



MEMORANDUM

File No.: Lasqueti OCP/LUB Review
Project
6500 LTC Work Program

DATE OF MEETING: February 10, 2025
TO: Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee
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Northern Team
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SUBJECT: Lasqueti OCP Review Project

REPORT SUMMARY

This memorandum provides an update to the LTC on their current minor project to review the Lasqueti Island Official Community Plan. This project has advanced as far as it can as a minor project due to the current project scope, and the status of engagement with Snaw-naw-as First Nation.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the LTC gave Second Reading to Proposed OCP Bylaw No. 98 and referred the bylaw to First Nations. In response, a letter was received from Snaw-naw-as First Nation indicating a desire to engage in a discussion about the proposed OCP Bylaw. Since that time efforts have been made to understand the interests of Snaw-naw-as First Nation with regards to land use on Lasqueti Island, but to this point the LTC has not been successful in meaningfully engaging the First Nation on this project. At the same time, other work related to this project has been completed including updates to the project charter, APC referrals, and a technical review. However, the LTC has intentionally stopped short of taking steps to advance the Proposed OCP Bylaw towards bylaw adoption due to their desire to engage with Snaw-naw-as First Nation on this project. To complete this engagement work, changes to the project workplan and budget are required.

In recognition that there are areas of LTC interest that are not addressed in the proposed OCP, and the constraints of a minor project, the LTC has also endorsed a business case for the 2025/2026 fiscal year for a new major project to update the OCP.

Over the past few years, Islands Trust staff have been engaging with other First Nations on various major LTC projects and some of the initial learnings from this project work indicate that effective and meaningful engagement with First Nations takes time and requires thoughtful planning, project funding and staff support. If this major OCP review project is approved, the project should implement learnings from other Local Trust Areas to support First Nations relationship building, with the objective of updating land use planning policies for Lasqueti Island. This work is beyond what can be accomplished in this minor project, but could be accomplished through a major project such as the OCP Review requested by the LTC to begin in 2025.

NEXT STEPS

In consideration of this, staff will look to the major project to continue work on the Lasqueti OCP and will pause work on the current minor project in the immediate future. Staff will prepare for this project to transition to the Regional Planning Team and communicate this transition to affected parties.

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