

Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, March 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: J. Roy-Allen, SSI Chamber of Commerce

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

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the agenda for the March 13, 2024, meeting of the Local Community
Commission be approved as presented.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of February 13, 2025 and February 28, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

**MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting be adopted as circulated
AND**

**That the minutes of the February 28, 2025 meeting be adopted as amended by
the addition of the words " - LCC considering meeting with Provincial officials
regarding implications of bill 35" after the words " ... license feasibility study"
and before the words "- possible joint meeting..."**

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rook spoke of an information meeting regarding short term vacation rental with Province.

Director Holman spoke of the following items:

- CRD final budget
- Alternative Approval Process for Regional Transportation Service
- Capital Regional Hospital District Capital Plan
- BC Ferries

Commissioner Webster spoke of the following items:

- Housing tour on island for unconventional housing options
- Salt Spring Island social media issues

Commissioner Baker spoke of the following items:

- Transport Canada and Harbour Authority Salt Spring Island (HASSI) meeting
- Harbour clean up
- Mooring safety in Saltspring Harbour
- Met with Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership (SGTP) meeting
- Spoke with the local Girl Guide meeting

5. Senior Manager Report

D.Ovington spoke for the following items:

- Centennial park washroom hours, they are now open until 12 am
- 163 Drake Road (Phoenix) elementary expression of interest
- Recruitment for Manager of Engineering, interviews underway

S. Henderson spoke of the following items:

- "Buying Canadian" CRD staff are looking at alternatives for sourcing
- Harbours round table workshop set for April 10
- Betterments grant issued for bus shelters
- Street sweeping has commenced in Ganges

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

- 6.1.1. Presentation: Jason Roy-Allen; SSI Chamber of Commerce, Re: SSI Visitor Centre
- J. Roy-Allen spoke regarding SSI Chamber of Commerce Visitor Centre funding request.
- 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**

6.2. Delegations

- 6.2.1. Delegation - Myna lee Johnstone, SSI Resident Re: Item 7.1 Salt Spring Island Transit
- M. Johnstone spoke to item 7.1

7. Commission Business

- 7.1. Salt Spring Island Transit
- A discussion ensued regarding Salt Spring Island Transit.
- 7.2. Food and Community Organizations Fee for Service Contract
- MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
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 contract with the Community Market Society in the amount of \$4,500 for 2025. Subject to not obtaining funding from the Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership.**
- CARRIED**

8. Notice(s) of Motion

- 8.1. Motion with Notice: SSI Foundation Meeting (G. Baker)
- MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
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 to discuss Grant-in-Aid.**
- MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That consideration of this Motion with Notice be postponed until staff can report back on staff to staff meeting with the Salt Spring Island Foundation.
CARRIED**

8.2. Motion with Notice: Licensing Feasibility Report (B. Webster)

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
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.

The Motion with Notice was amended by Commissioner Webster.

"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request staff to
update the 2022 feasibility analysis of business licensing on Salt Spring Island."

MOVED by Director Holman

That consideration of this Notice with Motion be postponed until after meeting
with the Province regarding implications of Bill 35 Short Term Rental
Accommodations Act.

FAILED due to lack of seconder

The question was called by the Chair.

" That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request staff to
update the 2022 feasibility analysis of business licensing on Salt Spring Island."

CARRIED

OPPOSED Holman

8.3. Motion with Notice: Bill 35 Enforcement and Implications Meeting (G.
Holman)

This Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm
CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER