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**Valdes Island Conservancy**  
**Minutes of October 2, 2018**

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**Date:** October 2, 2018 (Conference Call)

**Present:** Diane Burton; Anne Casselman; Marja de Jong Westman; Alan Doolittle; Doug Campbell; Bill McElhanney, Bruce Livingston, Warren Warttig (Chair).

**Delayed:** Dan White

**Regrets:** Jason Camp; Doug Cochran

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**1. New Business:**

1.1. Call to Order: 7:05 pm

1.2. Approval of the Agenda: moved by Doug Campbell; seconded by Bill McElhanney; Carried.

1.3. Election of the Executive:

1.3.1. Results: Marja de Jong Westman – President; Warren Warttig- Vice-President; Anne Casselman, Secretary; Diane Burton, Treasurer; Doug Campbell, Chair of First Nations Committee. Discussion acknowledged the work of the executive this year and the collaborations which allowed a successful year of work.

1.4. Appointment of Committee Chairs & Volunteering of Board Members to Committees:

- Conservation and Education – Marja de Jong Westman (Chair);
  - Board Members: Diane Burton, Anne Casselman, Warren Warttig
- First Nations – Doug Campbell (Chair)
  - Board Members: Alan Doolittle, Bill McElhanney, Warren Warttig
- Lands and Trails – Warren Warttig (Chair)
  - Board Members: Bruce Livingston, Jason Camp, Marja de Jong Westman
- Legal Affairs – Alan Doolittle (Chair)
  - Board Members: Doug Campbell, Doug Cochran; Bill McElhanney
- Membership – Diane Burton (Chair)
  - Board Members: Alan Doolittle; Doug Cochran
- Revenue – Bill McElhanney (Chair)
  - Board Members: Warren Warttig
- Safety – Jason Camp
  - Board Members: Dan White

1.4.1. Any VIC member in good standing can be a member of a committee. Chairs are encouraged to solicit members.



- 1.4.2. Motion: Bruce Livingston moved that an adhoc committee of the VIC be formed to work on the Valdes Island Community Book Project. Seconded: Bill McElhanney. Carried.
- 1.5. Strategic Plan Document: Board members are asked to review document as recirculated with a particular focus on the society's overall mandate and committee guidelines and responsibilities. Review and discussion deferred to November meeting.
- 1.6. Setting of meeting schedule: Motion: Bruce Livingston; Seconded: Anne Casselman. Meetings of the VIC be held monthly on first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Carried.
- 1.7. Basecamp Management: Alan Doolittle and Anne Casselman to be new administrators of this filing, communication platform.
- 1.8. Website Management: Motion: Marja de Jong Westman; Seconded: Bruce Livingston. Past President, Alexandra de Jong Westman be appointed as the manager of the VIC website. Carried.
- 1.9. Setting of fall meeting with the Chief and Council of the Lyackson First Nation: Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the preferred date for VIC board members. Action Item: Doug Campbell will send out a request for a meeting to the Lyackson FN.

## 2. Continuing business items:

### 2.1. Application/contract re: Island Timberlands properties on Valdes Island:

- Warren spoke to the background communication with Island Timberlands and the expectations of the VIC about entering into a community-based agreement. Alan Doolittle spoke to the legal aspects of the document provided to the VIC from Island Timberlands.
- Motion: Bruce Livingston; Seconded: Alan Doolittle – The Legal Affairs Committee gather information and reach out to Island Timberlands to address the application received and work toward a document more suitably applicable to the Valdes Island community.

### 2.2. Anchorage Issue:

- Risk Report written by Warren Warttig, RPBIO on behalf of VIC
  - Discussion of report and its distribution.
  - Agreement that:
    - Anne Casselman will craft a letter of introduction to the report.
    - Final proofed report and letter will be sent/resent to:
      - Island's Trust



- Anchorage Concerns Regional Group (Doug Fenton)
- Vancouver Port Authority
- Review Committee: Trans-Mountain Pipeline
- Lyackson Chief and Council
- Municipal, Provincial and Federal political representatives
- Consideration of a Press Release

2.3. Communications with Treaty Commissioner: (tabled to November meeting)

### 3. Action items deferred to next meeting:

- 3.1. Status and response to Andrew Simon's research proposal: Action – Marja and Warren
- 3.2. Funding opportunities for the VIC: Action – Bill and Warren
- 3.3. Consideration of: Formation of a Communications Committee/Communications Representative
- 3.4. Consideration of: Press Release re: Freighter anchorage and traffic
- 3.5. VIC Membership categories: Action: Doug Cochran, Alan Doolittle

**Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

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#### ***Mission Statement***

*To conserve and protect the existing biological and cultural communities of Valdes Island and its environs.*