



Islands Trust

STAFF

REPORT

File No.: Major project – OCP
Review

DATE OF MEETING: July 2, 2026
TO: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
FROM: Renée Jamurat, Regional Planning Manager
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SUBJECT: Lasqueti Major Project Update

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee support a business case for work on an Interests Framework with First Nations in the Lasqueti local trust area which will serve as pre-work to any future OCP project;

And further that, the OCP project be placed on the Future Projects List for the incoming LTC to re-consider as part of their work program.

REPORT SUMMARY

Briefly describe the purpose of the report (e.g. to rezone from R1 (Residential) to C1 (Commercial)). Summarize the key discussion points (ideally no more than three) supporting the recommendation.

BACKGROUND

The following is an update to the major project.

- The RPT managers have reviewed projects for the current fiscal and continuation of projects for next fiscal year.
- Due to constraints over the last year with the RPT resourcing to complete the projects underway, the RPT has been unable to initiate the LA major project work to-date.
- Recall that the LA project started as an update in 2018, received 2nd reading in 2021, and in 2022 the LTC paused to hear/discuss interests with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation, which has not yet occurred to-date. In addition the project will require an overall review and update to its scope as a major project and therefore a revised project charter is needed once the RPT was sufficiently resourced to initiate this project.
- This project was tentatively anticipated to initiate in Fall 2025 however staff have been unable to start due to lack of resources.

ISSUES & CONSIDERATIONS

At this point in time, given the current resourcing and looking ahead to the next fiscal year, and considering the local elections with a new LTC for next fiscal year, staff raise the following issues for the LTC's attention prior to initiating this project. Outstanding issues, constraints known to staff at this time include:

- Staff have not yet heard from the Nation,
- Staff are hesitant to initiate discussions with the Nation on the project since it's unknown when staff will have capacity to start work through the RPT, and whether the incoming LTC will want to proceed with a new project and scope.
- Staff are considering a new approach as supported through the Indigenous Relations Actions Plan, to develop an Interest Framework with First Nations, which can be started as 'pre-work' to an eventual OCP update. This option is proposed as a motion for the LTC to consider.
- Staff note concerns about conduct during LA LTC meetings regarding cultural safety for participating Nations, and safety concerns which should be investigated further by senior management before initiating community engagement. While these issues may not be resolved before the end of the current term, staff and management intend to have mitigation options in place for the incoming LTC.
- Unfortunately timing constraints due to the LTC meeting schedule, budget deadlines, and local election timing, limit the completion of deliverables needed for LTC approval (direction & business case) and having this conversation with outgoing/incoming LTC.

The LA LTC's next regular business meeting is in November 2026 for the new incoming LTC (earmarked for orientating new LTC) and then in February 2027.

Rationale for Recommendation

Therefore staff seek direction on the following potential next steps leading up to considering a new project for next fiscal year:

- 1) Move this project to the future projects list for the incoming LTC to review and refresh as needed for a future fiscal year. At that time, the LTC can assess readiness for this work and possibly request a new 2028-29 business case to reflect that ask to undertake work. Information can be captured to ensure that the LTC's desired items to review the OCP are listed in the Future projects list for the incoming LTC.
- 2) Consider initiating work on an Interest Framework with First Nations in the Lasqueti local trust area over the next fiscal as pre-work to the eventual OCP update. If desired, the LTC should make a resolution to start this work next fiscal and staff will prepare a business case and submit it to Trust Council for September budget submissions. However, note that the LTC will not be able to approve it prior to going to Trust Council as there are no regular meetings until November 23. Also, through this direction staff will not be working on the OCP project, as the First Nation interest framework is necessary work to preclude the OCP project.

Refer to the formal recommendation, included on Page 1 of the report.

ALTERNATIVES

The LTC may consider the following alternatives to the staff recommendation:

1. Request staff to prepare a business case for the OCP review project

The Lasqueti Island LTC may request staff to prepare a business case for the OCP review project and forward the business case to the relevant committees and Trust Council for budget consideration. Note that staff have outstanding concerns about safety and cultural safety that

should be addressed prior to starting project work. Recommended wording for the resolution is as follows:

That the Lasqueti Island LTC request staff to prepare a business case for the OCP review project and forward the business case to the relevant committees and Trust Council for budget consideration.

2. Request further information

The LTC may request further information prior to making a decision. Staff advise that the implications of this alternative may result in a late submission or missing the budget timeframe, limited staff resources to undertake the work in a timely manner and with only one scheduled LTC meeting prior to budget considerations. If selecting this alternative, the LTC should describe the specific information needed and the rationale for this request. Recommended wording for the resolution is as follows:

That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee request the following information: [describe specific information], and present for the next scheduled Lasqueti Local Trust Committee Regular Business Meeting.

3. Proceed no further

Recommended wording for the resolution is as follows:

That the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee proceed no further with the OCP project or any initial work at this time and place this project on the Future Projects List.

NEXT STEPS

The next steps will be subject to the direction provided by the LTC.

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ATTACHMENTS – None.