



November 25, 2025

In Attendance:

Chair Lisa Hageman, Billy Yovanovich, Bret Johnston, Donald (Duffy) Edgars, Erica Reid, Flavien Mabit, Laura (Goox) Beaton, Lisa Bell, Lori Wiedeman, Maureen Bailey, Tarah Samuels, Valine Brown

Regrets:

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Latasha Williams, Executive Assistant Angel Brown

Note: The following is accurate reporting of the meetings as they occurred; however, these minutes are not to be constructed 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 6:37pm.

2. Message from Chair & Opening Prayer

Gidin Jaad *Erica Reid* offered an opening Xaayda Kil prayer. The Chair welcomed everyone.

3. Amendments to Agenda

There were no amendments made to the Agenda.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for November 25, 2025, Board Allocation meeting was approved as presented.

Moved by Bret Johnston. Seconded By Billy Yovanovich.

CARRIED

5. 2026 Budget

The Board of Directors approved the Administration budget of \$1,872,599.

The Board of Directors approved the Gwaii Trust Society Grants budget of \$1,908,100.

The Board of Directors approved the Athlii Gwaii Legacy Grants budget of \$1,500,000.

Moved by Duffy Edgars. Seconded By Billy Yovanovich.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted as presented:

a. Previous Minutes: October 23, 2025

Moved by Flavien Mabit. Seconded By Bret Johnston.

CARRIED

7. Change of Scope Request & Extension Request

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Old Massett Youth Centre to change their Off Island Swimming Lessons to buy supplies for the programs they offer to youth daily during the week and approved an extension of 6 months for the grant to be completed on June 1, 2026.

Moved by Bret Johnston. Seconded By Billy Yovanovich.

CARRIED

8. Recommendations

a. Grant Committee

The Board of Directors approved the Grants Committee recommendations:

- Eliminate application deadlines for invite-only grants

Moved by Duffy Edgars. Seconded By Lori Wiedeman.

CARRIED

- Decrease the Community Innovation Grant intake from five intakes to two.

Moved by Maureen Bailey. Seconded By Flavien Mabit.

CARRIED

- Update the Standard Rates Form to include artist fees (\$400/day), update mileage to \$0.72 per km and follow the BC Standards Rate moving forward, and to combine ferry and airfare cost to one row saying 'Off Island Travel Costs' (total amount doesn't change).

Moved by Flavien Mabit. Seconded By Bret Johnston.

CARRIED

- Remove the course restrictions (minimum and maximum course requirements) for the Continuing Education Grant.

Moved by Flavien Mabit. Seconded By Bret Johnston.

CARRIED

- Increase the Haida Gwaii residency eligibility from two to five years for all grants.

Moved by Duffy Edgars. Seconded By Valine Brown.

CARRIED

The Gwaii Trust Board of Directors have tabled the discussion regarding the Continuing Education Grant eligibility for those who have moved away for high school but have returned for their grade 12 year.

9. Arts Mentorship Intake

The Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors reviewed eight Arts Mentorship applications and approved the following seven.

a.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Shyla Cross	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	CARRIED
b.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Haida Gwaii Arts Council	\$606.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	CARRIED

c.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Brie Altrogge	\$3,200.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
d.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Kristi Sinclair	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
e.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Lyle Campbell	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
f.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	XaaydaGa Dlaang Society	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
g.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts Mentorship	Hannah Fregin	\$11,250.00
	Motion to Approve:	Bret Johnston	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	

10. Community Innovation Intake

The Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors reviewed four Community Innovation applications and approved the following three.

a.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Community Innovation	Laskeek Bay Conservation Society	\$9,994.00
	Motion to Approve:	Maureen Bailey	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
b.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Community Innovation	The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 244	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Maureen Bailey	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	
c.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Community Innovation	Swiilawiid Sustainability Society	\$10,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Maureen Bailey	CARRIED
	Seconded:	Flavien Mabit	

11. Arts Intake

The Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors reviewed four Arts applications and approved the following.

a.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts	North End Art Collective	\$9,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Billy Yovanovich	
	Seconded:	Duffy Edgars	CARRIED
b.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts	Shelly Samuels	\$8,120.00
	Motion to Approve:	Billy Yovanovich	
	Seconded:	Duffy Edgars	CARRIED
c.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts	Haida Gwaii Arts Council	\$9,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Billy Yovanovich	
	Seconded:	Duffy Edgars	CARRIED
d.	Grant	Name	Amount
	Arts	Jay Bellis	\$9,000.00
	Motion to Approve:	Billy Yovanovich	
	Seconded:	Duffy Edgars	CARRIED

12. Next Meeting Date: January 2026

13. Adjournment

The Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Billy Yovanovich motioned to approved.

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