

Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, February 13, 2025

5:00 PM

SIMS Boardroom
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS: E. Rook, G. Holman (Director), G. Baker, B. Corno, B. Webster,

STAFF: S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate, SGI Administration and LCC, D. Ovington, Manager, SSI Parks and Recreation, L. Taylor, Receptionist, (Recorder)

GUEST: P. Grange, Island Pathways, A. Macey, SSI Agricultural Alliance, P Meyer, Island Pathways, D. Miller, Transition Salt Spring, P. Tarr, Transitions Salt Spring

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

The meeting was called to order at 05:00 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That consideration of the following agenda items be deferred until the next meeting that includes integrated housing strategy on the agenda:

- Agenda item 8.1 Island Trust Boarding House Advocacy (G. Holman)
- Agenda item 8.2 Integrated Housing Strategy Prioritizing (G. Holman)
- Agenda item 8.3 Review of Official Community Plan Advocacy (G. Holman)
- Agenda item 8.4 Official Community Plan Affordable Housing Advocacy (G. Holman)
- Agenda item 8.5 Prioritizing Service Capacity for Affordable Housing Advocacy (G. Holman)

CARRIED

OPPOSED Holman

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster,
That the agenda for the February 13, 2025, meeting of the Local Community Commission be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of November 14, 2024 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the minutes of the November 14, 2024 meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rook spoke regarding the meeting with Local trust committee

Director Holman spoke of the following items:

- BC Housing update on Drake Road
- Local Trust committee meeting
- Bracket Springs property
- Dragonfly Commons property
- Meeting with MLA Botterell and Trustee Patrick
- North Salt Spring Waterworks request to staff
- Regional CRD Foodlands Access Service and Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Service
- BC Ferries community engagement
- Extreme weather sheltering

Commissioner Webster spoke of the following items:

- Regional CRD Foodlands Access Service
- Consulting with staff for developing notices of motion
- LCC webpage

Commissioner Corno spoke of the following items:

- Meeting with CRD Directors
- Regional CRD Foodlands Access Service and Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Service

Commissioner Baker spoke of the following items:

- Community feedback regarding Salt Spring Island transportation
- ASK Salt Spring

5. Senior Manager Report

D.Ovington

- New updated CRD website, launching March 5, 2025
- Meeting with Corporate communications team regarding LCC webpage

S. Henderson spoke regarding preliminary work for the integrated housing strategy

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

6.1.1. Presentation: Peter Meyer, Philip Grange; Island Pathways Re: Kanaka Connector License of Occupation

P. Meyer and P. Grange spoke regarding the Kanaka connector license of occupation.

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the proposal be referred to staff to report back to the Salt Spring Island
Local Community Commission.
CARRIED**

6.1.2. Presentation: Anne Macey, SSI Agriculture Alliance Re: SSI Agriculture Alliance Funding Request

A. Macey, P. Tarr and D. Miller spoke regarding SSI Agricultural Alliance funding request.

**MOVED by Director Holman SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the proposal with exclusion of the chipping program, be referred to staff to
report back to the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission.
CARRIED**

6.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Commission Business

7.1. SSI Invasives Chipping Program Funding Request

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that staff
approve the Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding application request from Transitions Salt
Spring in the amount of \$3500.00 following approval of the eligibility review of a
submitted GIA application.**

**CARRIED
OPPOSED Holman**

7.2. SSI Historical Society Funding Request

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission requests that staff**

- 1. Direct requests for funding to support the Historical Society in 2025 to apply for the next Grant-in-Aid intake**
- 2. Increase the 2026 Salt Spring Island Library contribution by \$5,416 above the approved increase amount.**

CARRIED

8. Notice(s) of Motion

8.6. Motion with Notice: BC Ferries Advocacy (B. Webster)

The Chair seeing no objections moved consideration of agenda item 8.6 be deferred to a future meeting.

8.7. Notice of Motion: Grant Application SSI Foundation (G. Baker)

Commissioner Baker proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next regular meeting:

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission direct staff to submit a grant application to the Salt Spring Island Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to support funding the planned Integrated Housing Strategy.

AND

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board that the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Service (1.124) 2025 Operating Budget be amended to include \$10,000 grant funding for a one-time project of an Integrated Housing Strategy for Salt Spring Island in 2025 if the grant application is successful."

8.8. Notice of Motion: Grant Application SGITP (G. Baker)

Commissioner Baker proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the next regular meeting:

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission direct staff to submit a grant application to the Southern Gulf Island Tourism partnership (SGITP) for \$15,000, to support funding the planned Salt Spring Island Integrated Housing Strategy.

AND

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board that the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Service (1.124) 2025 Operating Budget be amended to include \$15,000 grant funding for a one-time project of an Integrated Housing Strategy for Salt Spring Island in 2025 if the grant application is successful."

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER