



Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:00 PM

SIMS Boardroom
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

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E. Rook (Chair), G. Holman (Vice Chair), G. Baker, B. Corno, B. Webster

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1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0270](#) Minutes of February 13, 2025 and February 28, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Recommendation: That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as circulated:

- February 13, 2025 Meeting
- February 28, 2025 Special Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes: February 13, 2025](#)
[Minutes: February 28, 2025 -Special Meeting](#)

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

5. Senior Manager Report

6. Presentations/Delegations

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6.1. Presentations

- 6.1.1. [25-0274](#) Presentation: Jason Roy-Allen; SSI Chamber of Commerce, Re: SSI Visitor Centre

Attachments: [Presentation Request: Jason Roy-Allen, SSI Chamber, February 4, 2025](#)
[Presentation: Proposal request](#)

6.2. Delegations

- 6.2.1. [25-0289](#) Delegation - Myna lee Johnstone, SSI Resident Re: Item 7.1 Salt Spring Island Transit

Attachments: [Delegation Request: Myna lee, March 5, 2025](#)

7. Commission Business

- 7.1. [25-0297](#) Salt Spring Island Transit

Recommendation: Verbal Discussion

- 7.2. [25-0277](#) Food and Community Organizations Fee for Service Contract

Recommendation: That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve:

- 1) Neighbourhood Farmer Training Program fee for service contract with Farmland Trust in the amount of \$7,000 for 2025.
- 2) Abattoir Skills Training program fee for service contact with the Abattoir Society in the amount of \$5,000 for 2025.
- 3) Tuesday Farmers Market Advertising and promotion fee for service contact with the Community Market Society in the amount of \$4,500 for 2025.

Attachments: [Staff Report: Food and Community Organizations Fee for Service Contract](#)
[Appendix A: Funding Request - Dated January 2025](#)

8. Notice(s) of Motion

- 8.1. [25-0280](#) Motion with Notice: SSI Foundation Meeting (G. Baker)

Recommendation: [At the Feb 20, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission meeting, the following notice was read by Commissioner Baker into the record to be discussed at a following meeting:]

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission requests that staff arrange a meeting involving the Salt Spring Island Foundation, CRD staff and two representatives of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission in the near future."

8.2. [25-0284](#) Motion with Notice: Licensing Feasibility Report (B. Webster)

Recommendation: [At the Feb 20, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission meeting, the following notice was read by Commissioner Webster into the record to be discussed at a following meeting:]

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request staff to report back on options for determining the feasibility of the LCC implementing a business licensing system for Salt Spring Island."

8.3. [25-0296](#) Motion with Notice: Bill 35 Enforcement and Implications Meeting (G. Holman)

Recommendation: [At the Feb 20, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission meeting, the following notice was read by Director Holman into the record to be discussed at a following meeting:]

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission and the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meet with provincial officials to understand enforcement and other implications of Bill 35 Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act."

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting:

*-Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00am in the Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS)
Boardroom, 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5*

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Friday, February 28, 2025

2:00 PM

SIMS Boardroom
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

Special Meeting - Joint with Island Trust

PRESENT

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

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

GUESTS: L. Patrick, Islands Trust, SSI Trustee, T. Peterson, Islands Trust, SSI Trustee, C. Hutton,
Island Trust, Regional Planning Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster
That a late delegation, Terry Greupner, be permitted to speak.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster
That a late delegation, Nejmah Guermoudi, be permitted to speak.
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Rook, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Holman ,
That agenda for the February 28, 2025, special meeting of the Local Community
Commission be amended to include:
-Addition of agenda item 3.2.2.Delegation: Terry Greupner, Re Item 4.5. SSI
Harbour Management
-Addition of agenda item 3.2.3. Delegation: Nejmah Guermoudi, Re Item 4.5.
SSI Harbour Management
-That agenda Item 4.5. be moved to be considered before agenda Item 4.1.
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,
That agenda for the February 28, 2025, special meeting of the Local Community
Commission be approved as amended.
CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

3.2. Delegations

- 3.2.1.** Delegation: Glenn Stevens, SSI Resident Item 4.5.SSI Harbour
Management
G. Stevens spoke to item 4.5.
- 3.2.2.** Delegation: Terry Greupner, Item 4.5. SSI Harbour Management
T.Greupner spoke to item 4.5.
- 3.2.3.** Delegation: Nejmah Guermoudi, Item 4.5. SSI Harbour Management
N. Guermoudi spoke to item 4.5.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.5. SSI Harbour Management

