

Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 AM

SIMS Boardroom
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

PRESENT:

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

STAFF: S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services; D. Ovington, Senior Manager, SSI Administration; Lia Xu, Manager Local Services, Financial Services; Joan Wandolo, Rural Housing Program Coordinator; Regional Housing; M. Williamson, Committee Clerk, (Recorder)

GUEST: J. Burnley, BC Transit; C. Doyle, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.; I. Matous-Gibbs, Urban Matters; S. Wright, BC Transit

EP- Electronic Participation

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

The meeting was called to order at 09:04 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That agenda for the July 17, 2025, meeting of the Local Community Commission
be approved as amended by moving consideration of agenda item 6.2 before
agenda item 6.1.**

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of June 5 - 19, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the minutes of the June 5, 2025 special meeting be adopted as amended by
replacing the word “increase” with the word “decrease” after the words
“...Appendix B be amended to” and before the words “the amount from
\$2,500,000...”
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,
That the minutes of the June 19, 2025 meeting be adopted as amended with the
following amendments:
-Replace the word “Commissioner” with the word “Director” after the words
“MOVED by” and before the words “ Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner
Webster,”
-Replace the word “Secondary” with the word “Second” after the words
“...Webster spoke of the” and before the words “Anniversary of the LCC”
-Replace the words “the Island Trust.” with the words “to the Local Trust
Committee” after the words “... OCP review should be sent”
CARRIED

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Director Holman spoke of the following items:

- CRD watershed adjacent land purchase
- BC Ferries Vesuvius home porting advocacy letter
- Stage one water restrictions announced in all CRD water services
- CRD emergency dashboard on website

Commissioner Corno spoke of the Ganges Hill project.

Commissioner Webster spoke of BC Ferries Vesuvius home porting advocacy.

Commissioner Baker spoke of the following items:

- Ask Salt Spring
- Transportation Driftwood article
- Meeting with Primary Care Network manager
- SGITP marketing potential projects

5. Senior Manager Report

D. Ovington provided information on:

- Fernwood Dock float repairs
- SSI Park and Recreation Manager has been hired to start in November, 2025
- Procedures around archaeological impact assessment and chance finds

S. Henderson provided information on:

- Road line painting
- Ganges crosswalk analysis ongoing, Open house on September 17, 3pm-6pm

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.2. Delegations

6.2.1. Delegation: Maxine Leichter, SSI Resident Re: Item 6.1.2. Presentation: Isha Matous-Gibbs, Urban Matters Re: SSI Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan
M. Leichter spoke to item 6.1.3.

6.1. Presentations

6.1.1. Presentation: Seth Wright, BC Transit Re: BC Transit Update
S. Wright and J. Burnley spoke regarding the BC Transit update on Umo, ridership and expansion.

6.1.2. Presentation: Isha Matous-Gibbs, Urban Matters Re: SSI Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan
I. Matous-Gibbs spoke regarding the SSI Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan.

6.1.3. Presentation: Cameron Doyle, ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. Re: Jackson and McPhillips Active Transportation project design
C. Doyle spoke regarding the Jackson and McPhillips Active Transportation Project design.

7. Commission Business

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the consideration of agenda item 7.3. be moved before agenda item 7.1.
CARRIED**

7.3. Bylaw No. 4647 SSI Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommend to the
Capital Regional District Board:

1. **That Bylaw No. 4647, "SSI Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2025", be introduced and read a first, second, and third time;**
2. **That Bylaw No. 4647 be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval;**
3. **That staff be directed to proceed with Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director consent.**

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the rules of the Capital Regional District Board Procedures be suspended to
allow Seth Wright to speak to agenda item 7.3.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the meeting be extended past the 3-hour scheduled time.

CARRIED

The question was call on the motion.

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommend to the
Capital Regional District Board:

1. **That Bylaw No. 4647, "SSI Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2025", be introduced and read a first, second, and third time;**
2. **That Bylaw No. 4647 be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval;**
3. **That staff be directed to proceed with Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director consent.**

CARRIED

OPPOSED Holman

The Commission recessed at 12:24 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 1:04 pm

7.1. Project Tracker Quarterly No. 19, 2025

This report was received for information.

Discussion ensued regarding progress of projects on the tracker.

7.2. Motion Tracker

This report was received for information.

7.4. Per-Visit Pass Expiry Dates

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission approve a two-year
expiry date for all 10 and 20 visit passes, effective September 1, 2025.
CARRIED**

7.5. Ganges Cross Walk Study Scope Change

**MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request staff amend
the current contract for the ICBC Road Improvement Program to include the
assessment of an additional crosswalk located at the intersection of Lower
Ganges Road, Sharp Road and Wildwood Crescent, not exceeding the total grant
amount of \$35,000.
CARRIED**

8. Notice(s) of Motion

8.1. Motion with Notice: Staff Report Grace Point Pathway (E. Rook)

**MOVED by Commissioner Rook, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request staff report
back on the condition of the Grace Point Statutory Right of Way, issues of use or
misuse of the ROW, and options for resolving those issues including, but not
limited to, those issues and possible solutions raised by the Grace Point Strata
Board.
CARRIED**

**8.2. Notice of Motion: Grant in Aid Chamber of Commerce Hands Across
Water (G. Holman)**

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission support in principle
and subject to approval from CRD Finance of up to \$5,000, a Grant-in-Aid
proposal from the Chamber of Commerce to help fund the US-Canada Hands
Across the Water event of Sept. 19-21, 2025.
CARRIED**

OPPOSED Corno

8.3. Notice of Motion: SSI Transit Fare Review (B. Webster)

Commissioner Webster proposed the following Notice of Motion for
consideration at the September 18, 2025 meeting

**"That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request that
BC Transit undertake a fare review of the Salt Spring Island transit system."**

8.4.

Notice of Motion: SSI RCMP Detachment Advocacy (G. Baker)

Commissioner Baker proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at the September 18, 2025 meeting

“That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) recommend to the Capital Regional Board to write a letter on behalf of the LCC to the RCMP District Commander Chief Superintendent Bruce Singer, to acknowledge how well Sergeant Clive Seabrook has done navigating the divides that threatened our community and questioning the wisdom of having to begin again with a new sergeant with current progress. The letter should also contain the following points:

1. Request understanding of Salt Spring Island's designation as a Limited Duration posting.
2. Request input in the future assignments of Salt Spring Island detachment commanders.”

9. Motion to Close Meeting

9.1.

Motion to Close Meeting

**MOVED by Director Holman SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the meeting be closed for discussion of acquisition/disposition that could
reasonably be expected to harm the interest of the Electoral Area under Section
90(1) (e) of the Community Charter. [1 items].**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the meeting be closed for discussion that could reasonably be expected to
harm the interest of the Electoral Area under Section 90(1)(k) of the Community
Charter [2 items].**

CARRIED

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission returned to the closed session at 2:09pm.

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission rose from its closed session at 3:48pm without report.

10. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 3:49pm.
CARRIED**

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER