

Gwaii Trust Society
Gwaii Trust Members Meeting
April 22, 2017 1PM – 3PM
Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum, Masset

In Attendance:

Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
Graham Island Central	Berry Wijdeven	
Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	Al West
Area 'E'	Warren Foster	Laurie Chisholm
Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	
Skidegate Band Council		Ooka Pineault
CHN Massett	Robert Bennett	Tyler Bellis
Old Massett Village Council	Lisa Bell	John T. Jones
CHN Skidegate	Jason Alsop	

Chair & Staff:		
Chair	James Cowpar	
Chief Operations Officer	Carla Lutner	
Chief Investment Officer	Errol Winter	
Communications Officer	Joey Rudichuk	

Excusals: Lyndale George (Proxy assigned to Jason Alsop)

Guests:			
Michael Johnson, MNP	Sandy Gagnon	Chris Williams	
Arnie Bellis	Laura Williams	Doug Daugert	
Chris Ashurst	Dana Bellis	Sylvan Daugert	
Andrew Hudson	Ina Biron	Jana McLeod	
Christine Carty	Paul Biron	Kenny Williams	
Terry Carty	Colleen Williams	Ken Rae	
Jason Thompson			
Mayor Greg Martin (Queen Charlotte)			

Note:

The following is an accurate reporting of the meetings as they occurred, however these minutes are not to be construed as a verbatim report of all conversations that transpired, but rather a reflection of the outcome of those discussions; where necessary members have been quoted as closely as possible.

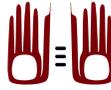
1.0 Call to Order

The Gwaii Trust chair called the meeting to order at 1:10PM

2.0 Excusals - Proxies

As noted above.

3.0 Introductions



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The Chair asked the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors and staff to introduce themselves.

4.0 Message from the Chair

The Gwaii Trust Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and outlined the documents included in their package.

The Chair noted that the Gwaii Trust has been around for 25 years and there are many new things on the horizon, but these endeavours will require the community engagement. He stated that we're not going ahead independently, we're moving ahead as one community.

The Chair recognized Fran Reddick and her years of dedication to the Gwaii Trust.

The Chair asked the COO to provide an overview of her position with Gwaii Trust and the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation.

The Chair asked the CIO to provide an overview of his position.

Director Foster was recognized for his work as the Civic Community representative on the Executive Committee, and Director Alsop was recognized for his work as the Haida Community representative.

Terry Carty was recognized by Director Foster as one of the Grandfathers of Gwaii Trust

The Chair recognized the Arts Committee members, their advisory, and the Youth Board members.

5.0 Call for Adoption of the Agenda

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society reviewed the agenda, and after discussion the Board of Directors made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough

Seconded by: Bret Johnston **Carried**

6.0 Call for Adoption of Previous Minutes

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society reviewed the April 9, 2016 meeting minutes. After discussion the Board of Directors made a motion to approve as presented.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough

Seconded by: Berry Wijdeven **Carried**

7.0 Approval of the Gwaii Trust Society's 2016 Annual Report

The 2016 Gwaii Trust Annual Report was presented to the Gwaii Trust Members. The Gwaii Trust Chair provided a brief overview of the report. After review, the members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to approve the 2016 Annual Report as presented.

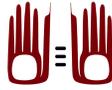
The COO acknowledged local individuals and groups who assisted with the Annual Report: Jen Bailey, graphic designer. Alex Rinfret, who assisted with writing. Advantage Printer in Prince Rupert printed the final report.

Moved by: Warren Foster

Seconded by: Bret Johnston **Carried**

8.0 Auditor's Presentation of 2016 Audited Financial Statements

Michael Johnson from MNP provided an overview of the 2016 audited Gwaii Trust Society and Athlii Gwaii Legacy Society financial statements.



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9.0 Approval of the 2016 Audited Financial Statements

The members of the Gwaii trust Society reviewed the 2016 audited Gwaii Trust Society financial statements.

Audience member Arnie Bellis asked where we as a society do more to help those in the community who are in need, in particular those with drug and alcohol problems, and where does it fit in our constitution?

The Chair thanked Mr. Bellis for his question and advised the question will be responded to later in the agenda (12.0 Questions from the Public)

Audience member Chris Ashurst asked whether there is anything in our bylaws with regard to ethical investments. The CIO responded that Gwaii Trust does consider and seek out ethical investment opportunities, although we have not to date found a fund that reflect our values and requested input from anyone who has a recommendation.

Mr. Rae from the audience asked how many basis points the Gwaii Trust Society pays for management, and the CIO confirmed 44 basis points.

After review and discussion, the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors made a motion to approve the 2016 audited statements as presented.

Moved by: Warren Foster

Seconded by: Clyde Greenough **Carried**

10.0 Auditor Appointment for 2017

The Members of the Gwaii Trust Society appointed MNP as the auditor for the 2017 fiscal year. The Chair thanked Michael Johnson for his many years of service.