Discussion ensued regarding SSI Harbour Management

- Possible Grant-in-Aid for community clean up projects
- Local Community Commission (LCC) discussing their role in regard to shore services
- Possible harbour management stakeholder workshop with stakeholders is being discussed

4.1. Protocol Agreement Update

Discussion ensued regarding Protocol Agreement Update

- Upcoming legal review of protocol agreements
- CRD staff to circulate protocol agreement

4.2. SSI Housing Update

Discussion ensued regarding SSI Housing Update

- CRD staff to forward Housing Now report
- Official Community Plan review - RFP has been extended for one month
- LCC reviewing Integrated Housing Strategy scope of work
 - o Action plan
 - o Scope of work

4.3. Short Term Rental Roundtable

Discussion ensued regarding Short Term Rental Roundtable

- LCC considering a Notice of Motion regarding a business license feasibility study
- Possible joint meeting with the Province regarding owner occupation and licensing

4.4. Drinking Water and Watershed Protection

There was no discussion.

4.6. BC Ferries Advocacy

There was no discussion.

5. Adjournment

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 04:03pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER

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Saltspring Chamber of Commerce

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Salt Spring Island E.A.

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Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Meeting Date::

march 13th

Agenda Item::

Grant in aid for saltspring Island chamber of commerce, Visitors center

My reason(s) for appearing (is/are) and the substance of my presentation is as follows: (max 5000 characters) :

The visitors center, which is the main tourist information center for saltspring island requires funding to keep operating for 2025.

I will attend the meeting::

In person

I will have a PowerPoint or video presentation and will submit it at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.:

No

The meeting and my presentation will be webstreamed live via the CRD website and recorded.:

I understand,

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March 1, 2025

123 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
Salt Spring Island
250-537-4223

Proposal to the Salt Spring LCC for a Economic Development Funding

Update:

Serving local small businesses through collective representation, community networking, membership benefits and, most visibly, through the Ganges Visitors Centre - The Chamber of Commerce has been an important part of the island economy for over 30 years. From the end of 2023 and throughout 2024 the new board (and largely new membership) made important changes to right size operations while focussing on providing the highest impact products and savings to offer such as members mixers, preferential advertising rates and directory listings . We are pursuing progressive steps towards further growth of the island economy, in particular: regional Economic Development; capturing live local business data; studying the feasibility of business licensing, and moving toward establishing a BIA on Salt Spring.

The Chamber's goals are to maintain an appropriate "altitude" of activities thus attracting a wider base of new membership from a range of businesses, and to work collaboratively with the LCC, CRD and other partners to encourage sustainable new growth of the local economy and necessary support systems in the near future.

Visitors Centre:

Provincial data shows the Info Centre on Salt Spring penetrates our tourism population with a higher rate than similar sized destinations. The Info Centre and it's volunteers, play an invaluable role in welcoming and guiding guests of our island to the very services and products (of our members!) that make this island such a unique and memorable experience. Despite this, last year it's total open hours were lowered due to lack of funded student staff, and available volunteer hours, *upon which we are totally dependent*. Nonetheless, the number of visits per hour **increased** not only in the high season (nearly 10% in July and August) but also in the growing shoulder seasons with an increase of 7% across March/April and a jump of 42% in visitors per hour in September/October.

The centre also continues to see growth in local businesses and residents seeking out info about local amenities and connecting with local services and businesses helping an average of more than 100 locals per month within the limited open hours.

The better we support the Info Centre the better we are supporting the link between not only tourism and the local community, but also helping grow resiliency and diversity of our interconnected business economy.

