

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, May 29, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
By video conference

Present: Alan McCarthy, Anne Mack, Ariane Batic, Cathy Thicke, Dave Tovell, Hannah Nicholls, Geoff Lyons, Nicky Ling, Nora Morrison, Tammy Dorward

Staff: Rebecca Hurwitz, Colin Robinson, Laura Loucks

Guests: Saya Masso, Julian Hockin-Grant, John Reid-Hresko, Andrea McQuade, Bob Prenovost, Tracey MacTavish, Asher DeGroot, Brennan Jelinski

Nuu-chah-nulth word of the meeting: Tammy shared the word ha-hahoulthee, the plural form of hahoulthee relevant to discussing the fact that meeting attendees are calling in from multiple territories.

Policy of the meeting: Executive Committee policy

1. Welcome and Introductions

Tammy called the meeting to order and acknowledged the Nuu-chah-nulth ha-hahoulthee where the meeting was taking place.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the agenda
- b. Board of Directors meeting minutes April 23, 2020
- c. Executive Committee meeting minutes May 21, 2020
- d. Correspondence: Dennis Currie re: Olsen Road development April 29, 2020
- e. Correspondence: Sebastien Goupil, Canadian Commission for UNESCO re: Periodic review of Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region May 1, 2020

Motion to approve the consent agenda carried by consensus.

3. Director updates

Directors provided a 2-3 minute update on items that relate to the CBT.

4. Vital Grant Presentation

Following discussion at the past meeting, Tribal Parks Allies team presented their 2020 Vital Grant application. Saya Masso opened the presentation by sharing the context for the project. Julian Hockin-grant reviewed work done so far to engage community actors in the Tribal Parks Allies program. John Reid-Hreshko overviewed the academic and research linkages of the project. Andrea McQuade spoke to the conversations that CBT funding would enable and clarified that the grant would support dialogue facilitation around a difficult subject. The Tribal Parks Allies team answered questions from the board about the project.

Rebecca overviewed the Vital Grant committee process by which the project came to be recommended and about the Vital Grant criteria. She also shared information about periodic review considerations regarding zonation and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas, which collaboratively help Canada meet federal biodiversity conservation targets. She referenced the Canada 150 gathering that facilitated a difficult conversation about land, title and reconciliation, and the board's decision to support that dialogue. She also noted that CBT legal counsel has clarified CBT is not liable legally for activities of grantees. Due to time, the board agreed to finish the conversation at the next board meeting.

Due to time limitations and the absence of directors from Ahousaht and Hesquiaht First Nation, the board decided to postpone the decision.

Motion to postpone the Tribal Parks Allies Vital Grant decision until June 18th carried by consensus.

5. Biosphere Research Award Recommendation

Laura provided an overview of the of the Technical Review Committee process and its recommendation that the Thornton Creek Enhancement Society receive the 2020 Biosphere Research Award to support the WCVI Juvenile Chinook Survival Project. She reviewed all applicants and projects and explained the Technical Review Committee's evaluation and decision, taking into account the impacts of COVID-19 on each project as well as the standing evaluation criteria. The board discussed the project and thanked Laura for her presentation.

Motion to approve the Biosphere Reserve Award be granted to the Thornton Creek Enhancement Society as recommended by the Technical Review Committee carried by consensus.

6. Biosphere Centre

Bob Prenovost, Project Manager, provided an update regarding the enclosed risk register and budget report. He noted that the project is currently on time and on budget for the pre-development phase. He overviewed the risk management strategy and educated the board about the likelihood, impact if realized, and severity of each risk.

Tracey Mactavish and Asher DeGroot, MOTIV Architects, provided an update on the community consultation and design, including specific feedback from the District of Tofino, the broader Tofino community, user groups and partners, and Olsen Road neighborhood residents. They presented a revised design and explained how it incorporated the community feedback.

Tammy and Cathy thanked the architects for the detailed overview and noted that this project has been many years in the making. Tracey and Asher noted they could export a “fly-through” video from their modeling software to show the new design in 3D as part of the next steps in the project communications as we move into submission of the rezoning application.

7. Elections of the Officers

The Board discussed postponing the vote to elect officers in the interest of time.

Motion to continue the appointment of the officers until the next board meeting on June 18th.

8. In Camera - Executive Director Performance Review

The board went in camera at 12:25 p.m.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn carried by consensus.

The next CBT Board meeting and AGM will be held Thursday, June 18th.