Moved by: Bret Johnston

Seconded by: Jason Alsop **Carried**

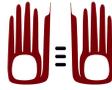
11.0 Member Appointments

The members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to appoint the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors as follows:

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Graham Island Central	Berry Wijdeven	Ian Gould
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Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Lareina Grosse
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CHN Massett	Robert Bennett	Tyler Bellis
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Seconded by: Clyde Greenough **Carried**



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12.0 Questions from the Public

The Chair identified current members of the Gwaii Trust committees.

Director Foster responded to Mr. Bellis' earlier question highlighting that in November 2016 there was an all-islands Wellness Forum with 45 medical professionals from throughout the islands, to talk about the barriers to being a healthier community, common challenges, and what the Gwaii Trust Society may be able to do to help. There will be a follow-up forum to discuss next-steps that is tentatively scheduled for the end of May or June of this year.

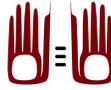
Director Wijdeven spoke with regards to the Economic Development Committee as its Chair, outlining Gwaii Trust Society's strategic vision (Healthy Individuals, Healthy Islands, Healthy Communities). He noted that the Economic Development piece of this motto is "Healthy Islands", and this is not just infrastructure, but also wellness.

Director Greenough spoke with regards to the Post-Secondary Education Committee as its Chair, noting that they are focusing on literacy, different learning opportunities including trades and skills training, and are working with the local band councils.

Mr. Ashurst from the audience asked about emergency services with regard to explicit support by Gwaii Trust, noting he represents two search and rescue/emergency services organizations. They have not yet come to Gwaii Trust for funding, and 75% of their current funding comes from off island. Recognizing it's difficult to compare one need against another, whether it be a service and/or a region, suggested it may be something to consider supporting more than one aspect as one group (fire services, search and rescue, etc). The Chair suggested it may be prudent for Mr. Ashurst to speak with the COO and CIO to discuss this kind of request to gather more information, discuss strategies, as well as with his area representative, in this case Graham Island Central, Graham Island North, Council of the Haida Nations Old Massett, and Old Massett Village Council.

Mr. Biron from the audience asked for more details on the Food Security grant. Director Jones shared that \$85,000 goes to the SD50 food program each year. Over and above that, the food security budget was \$100,000 with an additional \$31,000 approved by the board. Director Jones stated that a number of greenhouses have now been built on island, including the Adult Day Program in Old Massett, which were funded by Gwaii Trust. Director Foster suggested that if there was a funding model Mr. Biron had an idea for he should meet with his area representative to discuss strategies.

Ms. Colleen Williams from the audience asked about application options for those who do not have internet access. The COO responded that a paper version of the travel grant and the continuing education grant is available, and a person is welcome to call or visit either office if they need any additional support.



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Mr. Thompson from the audience shared a comment with regard to the Economic Development committee, stating that it will require some bold steps for Gwaii Trust to separate itself from the pack. He sees Gwaii Trust as supportive of small requests, but shouldn't sit back and wait for others to come and apply when most not-for-profits are so taxed, a more proactive approach would be helpful. Director Wijdeven was in agreement and believes Gwaii Trust is in a position to make some bold moves in the next two years. Director Foster noted that as a result of the Economic Development forum at the end of 2014 there was a significant investment in internet infrastructure on the islands. Queen Charlotte Mayor, Greg Martin, spoke to the impact of the Queen Charlotte boat ramp funded by Gwaii Trust as it relates to tourism, food security and food stability.

Mr. Hudson from the audience asked for more information on the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation. The CIO shared that there was a need for an entity to focus specifically on issues around economic development. It also allows us to partner with other community foundations across Canada, as well as receive funds and issue tax receipts for donations. There is also a matching program with Gwaii Trust. Director Wijdeven stated that this foundation is about helping people help themselves. The COO commented that this is an innovative solution to a problem that has plagued Gwaii Trust for many years.

Mr. Rae from the audience commented that he feels the Gwaii Trust is in a position to become leaders in the area of working with other societies across the country.

Ms. Colleen Williams from the audience asked about receiving funds for a Lyell Island reunion next summer. The COO suggested she explore the Community Innovation grant. Director Foster recommended Ms. Williams meet with the COO, and felt confident that the board could come up with an outside-the-box solution.

The Chair made a note that the Athlii Gwaii book should be available soon.

The Chair thanked directors, alternates and staff for their patience and commitment as we change with the times, a reflection of this including upcoming Board Governance and Societies Act training May 13-14, and the updating of the Board of Directors' terms of reference.

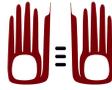
The COO made note that an open Societies Act training session would be available in May, details to follow.

13.0 Adjournment

3:08PM

Moved: Bret Johnston

Carried



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James Cowpar
Chairman

Carla Lutner
Chief Operations Officer

Date, as to both signatures