Funding Proposal:

Consistent with these overall goals, the Chamber of Commerce is seeking funding support from the CRD to assist with the following initiatives necessary for the economic viability of the islands. Specific use of funds would be toward:

Salt Spring Visitors Centre : \$15K

To support the operations, staffing and media and marketing as we look for new funding and grant opportunities (*SGITP has pulled back funding support*)

Business Licensing and BIA feasibility work: \$10K

Develop practical next steps to assess the benefits of Business Licensing and to move forward the establishment of a BIA in partnership with CRD

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Myna lee Johnstone

I represent

Local transit users and citizens

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Street Address (optional)

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Municipality/Electoral Area in which you reside

[Salt Spring Island](#)

I wish to address

[Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission](#)

Meeting Date

2025-03-13

Agenda Item

Ganges and transportation

My reason(s) for appearing (is/are) and the substance of my presentation is as follows:

An update on the bus stops and bus shelters and routes in Ganges

I will attend the meeting

In person

I will have a PowerPoint or video presentation and will submit it at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

No

I understand

Yes

**REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025**

SUBJECT **Food and Community Organizations Fee for Service Contract**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To consider a fee for service contract with the Farmland Trust Society, Abattoir Society and the Community Market Society to enhance agriculture and food production on Salt Spring Island.

BACKGROUND

A representative of Agriculture Alliance attended the Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission (LCC) as a delegation on February 13th, 2025, in support of funding requests from the Farmland Trust Society, Abattoir Society, Community Market Society and Transition Salt Spring.

Members of the Agricultural Alliance discussed funding requests and priorities for 2025, and four projects were put forward for LCC consideration that were believed to have the most immediate impact (Appendix A)

- Neighbourhood Farmer Training Program - \$7,000
- Abattoir Skills Training - \$5,000
- Tuesday Farmers Market Advertising and Promotion - \$4,500
- Invasive Chipping Program - \$3,500

The LCC approved Transition Salt Spring's funding request in the amount of \$3,500 through a Grant in Aid application reducing the 2025 funding request from \$20,000 to \$16,500.

The CRD funded four fee-for-service contracts through the Economic Development Service in 2024:

1. SSI Chamber of Commerce: Visitor Information Centre 2024 Operating Season - \$10,000
2. SSI Farmland Trust Society: Farmland Trust Grow Local Food Aggregation - \$20,000
3. Southern Gulf Islands Tourism: DMMO Annual Funding - \$10,000
4. SGI Community Resources: Housing NOW Home Share Registry - \$22,830

Total \$62,830

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve

- 1) Neighbourhood Farmer Training Program fee for service contract with Farmland Trust in the amount of \$7,000 for 2025.
- 2) Abattoir Skills Training program fee for service contact with the Abattoir Society in the amount of \$5,000 for 2025.
- 3) Tuesday Farmers Market Advertising and promotion fee for service contact with the Community Market Society in the amount of \$4,500 for 2025.

Alternative 2

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission refer the report back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Alignment with Existing Plans & Strategies

Salt Spring Island Local Area Farm Plan

Goal 1:

- To ensure the long-term viability of farming and increase local food production on SSI
- Increase cooperative marketing and resource sharing and strengthen the linkages in the supply chain
- Facilitate increased access to farmland for new entrant farmers

Goal 2:

- To engage the public and governments on the value of buying local food and protecting land for farming
- Provide opportunities for community participation in the local food economy

The LCC's Strategic Plan from 2024 to 2027 has a related Objective to 'improve local food security', with an Initiative 'to support local food security initiatives.'

Financial Implications

The Economic Development Service has \$101,652 budgeted for project costs and third-party payments in 2025. \$51,652 of this funding was carried forward from 2024 to support LCC housing strategy initiatives. There is \$50,000 remaining to support fee-for-service contracts through the Economic Development Service in 2025

CONCLUSION

As members of the Agricultural Alliance, four community groups submitted a joint proposal for funding initiatives in 2025 through a fee for service contact under the SSI Economic Development Service.

If approved, the CRD will enter a fee for service contact with three local community groups to support agriculture and food production on Salt Spring Island.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve:

- 1) Neighbourhood Farmer Training Program fee for service contract with Farmland Trust in the amount of \$7,000 for 2025.
- 2) Abattoir Skills Training program fee for service contact with the Abattoir Society in the amount of \$5,000 for 2025.
- 3) Tuesday Farmers Market Advertising and promotion fee for service contact with the Community Market Society in the amount of \$4,500 for 2025.

