

Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, May 22, 2025

3:30 PM

Electronic Meeting
Viewing location
Creekside Meeting Room
108-121 McPhillips Ave
Salt Spring Island BC

Electronic Special Meeting - Joint with Island Trust

PRESENT

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

STAFF: S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate, SGI Administration and SSI LCC (EP); D. Ovington, Senior Manager, SSI Administration;

GUESTS: L. Patrick, Islands Trust, SSI Trustee; T. Peterson, Islands Trust, SSI Trustee; C. Hutton, Island Trust, Regional Planning Manager; K. Salvakumar, Island Trust, Planning Team Assistant; L. Millard, Island Trust, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

EP- Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Trustee Peterson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The chair seeing no objections, adopted the May 22th, 2025 special meeting agenda as presented.

3. Special Meeting Matters

3.1.

Drinking Water and Watershed Protection

Discussion ensued regarding Salt Spring Island watershed protection.

- Future roundtable workshop for reviewing the SSI Watershed Protection Plan
- Future possible governance for SSI drinking water and watershed protection

3.2. BC Ferries Advocacy

Discussion ensued regarding advocacy to BC Ferries for SSI.

-Advocacy for home porting in Vesuvius

-BC Ferries Advocacy requested as a standing item on joint meeting agendas

3.3. Housing Updates

Discussion ensued regarding Housing on SSI.

-Housing Needs Assessment going to Island Trust Council for review

-CRD Rural Housing Program has launched in April, 2025

-Island Trust has opted in to primary residence requirement in the Short-term Rental Accommodations Act (STRAA)

-Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan started with contractor

-BC Housing Minister visiting Salt Spring Island in late spring

3.4. Short Term Vacation Rental management

Discussion ensued regarding SSI short term vacation rental (STVR) management.

-Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership (SGITP) has initiated a data study of STVRs on Salt Spring

-CRD staff working on report reviewing the process for business licences

-Provincial STRAA primary residence requirement starts in November, 2025

3.5. Harbour Management

Discussion ensued regarding SSI harbour management

-CRD hosted a roundtable workshop in April, 2025

-CRD planning to host an additional workshop in the Fall of 2025

-Possible Interagency meeting on current legislation

3.6. Protocol Agreement Update

Discussion ensued regarding Joint Protocol Agreement

-Possible memorandum of understanding between SSI LCC and SSI LTC

-Staff reviewing changing protocol agreement to include mention of SSI LCC

4. Adjournment

The chair seeing no objections, adjourn the meeting at 05:31pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER