

**Gwaii Trust
MINUTES**

**Gwaii Trust Board Meeting
January 30, 2025, 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	Absent	Ooka Michelle Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	Stephen Grosse
	Old Massett Village Council	Duffy Donald Edgars	
	CHN Skidegate	Gidin Jaad Erica Reid	

Chair & Staff:	Chair	Huux <i>Percy Crosby</i>
	Chief Operations Officer	Latasha Williams
	Governance & Finance	Ruby Decock
	Coordinator	
	Communications & Graphics	Jen Bailey
	Manager	
Guests:	Katharina Stocker, Tarah Samuels, Goox <i>Laura Beaton</i> , Scott Lunney	

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 6:33 pm.

2. Opening Prayer

Gidin Jaad *Erica Reid* said an opening prayer.

3. Excusals

As noted.

4. Message from the Chair

The Chair welcomed the guests who are observing the meeting. Many welcomes were said to the new Executive Director, Katharina Stocker. The Chair also acknowledged and thanked the Chief Operations Officer for all her hard work in supporting the Board.

5. Amendments to the agenda.

No amendments to the agenda.

6. Call for adoption of the agenda.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman



Seconded by: Flavian Mabit

7. Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted as presented.

- a) Previous Minutes:
 - i. AGLT Strategic Planning Minutes – November 9, 2024
 - ii. Board Budget Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2024
- b) Final 2025 Meeting Schedule
- c) Financial Dashboard Update
 - i. Quick Help Guide – Buffer & Dashboard
- d) Committee Reports
 - i. Executive Committee Report
 - ii. Grants Committee Report
 - iii. Haida Gwaii Community Foundation Committee Report
- e) Executive Director Announcement

Moved by: Duffy Edgars

Seconded by: Maureen Bailey

CARRIED

Scott Lunney entered the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Director Bret Johnston entered the meeting at 6:47 pm.

8. Alternate Investment Options Presentation – George & Bell Consulting

Scott Lunney of George & Bell Consulting presented Gwaii Trust Investment Considerations presentation. The presentation reviewed current investment distributions and their fees and compared them to the options available through the Northern Savings Credit Union.

a) 2025 Gwaii Trust Society Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures

b) 2025 Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the 2025 Gwaii Trust Society Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures and the 2025 Athlii Gwaii Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures.

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman

Seconded by: Ooka Pineault

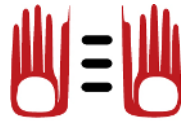
CARRIED

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Scott Lunney left the meeting at 7:34 pm.

9. Action Items

- a) Executive Committee will recommend the grant criteria and measures of success for Restoration, Renewables, and Revitalization. The Board will determine the allocation breakdown in Spring 2025. (July 8, 2024, Dec 5, 2024). IN PROGRESS
- b) 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



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- c) 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). IN PROGRESS
- d) COO to connect with Community Futures to see if it is necessary to collaborate with them in the future (November 9, 2024). IN PROGRESS

Grants Committee to provide parameters for the All-Island Recreation and the Elder Social Activities invitation only grant streams (December 17, 2024). IN PROGRESS

10. Board Business & Allocation Minutes – December 5, 2024

The Gwaii Trust Society Board reviewed and approved the proposed amendment to the December 5, 2024, Board Business & Allocation Minutes.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Ooka Pineault **CARRIED** **DR #25 01 30 - 02**

11. Website Revamp

The Gwaii Trust Society Board received and approved the Executive Committee’s following recommendations for revamping the Gwaii Trust Society’s webpage:

That the Gwaii Trust Society purchase a one-time cost with PathWise to revamp Gwaii Trust’s website for \$18,750.00 with Gwaii Trust paying 60% (\$11,250.00) and Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust paying 40% (\$7,500.00).

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman
Seconded by: Flavien Mabit **CARRIED** **DR #25 01 30 - 03**

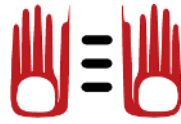
12. Grant Committee Recommendations

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

- That the Elders Social Activities Granting program split the \$16,000.00 budget between the eight local communities, giving each community \$2,000.00.
- Make the following changes to the Arts Mentorship Granting Program:
 - a) No equity required.
 - b) Two intakes: April 1, 2025 & October 1, 2025
 - c) Core funding is allowed.
 - d) One application per working group.
- Make the following changes to the 2025 Staycation Granting Program:
 - a) Standard \$250.00 per applicant
 - b) Only one application per eligible resident.
 - c) Applicant must show proof of payment.

Moved by: Ooka Pineault
Seconded by: Duffy Edgars **CARRIED** **DR #25 01 30 - 04**

13. Updated Signing Authority



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The Executive Committee recommended the following changes to Gwaii Trust Society's financial signing authorities:

That the Gwaii Trust Society Board add Katharina Stocker as a signing authority to Gwaii Trust Society, GTS (Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust), Haida Gwaii Community Foundation Northern Savings Credit Union accounts and all of the Investment Accounts effective February 3rd, 2025.

That the Gwaii Trust Society Board add Katharina Stocker as an approval user for the Payment Automated Funds Transfer (AFT) system for the Northern Savings Credit Union Gwaii Trust Society account with Originator ID: 8090139605. All new users are to get a physical token for accessing the account.

That the Gwaii Trust Society update signing authorities to include Percy Crosby and Lisa Hageman as signing authorities for Gwaii Trust Society and GTS (Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust), as applicable.

Moved by: Flavien Mabit
Seconded by: Ooka Pineault

CARRIED

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"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}.

14. Food Security Breakdown

The Gwaii Trust Board reviewed and approved the following 2025 Food Security Grant allocation:

Applicant Name	Project Name	Amount
Island Wellness Society	Feed the People Food Bank	\$ 59,500.00
Elders' Centre (Adult Day Program) Old Massett	North End Food Bank	\$ 64,500.00
Local Foods to School Program and Northern Health	Haida Gwaii Local Foods Pantry	\$ 56,000.00
Healthy Communities	Feed the Hungry	\$ 12,000.00
School District #50	School Food	\$ 138,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 330,000.00

Moved by: Maureen Bailey



Seconded by: **Flavien Mabit**

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15. Letter from Midwives

The Gwaii Trust Society Board received a letter from the Haida Gwaii Midwives requesting the Board to consider using the Travel Assistance Granting Program to support birthing practices off Haida Gwaii.

ACTION ITEM: Include the Haida Gwaii Midwives' request to discuss off-island birthing travel as an eligible activity under the Travel Assistance Grant in the March 2025 Strategic Planning.

16. Next meeting date(s)

- February 19 - Youth Committee
 - February 20 - Haida Gwaii Community Foundation Committee
 - February 25 - Audit & Finance Committee - Q4 2024
 - February 27 - Board Allocation & Business
- March 1 - IN-PERSON AGLT/GTS Strategic Planning and (late) Christmas supper at Kaay Centre, Skidegate, 10:00-5:00

That the Gwaii Trust Society prepare a document commemorating the achievements and milestones of the past 30 years.

Moved by: Lori Wiedeman

Seconded by: Duffy Edgars

CARRIED

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Ruby Decock and Jen Bailey left the meeting at 7:56 pm.

17. In- Camera

The Gwaii Trust Society agreed to increase the Collabria Mastercard limit to \$50,000.00.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey

Seconded by: Lori Wiedeman

CARRIED

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey

CARRIED

Huux Percy Crosby, Chair

Latasha Williams, Chief Operations Officer

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