Submitted by:	Dan Ovington, BBA, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
Concurrence:	Stephen Henderson, BSc, MBA, Senior Manager of Real Estate, Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Local Community Commission

ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: Funding Request - Dated January 2025



c/o PO Box 661, Ganges
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 2W3
<https://www.ssiagalliance.org>

6 January 2025

To Salt Spring Island LCC

Members of the SSI Agriculture Alliance are farming, food and community organisations that work individually and collectively to enhance agriculture and food production on Salt Spring Island.

This letter is in support of the applications for funding from the CRD's Sustainable Economic Development 2025/26 budget that have been submitted by our member organizations (see attached). These projects fall within the scope of Salt Springs Area Farm Plan & Climate Action Plan, and we believe they will help continue growth and development of local food production, bringing more land into production and supporting the marketing of local food products.

Our members have discussed priorities for this funding year and feel that, if supported, the following projects will have the most immediate impact:

1. Linking Land program & identifying host sites for Neighbourhood farmer training program \$7000 (FLT & ING project)
2. Abattoir Skills Training \$5000 (Abattoir Society)
3. Expanding the Reach of the Tuesday Market \$4500 (Community Market Society)
4. Removal and chipping of invasive plants/feasibility of linking with composter project \$3500 (Transition Salt Spring)

Members of the Alliance are committed to working collaboratively and synergistically to ensure agriculture and food production remains an important economic driver for Salt Spring Island.

Sincerely

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Anne Macey
President, SSI Agricultural Alliance

SSIAA Member organizations participating in this initiative:

Island Natural Growers
Salt Spring Island Community Market Society
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust
Salt Spring Abattoir Society
Transition Salt Spring



SSI Farmland Trust - 189 Beddis Road Salt Spring Island

To the LCC - of Salt Spring Island.

Jan. 5th 2025

Regarding: the SSI Farmland Trust portion of the collaborative funding request as outlined in the cover letter from the SS Agricultural Alliance.

The SSI FLT is pleased to be part of this effort to build agriculture capacity on SSI.

SSI Agricultural Alliance members have discussed priorities for this funding year and within that process we have identified a series of priorities that are needing support from the LCC. The cover letter lists these.

SSI FLT identified priority:

1. Linking Land program & identifying host sites for Neighbourhood farmer training program \$7000 (FLT & ING project)

To provide a context to this portion of the request; the following is a summary from a pending funding proposal for the Neighbourhood Farmer training and land linking program.

Funds from the LCC will become a contribution to this program.

Increasing agriculture capacity and its economic benefits to the island overall, require new relationships for success. This program will develop an agricultural training program with the cooperation of the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). In this program, the training of new farmers will feed a neighbourhood where community members commit to supporting new farming enterprises either on existing farms or on new sites with agricultural potential.

This program is working in partnership with the Neighbours Feeding Neighbours project - linking neighbourhood emergency pods to food security projects and opportunities.

The partnerships are in place and agreements have been developed in principle for all parties. The recruitment phase is ready, and is a multi-pronged community based approach that requires relationship building not only with the trainees, but with the neighborhoods where the neighbourhood farms will be. By embedding the educational program within our neighborhoods, this not only improves the skills of the trainees but promotes increased agricultural awareness, resilience, and support in the broader community. Completing this phase will allow the launch of the program in the succeeding season.

The funds requested from the CRD will be put towards the development work of this project over 2025/2026 and will; Identify and recruit 3 new farm sites for placement of trainees, develop the neighbourhood farmer training model including partner coordination, training centre, and participant relationships, and marketing of the project and recruitment.

Thank you for your attention and look forward to discussing this and our overall requests with the LCC at a future meeting.

Sheila Dobie

Director of the SSI Farmland Trust chair@ssifarmlandtrust.org.

Salt Spring Abattoir

1447 B Fulford Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island V8K 2B2



Since 2012 the Salt Spring abattoir has been an essential local business that supports local farmers and ensuring high quality local food. The abattoir is a key driver in the Area Farm plan. It continues to ensure long term viability of farming and increases local food production on Salt Spring. By having a local facility, it keeps the carbon footprint to process Salt Spring animals low. Unlike most livestock being processed in large-scale factory farms, we're running a small-scale facility tailored to the needs of our farmers and consumers.

