-island by a certified instructor (swimming, skating, etc) as a registered participant	Go to an off-island swimming pool or skating rink

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED** **DR #24 12 05 - 57**

13. Audit & Finance Committee Recommendations

The Gwaii Trust Board received and approved the following Audit & Finance Committee recommendations:

That the Gwaii Trust Society Board approve the updated Payment Authorizations Policy.

That changes in any policy are to be presented to the Board with the Notification of Policy Change form.

Moved by: Billy Yovanovich
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED** **DR #24 12 05 - 58**



14. Action Items

- a) 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
- b) Grants Committee to suggest recommendations on how and when request for proposals could be identified (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- c) 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
- d) 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
- e) Executive Director to request a comprehensive Community Futures Partnership proposal on the following 4 items with a revised cost:
 - Haida Gwaii's Small Business Bank
 - Business Grant Writer Program
 - Small Business Marketing Program
 - Consultant Rebate Program (AGLT Strat. Planning, July 8, 2024). COMPLETE
- f) 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
- g) 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).
- h) Staff to request additional information from Lindsay Seegmiller's Travel Assistance Grant appeal (October 10, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- i) Grants Committee to provide policy recommendations to the Board for funding Travel Assistance grant applications involving travel outside the province or abroad (October 10, 2024). COMPLETE
- j) 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 (October 10, 2024). COMPLETE



- k) 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 (October 10, 2024). COMPLETE
- l) 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 (October 10, 2024). COMPLETE
- m) 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 (October 10, 2024).
- n) COO to reach out to BC Hydro to discuss if the Renewable grant/call for proposal will be feasible for islanders before the next AGLT strategic planning meeting (November 9, 2024).
- o) COO to research and compare requirements regarding of an AGLT worker (November 9, 2024).
- p) The Chair will speak to the Board about the possibility of a Project Review Committee at the next strategic planning meeting (November 9, 2024).
- q) COO to connect with Community Futures to see if it is necessary to work with them in the future (November 9, 2024).
- r) Executive Committee to bring options to the Board regarding the AGLT budget for each R before the next strategic planning meeting November 9, 2024).

"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}.

15. Youth Grant

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed 8 Youth Grants and approved 4 with the following conditions:

a)

Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Laskeek Bay Conservation Society	Laskeek Youth Naturalist Outreach	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
Moved By:	Maureen Bailey		
Seconded By:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED	



b)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Haida Gwaii Youth Soccer League	Haida Gwaii youth soccer league 2025	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
Moved By:		Billy Yovanovich		
Seconded By:		Lori Wiedeman		
CARRIED				
c)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Old Massett Youth Centre	Off island swimming lessons	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
Moved By:		Maureen Bailey		
Seconded By:		Flavien Mabit		
CARRIED				
d)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Haida Gwaii Regional Recreation Commission	Hoops for all: Northern Adaptive Sports	N/A	\$ 4,326.00
Moved By:		Maureen Bailey		
Seconded By:		Bret Johnston		
CARRIED				
Total Amount				\$ 34,326.00

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16. Community Innovation Grant

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved 3 Community Innovation grant applications with the following conditions:

a)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Kay Llnagaay Haida Heritage Centre	HVAC Revitalization	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
Moved By:		Flavien Mabit		
Seconded By:		Billy Yovanovich		
CARRIED				
b)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary	Uniform Purchase	Clarify project scope to be updated in application	\$ 3,126.81
Moved By:		Billy Yovanovich		
Seconded By:		Maureen Bailey		
CARRIED				
c)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Jason Rupke(Port Clements Rod & Gun)	Active targets for the Port Clements Rod and Gun club	N/A	\$ 2,833.61
Moved By:		Maureen Bailey		
Seconded By:		Flavien Mabit		
CARRIED				
Total Amount				\$ 15,960.42

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17. Arts Grants

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed 10 Arts Grant applications and approved 8 with the following conditions:

a)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Jaasaljuus Yakgujanaas	Dajang HI xaysaang	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
	Moved By:	Flavien Mabit		
	Seconded By:	Maureen Bailey	CARRIED	
b)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Haida Gwaii Arts Council Society	Musical Awakenings in Long Term Care	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
	Moved By:	Maureen Bailey		
	Seconded By:	Lori Wiedeman	CARRIED	
c)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Charlene Nicolle Wesley	Charlene	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
	Moved By:	Flavien Mabit		
	Seconded By:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED	
d)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Kathy Pick	Sister Sister	N/A	\$ 4,450.00
	Moved By:	Maureen Bailey		
	Seconded By:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED	
e)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	William Yovanovich	Memorial Pole	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
	<i>Director Yovanovich declared a conflict of interest.</i>			
	Moved By:	Flavien Mabit		
	Seconded By:	Maureen Bailey	CARRIED	
f)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Sandspit Recreation Committee	Artists in ALM	N/A	\$ 6,618.40
	Moved By:	Maureen Bailey		
	Seconded By:	Billy Yovanovich	CARRIED	
g)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Allison F Sinkins	Independent School Art Exploration 2024	N/A	\$ 5,000.00
	Moved By:	Billy Yovanovich		
	Seconded By:	Lori Wiedeman	CARRIED	
h)	Applicant Name	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
	Lo'lus Brianna-Rose Julian	Naaxiin Apron	N/A	\$ 10,000.00
	Moved By:	Billy Yovanovich		
	Seconded By:	Lori Wiedeman	CARRIED	

			TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ 66,068.40
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ACTION ITEM – Director Wiedeman and Director Bailey to discuss with COO and Community Grant Specialist’s on what information to provide in dashboards to help with the grant approval process such as:

- questions to ask applicants;
- staff recommendations to approve/not approve grants; and
- guidance/support on the roles in the application process.

18. Next meeting date

Board Budget Meeting – December 17, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Moved by: Bret Johnston CARRIED

Huux Percy Crosby, Chair

Ruby Decock, Governance & Finance Coordinator

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