



**MINUTES**  
**Gwaii Trust Board Meeting**  
**Mar 20, 2020 7-9pm**  
**Teleconference**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>Area Director</b>	<b>Area Alternate</b>
	Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	
	Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	
	Area 'E'	Laurie Chisholm	
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	
	Skidegate Band Council	Billy Yovanovich	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Alfie Setso Sr.	
	Old Massett Village Council	Cecil Brown	
	CHN Skidegate	Kim Goetzinger	Gaagwiis, Jason Alsop
<b>Chair &amp; Staff:</b>	Chair	James Cowpar	
	Chief Operations Officer	Carla Lutner	
	Communications Officer	Joey Rudichuk	

*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 of the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors was called to order at 7:07pm

**2. Excusals**

As above.

**3. Message from the Chair**

The chair read the mission and vision of the Society.

**4. Call for amendments to the agenda**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**5. Call for adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as presented.

**Moved by: Bret Johnston**

**Seconded by: Kim Goetzinger**                      **CARRIED**

**6. COVID-19 Response**

The COO provided an update on how the office and staff are currently being managed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dir. Alsop joined the meeting at 7:13pm and provided an update on the Council of the Haida Nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The COO spoke to the email with response recommendations she sent to the Board of Directors on March 18<sup>th</sup> and recommendations attached to board materials for consideration.

Dir. Setso joined the meeting at 7:27pm

After discussion the Board of Directors agreed to the following recommendations:

1. Temporarily suspend the Off-Island Travel Program while advisory discouraging off island travel is in effect.
2. Give staff authority to approve budget changes, extension requests, exceptions and change of scopes for all grants at their discretion until June 30th, 2020. These changes to be signed off by the Chief Operations Officer and reported back to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis with rationale for the decisions.
3. Allocate up to \$250,000 for the creation of a Haida Gwaii Emergency Response Grant to provide support to organizations who are providing direct response and support to those affected by COVID-19, particularly those who are most vulnerable.
4. Create a small Ad Hoc committee (3 or 4 members) of motivated and available Board members and empower those members to decide with the Chief Operations Officer how to distribute those funds on a discretionary and application basis with a decision time of no more than ten days.

**Moved by: Clyde Greenough**

**Seconded by: Maureen Bailey**

**CARRIED**

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The following Directors volunteered to be considered for the Ad Hoc Committee:

Bret Johnston, Maureen Bailey, Ooka Pineault, Laurie Chisholm, Alfie Setso Sr., Kim Goetzinger, Clyde Greenough

#### 7. In-Person Meetings

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board agreed that until further notice all meetings will be electronic.
- The Board agreed to table the discussion on when and through what format the AGM will be held.

*“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}.*

#### 13. Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities Applications

The Gwaii Trust Board of Directors reviewed five Vibrant Haida Gwaii Communities Grant applications. After discussion they approved five applications as follows:

Organization	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Secretariat of the Haida Nation	SHN Financial and Organizational Overview	Confirm other funding sources	\$40,000.00
Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Public Works Truck Replacement	As presented	\$131,561.80
Village of Port Clements	Port Clements Tourism Advocate	Confirm that this project is still a priority for Village of Port Clements.	\$51,515.00



Sandspit Volunteer Fire Department	Sandspit Fire Tender & SCBA Replacement	As presented	\$283,153.00
Sandspit Community Society	Mosquito Lake Rehabilitation	Conditional on authorization letters being received from FLNROD (including any needed consultation and Solutions Table approval), written confirmation from FLNROD of their in-kind contributions and water act authorization letters (for phase 3).	\$85,047.00

Dir. Bailey declared a conflict at 8:18pm for the village of Port Clements, Port Clements Tourism Advocate program.

**Moved by:** Laurie Chisholm  
**Seconded by:** Kim Goetzinger                      **CARRIED**                      **DR #20 03 20 - 11**

Dir Bailey returned to the meeting at 8:20pm

After discussion the Board agreed that a follow up should be made with all approved applicants to confirm if they will be going ahead with their projects or if any changes will be made.

**14. Community Innovation Applications**

The Gwaii Trust Board of Directors reviewed two Community Innovation Grant applications. After discussion they approved one application as follows:

Organization	Project Name	Conditions	Amount
Animal Helpline	Spay and Neuter 2020	As presented	\$8,200.00

**Moved by:** Maureen Bailey  
**Seconded by:** Kim Goetzinger                      **CARRIED**                      **DR #20 03 20 - 10**

**15. Next meeting date:**

The Board agreed that Strategic Planning would be postponed until there are further updates on the COVID-19 pandemic.

**16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

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 James Cowpar  
 Chair

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 Carla Lutner  
 COO

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