

MEMORANDUM

File No.: Lasqueti OCP Project

6500 LTC Projects

DATE OF MEETING: June 6, 2022

TO: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee

FROM: Heather Kauer, Regional Planning Manager

Northern Team

SUBJECT: OCP Project Update

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is:

To update the Local Trust Committee on the status of the Lasqueti OCP project.

First Nation Comments

On September 21, 2021, Snaw-na-as First Nation sent a letter to the LTC in response to the OCP referral requesting that the LTC hold off on advancing the OCP project and requesting a meeting. On December 17, 2021, a letter was sent to Snaw-na-as First Nation confirming Islands Trust interest in meeting with them. Staff have followed up with an email and a phone call to the contact on file as the referrals coordinator with Snaw-na-as First Nation. As of the writing of this staff report, no response has been received from Snaw-na-as First Nation.

At their April 11, 2022 meeting, the LTC passed the following resolution:

LA-LTC-2022-016

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee draft a letter for the Chair's signature responding to the September 21, 2021 letter from Snaw-na-as First Nation requesting a meeting.

CARRIED

Due to staff turnover and workloads, the drafting of this letter has been delayed. As of the writing of this staff report, a letter has been drafted and is being reviewed by Senior Management.

FLNRORD Comments

At their April 11, 2022 meeting, the LTC passed the following resolution:

LA-LTC-2022-019

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee refer the section on the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources and Rural Development comments on the Official Community Plan to the Advisory

Planning Commission for recommendations on removal amendments or additions to the proposed policies.

CARRIED

Due to staff turnover and workloads, this referral has been delayed. As of the writing of this staff report, a referral has been initiated and the decision on a date and time for an APC meeting are pending.

Ministry of Agriculture Comments

At their April 11, 2022 meeting, the LTC passed the following resolution:

LA-LTC-2022-018

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request staff to examine the letter forwarded from Christina Forbes from the Ministry of Agriculture with information about the terms 'feral,' invasive,' and 'exotic' in relation to their use in the Official Community Plan and to inquire of the Ministry of Agriculture on the terms 'heritage' and 'wild' in regard to sheep.

CARRIED

Staff have contacted Christina Forbes and confirmed that the Ministry would not define the sheep on Lasqueti as "feral", "invasive", or "exotic" as these terms have more specific definitions in the MoA legislation. When asked for her opinion on a more appropriate term, Ms. Forbes suggested "unowned" or "formerly domestic."

NEXT STEPS

Staff to provide a draft letter to Snaw-na-as First Nation for the Chair's signature when finalized and provide a referral package to the APC when a meeting time and date have been determined.

Submitted RV.	Heather Kauer, MPA, RPP, MCIP, AICP Regional Planning Manager	May 27, 2022
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ATTACHMENTS

1. None