

**CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST
Culture Committee**

**Thursday, November 15th, 2007
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Caffe Vincente, Tofino**

Draft Summary and Next Steps

- 1. Dinner was served from 6:00 – 6:30**
- 2. Review and approve agenda & recent minutes**

The agenda and recent minutes were approved.

3. CBT Update

CBT staff has mainly been focusing on the Call for Projects, as well supporting the Board in their Core Priorities exercise. The Board of Director's held a Core Priorities Retreat in late October, which is part of a process to identify long-term outcomes to focus the CBT Trust fund income towards for the next five to ten years. These core priorities will also help to identify the skills needed in the next Executive Director. The retreat was only the beginning of this conversation. The Board also took the opportunity to meet with representatives of Malaspina University College and the Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve. David will prepare a draft of the core priorities to bring forward at the next board meeting. The results will also be reviewed by the committees and communities of the Biosphere Reserve in the New Year.

4. 2007 Call for Projects

The main focus of the evening was the review of project proposals in order to make recommendations for funding to the CBT Board. The group chose to discuss the projects one at a time and to assign a letter grade. After grading the projects the group discussed which projects to recommend to the Board and which projects they would prefer to fund with the remainder of their discretionary funding (\$9137).

Aboriginal Role Models Speaking Tour, Part 1, request \$5000

This project was not reviewed favorably as it appeared to be too early in its development to be supported. While some preliminary conversations have taken place, there are no letters of support from the communities. The logistics do not appear to be thought out and the proponent has not taken the opportunity to learn from others who have already offered similar events. The purchase of calendars for some individuals was also of concern, as it was a large request with no specifics provided on their distribution. The group was also uncomfortable with non-First Nations not being invited to participate.

Ahousaht Living our Language, request \$8000

This project was reviewed favorably as the group has already done a great deal of work and will share the program with other communities through outreach efforts. The group already has the facility and the desire for language programs has been clearly articulated by the Ahousaht community. It was noted by the group that Ahousaht is making great use of their speakers and there was a shared acknowledgement of the difficulty in finding support for the much needed coordinator role. The group felt very confident that this program would be successful and would like to encourage the proponent to link with other communities.

Solwood Centre for Culture, Ecology and the Arts, request \$3000

This project was not reviewed favorably. The logistics of transportation of children to and from the program was questioned by the group, especially as it seemed to rely on the school bus to a certain extent. The group was concerned with liability issues and insurance and unfortunately the proponent did not take the opportunity to meet with the group to answer questions. It was also unclear if Solwood is a registered non-profit or if they would be partnering with another organization to offer the program. There were no letters of support from the Ucluelet Recreation Commission, who seem to be a natural partner and the budget did not provide enough detail. It was unclear if students would pay for the program and who would be collecting those funds.

Tla-o-qui-aht language and traditional knowledge multi-media project, request \$8000

This project was looked at very favorably. A lot of the initial work has been done, as the information has already been collected and now it needs to be organized. The committee was also keen to support this project because it will create a new method to apply traditional teachings to policy and governance work. Eli has experience in the kind of work required to complete the project and the end product will be available through in CD format, as well as through a website, which will be freely available. Once this first step is complete and all data is in a usable format it will allow for other options. Credits will include CBT.

Traditional Ahousaht Names, 2007, request \$8000

This project was not looked at very favorably because of a lack of information. A budget was not provided with initial submission. The proponents had been asked to complete the budget and submit it to the group, but that has not been forthcoming. The end product of this project would not be released publicly and would serve limited people within one group within the biosphere region. Recommend that proponent submit next year as the submission requires more work and detail.

The Culture Committee will recommend the following projects to the CBT Board:

Tla-o-qui-aht language and traditional knowledge multi-media project. \$8000
Ahousaht Cultural Youth Centre. \$2000

The committee also wishes to allocate \$6000 of their discretionary budget to the Ahousaht Living our Language project. The remainder of their discretionary funding they committed to hosting a Historical Interests Dinner and an exploratory trip to Morpheus Island in Tofino Harbour in the new year.

5. Next meeting, Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

Agenda items: Morpheus Island & Culture Committee host a Historical Interests Dinner.