



Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022

Location: Baptist Church, Lower Level Meeting Room
520 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: Jenny McClean, Acting Chair
David Dunnison
Bob MacKie
Jennifer Maksymetz

Regrets: Martin Ogilvie
John Gauld
Robert Steinbach

Absent:

Staff Present: Geordie Gordon, Acting Island Planner
Rob Pingle, Recorder

Others Present:

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

Acting Chair McClean called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

The small quorum and motions by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at their May 17, 2002 meeting were discussed.

By general consent, it was decided to defer the election to a future meeting.

2. AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for May 4, 2022

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of the May 4, 2022 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

4. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

4.1 Workshop Summary

Planner Gordon spoke to the following resolutions passed by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and how they impact the work of the Task Force:

That the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee request staff upon completion of this phase of engagement to pause the Ganges Village Plan project to allow the Local Trust Committee to explore opportunities to work with First Nations.

That the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee request that the Ganges Village Area Plan Task Force pause on the further development of objectives and goals while the Local Trust Committee works with First Nations. The Local Trust Committee requests the Task Force to provide feedback on the first phase engagement reports for gaps and opportunities for future engagement.

There was general discussion about the relationship between the Islands Trust and First Nations. The indigenous community of Salt Spring were referred to as a group that should be engaged in the process of planning for Ganges Village.

In discussion the following items were noted regarding the workshop summary:

- The Draft Area Boundary was seen to have gaps for allowing the growth of Ganges specifically by excluding Merchant Mews.
- The lack of inclusion of the Japanese community.

4.2 Work Program

This item was deferred due to the motions by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at their May 17, 2022 meeting.

4.3 Ideas Workshop

Planner Gordon provided information on the workshops Ahne Studio has planned for June 4, 2022.

5. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

6. ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Rob Pingle, Recorder