However, to be a benefit to our community we need skilled workers. We not only face the difficulty all businesses face with regards to housing on salt spring we also have significant training costs. The only option for staffing the abattoir is to provide hands on training and development. While current staff take the care and time to train new staff, our overall productivity drops significantly, leading to increased costs that are passed back to the farmer and then they either can pass the costs back to their customers, or in post cases since margins in farming are so tight, they either stop producing animals for sale, or take their animals off island to other processors.

The work isn't easy for our employees, it requires knife skills, food safety awareness, attention to detail, strength, not to mention the emotional toll. So we need to provide clear training and support as much as we can.

The support from the CRD of \$5088 would allow us to train one new staff person in late spring / early summer for our poultry rush and another staff member in the fall for our busy sheep season.

Budget:

Employee Costs = 6 days x 8 hrs x \$23/hr = \$1104

Trainer Costs = 6 days x 8 hrs x \$30/hr = \$1440

Total training \$2544 x 2 (spring & fall) = \$5088

This training can be accomplished without decreasing service currently offered. It will in fact lead to increased skill and greater proficiencies that will ultimately improve quality of product; allow for additional services, more value-added product; and more marketing options for local meats supporting farmers & others in the business community. It will also give staff greater satisfaction and hopefully more incentive to stay.

By having an efficient, cost-effective local abattoir, we keep local animal agriculture possible by reducing farmer's costs both in time and money spent on transporting animals. Our local abattoir makes it less stressful for the animals as they spend less time in transport. Animal agriculture helps us meet our climate goals by supplying local food. Ruminant animals help sequester carbon in the soil and improve soil health for future generations while omnivores like chickens and pigs reduce food waste. And we can provide well paying skilled employment for local salt springers and better our local economy.

Thank you for consideration of our request for funding.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fraser Baldwin'.

Fraser Baldwin

President Salt Spring Abattoir Society



January 2025

Subject: Proposal for \$4500 Funding for Advertising and Promotions for the Tuesday Farmers' Market

I am writing to request funding support for the Tuesday Farmers' Market, a vibrant community event managed by the Salt Spring Community Market Society (SSCMS). The market operates from the first Tuesday in June until the last Tuesday in October, from 2 pm to 6 pm, at Centennial Park. It serves as a crucial venue for local food producers to sell their goods, fostering a local food culture that stewards land, nourishes people, and honors farmers.

The Tuesday Farmers' Market is dedicated to supporting Salt Spring Island food producers by providing a market venue for locally grown and processed food. Our mission is to encourage an integrated food system that stimulates the local economy, provides the community with access to quality local food, and promotes ecologically harmonious methods of food production. We also aim to inspire the community to explore the economic, environmental, social, and health benefits of local food.

To further our mission and enhance the visibility and reach of the Tuesday Farmers' Market, we are seeking \$4500 in funding for advertising and promotions. Our approach will include:

1. Digital Marketing Campaigns:

- Social media advertising (Facebook, Instagram)
- Email marketing campaigns

2. Print Advertising:

- Rack cards and posters for local distribution (through Contour Grafix)
- Driftwood promotion

3. Event Promotions

- Signage for market days
- Promotional materials for special events and seasonal highlights

4. Community Outreach:

- Collaborations with community groups and businesses

We believe that with this funding, we can significantly increase the market's visibility during the fall months, attract more visitors, and support our local food producers more effectively. Your support will help us continue to build a thriving local food culture on Salt Spring Island.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this further and explore how we can work together to achieve our shared goals.

Sincerely,

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To the CRD Local Community Commission,

For fourteen years, a program to drop off invasive plants for chipping has been organized by the Transition Salt Spring Native Plant Stewardship Group.

The intent has been to:

- a) reduce the fire risks posed by these highly flammable species,
- b) provide chipped materials for agricultural purposes and
- c) educate the community about the risks of invasive plants.

This project now needs to transition into a more sustainable model for delivery. A 'user pay model' was tested in 2024, which covered half of the expenses. In 2025, \$3500 in additional funding is needed to deliver this program to the public.

We know that many islanders have come to depend on this program over the years, as we receive regular communications asking to confirm the dates for the service each year.

Most municipalities in BC offer some kind of similar service to residents, but as with many elements of our unique community, this task has fallen to the nonprofit sector to deliver.

Please consider our request for 2025 funding and consider how the CRD might support a program of this sort on an ongoing basis.

Thank you,



Darlene Gage
Executive Director