



DATE OF MEETING: August 29, 2023

TO: Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

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SUBJECT: Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Targeted Review Project – Status Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) with a status update for the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Targeted Review project.

BACKGROUND

The following resolutions were passed by the LTC in June 2023:

GM-2023-016 It was *MOVED and SECONDED*
that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to provide a public communication that reviews to date and future opportunities for input by community members, as well as an outline of the First Nations engagement, to be sent out via email to Gambier residents. CARRIED

At the time of report writing, staff was working with the Trustees on this communication piece for distribution to the Gambier Island residents.

GM-2023-017 It was *MOVED and SECONDED*
that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee request staff to advertise for expressions of interest to residents of Gambier Island to be appointed to an advisory planning commission for the purposes of the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Targeted Review project. CARRIED

Advertising for expressions of interest to the Gambier Advisory Planning Commission (APC) appeared in the Coast Reporter on July 21st and 28th, 2023. The LTC may consider appointments to the APC at their next business meeting in October if there are sufficient expressions of interest. At the time of report writing, no expressions of interest had been submitted to the northern office of the Islands Trust.

GM-2023-018 It was *MOVED and SECONDED*
that the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee endorse the revised Project Charter version 2.0, dated June 16, 2023 for the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw Targeted Review project. CARRIED

The revised and updated [project charter](#) was posted to the project webpage. No further amendments are required at this time. Staff has updated the capacity funding budget details in the project charter to reflect the agreement being signed with Squamish Nation.

First Nations Engagement: Staff have drafted a capacity funding agreement with the staff from the Squamish Nation to undertake a targeted review of the OCP and LUB. At the time of report writing final signatures and transfer of funds were being finalized. A regular schedule of staff to staff meetings is proposed between September 2023 and March 2024. The objective is for the Nation’s Rights and Title department staff to work with Islands Trust planning staff to draft and review policy and regulatory updates for LTC consideration in the spring of 2024.

Community Consultation: Once the LTC has received and considered the compilation of suggested amendments from Squamish Nation in early 2024, staff recommend one electronic community information meeting with Gambier Island residents, Islands Trust staff and Squamish Nation staff to discuss the work completed to-date and highlight key policy and regulatory amendments being considered by the LTC. In the interim, any members of the public with questions or comments about the project are encouraged to contact the project planner directly.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will be meeting with the staff of the Squamish Nation Rights and Title department beginning in September 2023 for regularly scheduled working group sessions to conduct a targeted review of the Gambier OCP and LUB. Regular updates from planning staff will be provided to the LTC through memorandums on regular business meeting agendas.

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