

**Gwaii Trust Society
Annual General Meeting
December 16, 2006 – Old Massett Community Hall
Old Massett, BC
1:30 p.m.**

In attendance:

Warren Foster, Director (Q)	Ron McKee, Director (Q)
Lawrence Jones, Director (Q)	Richard Russ, Director (Q)
Irene Mills, Director (Q)	Brad Setso, Director, (Q)
Robert A. Young	Ian Hetman, Director (Q)

Miles Richardson, Chairperson
Tanu Lusignan, Managing Administrator
Shirley Jones, Administrative Assistant
Michael Johnson, McAlpine & Company

Guests:

Jim Abbott	Tammy Jones
Lucille Bell	Mike McLeod
Arnie Bellis	Elizabeth Moore
Monica Brown	Ken Rae
Quentin Brown	Alex Rinfret
Shaylanna Brown	Danny Robertson
Frank Collison	Reynold Russ
Sherri Disney	Hope Setso
Marguerite Forrest	Harold Yeltatzie
Moe Ingram	

*Delina Myler
Proxy
should be noted*

1.0 Introductions

The Board, Staff and guests introduced themselves.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed a motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Ian Hetman
Seconded by: Warren Foster
CARRIED

3.0 Adoption of Minutes (December 17, 2005)

The minutes of December 17, 2005 were reviewed a motion was made to adopt the minutes as presented.

Moved by: Irene Mills
Seconded by: Lawrence Jones
CARRIED

4.0 Gwaii Trust Society Annual Report

The Chairperson presented the Gwaii Trust Society Annual Report. A motion was made to adopt the report as presented.

Moved by: Richard Russ

Seconded by: Brad Setso

CARRIED

5.0 Audited Financial Statements 2005/2006

Michael Johnson of McAlpine & Co. presented the Audited Financial Statements dated August 31, 2006.

6.0 Resolutions of the Board

6.1 #06-001 – 2005/2006 Audited Financial Statements

A motion was made for the Gwaii Trust Society Members to approve the 2006 Gwaii Trust Audited Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2006 as presented.

MEMBER RESOLUTION #06-001

Moved by: Ian Hetman

Seconded by: Irene Mills

CARRIED

6.2 #006-002 – 2006/2007 Auditor Appointment

A motion was made for the Gwaii Trust Society Members to appoint McAlpine & Co., as auditor for the Gwaii Trust for the 2006/2007 fiscal year

MEMBER RESOLUTION #06-002

Moved by: Warren Foster

Seconded by: Lawrence Jones

CARRIED

6.3 #006-003 – 2006/2007 Directors Appointments

A motion was made that "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following persons be and they are hereby appointed to be directors of the Society to hold office for a term of two (2) years, pursuant to subsection 33(6) of the By-laws of the Society, or until they resign or are replaced:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Alternate Director</u>	<u>Participating Community</u>
Lawrence Jones	Frank Collison	Council of the Haida Nation
Jim Abbott	Claudette Lavoie	Graham Island Central
Robert A. Young	Captain Gold	Council of the Haida Nation
Warren Foster	Kathy Pick	Area "E"

7.0 Questions/Comments

Arnie Bellis – Thanked the outgoing board members also thanked Miles Richardson for his time and commitment to the Gwaii Trust Society. The only concern or projects that the Gwaii Trust Society should address are the elders of our communities, the Gwaii Trust should make this a higher priority in their business plan.

Miles Richardson – The Gwaii Trust would like to public to know what the board has done over the past fiscal year. It is to be noted that the Board made a decision last fiscal year to approve the 12.8 million named the Haida Parity Fund to be allocated to Old Massett, Skidegate and the Council of the Haida Nation over the next 15 years.

Mike McLeod – Thanked the Gwaii Trust Society for their work in completing the Broadband Project. Mike also asked when GwaiiTel will be signed over to the communities and will there be a Press Release when this task is completed.

Miles Richardson – The GwaiiTel will be signed over once all the communities have agreed to the contract and there will be a Press Release once this has been completed. It is expected to be handed over in the beginning of 2007.

Reynold Russ- Congratulated Miles Richardson for all his work with the Gwaii Trust Society and the people of Haida Gwaii. Also remembers the beginning of GTIPS and the Gwaii Trust Society – not many people saw the visions of the Gwaii Trust and today the Gwaii Trust is still achieving its visions of the past and has great goals for the future.

Miles Richardson – Thanked Reynold for his kind words and also informed the public that the Gwaii Trust Society is working very hard, to repatriate the SMFRA Funds to Haida Gwaii.

Sherri Disney- Informed everyone that she is a Coordinator for the Masset Teen Centre. Sherri also informed the public that is very important, that the Teen Centres of Haida Gwaii receive more funding and not matching funding from the Gwaii Trust Society. If this is not approved the Teen Centres will have to be shut down and this is not what the teens would like. Currently the teen centres are fund raising to match the \$50,000.00 currently approved by the Gwaii Trust Society's Major Contributions Program. Sherri would like the public to know that this is a very serious problem and would like suggestions on how to fund raise or seek further funding from other sources.

Miles Richardson – Miles informed Sherri that she should contact the Gwaii Trust Society Managing Administrator and meet to discuss the possibility of accessing matching funds to a lesser level.

Marguerite Forrest – Requested that the Gwaii Trust Society look into increasing the Travel Assistance Program funding as the current rates are insufficient for bringing in professionals to educate residents of Haida Gwaii.

Danny Robertson – Thanked the Gwaii Trust Society for their continued support to the Swan Bay Rediscovery Society over the years. The Swan Bay Rediscovery Camp has been expanding tremendously because of the funding from the Gwaii Trust Society. Danny also thanked the outgoing members and wished the new members luck in their new position. Danny also thanked Miles Richardson from his commitment to the Gwaii Trust Society.

Elizabeth Moore – Thanked Miles Richardson for his time working with the Gwaii Trust Society. Would like the Gwaii Trust Society to look into some sort of dedication to the people who were at Lyle Island, during the protest - in particular the elders who made great sacrifices to be at the protest during the winter months. Elizabeth would also like the Gwaii Trust Society to reconsider the Haida Gwaii Youth Society's request for additional funding. The teen centres are a very important part of each community and would like the funding to continue for these projects. Other projects that the Gwaii Trust should consider are local businesses being able to access funding as well as the local housing issues of each community and finally will the Christmas Allocation funding be increased.

Miles Richardson – The Gwaii Trust Society has not reviewed the Christmas Allocation funding in its new Business Plan, but will consider it in this fiscal year.

Warren Foster – Thanked Miles Richardson for all his work with the Gwaii Trust Society over the past nine years, Warren also thanked Miles for all his time and effort in working with the Gwaii Trust Society Board and presented Miles with a gift.

Miles Richardson – Thanked the Board and Staff for the gift. Miles thanked the Board for their dedication and commitment.

4.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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