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Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, November 13, 2025 **5:00 PM** **SIMS Boardroom**
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

PRESENT:

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

STAFF: S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services; D. Ovington, Senior Manager, SSI Administration; J. Starke, Senior Manager, SGI Administration (EP); K. Bittorf, Manager, SSI Parks and Recreation; J. Watson, Supervisor, Environmental Services (EP); S. Hammond, Coordinator, Goose Management, Environmental Services (EP) L.Taylor, Receptionist, (Recorder)

Guest: A. Evanik, Housing Now

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Holman provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the agenda for the November 13, 2025, meeting of the Local Community Commission be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of October 9, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the minutes of the October 9, 2025, meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Webster spoke towards sustainability of Commissioner positions.

Commissioner Baker spoke of the following items:

- Artspring property alterations
- Green Municipal Fund School Routes grant application
- Salish Sea Trail
- Information discussion regarding becoming a commissioner

Director Holman spoke of the following items:

- Salish Sea Trail Feasibility study
- Parking fees at selected regional parks
- Possible free transit for 18 and under
- BC ferries authorities, consultation and home porting issues
- Minister of Health on Salt Spring Island

5. Senior Manager Report

D.Ovington spoke regarding

- Abattoir and Farmland Trust , possible bio char at facility
- 210, 220 Kanaka road re zoning approval
- Introduction of new SSI Parks and Recreation Manager

K. Bittorf provided an introduction and spoke to his background

J. Starke spoke regarding Integrated Housing strategy workshops

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

6.1.1. Presentation: Jody Watson, Environment Protection Re: Goose Management

J. Watson spoke regarding Goose Management.

6.1.2. Presentation: Adam Evanik, Housing Now Re: Annual Progress Report

A. Evanik spoke regarding Housing Now annual progress report.

6.2. Delegations

There were no Delegations.

7. Commission Business

7.1. Grant-In-Aid Application - Fulford Community Elementary School PAC

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Corno
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director approve the Grant-in-Aid application to the Fulford Community Elementary School PAC in the amount of $3,186.
CARRIED

8. Notice(s) of Motion

8.1. Motion with Notice: Speculation and Vacancy Advocacy (G. Holman)

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission support inclusion of Salt Spring Island in the Speculation and Vacancy Tax and request the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to also support inclusion.
CARRIED

8.2. Motion with Notice: SGITP Funding Advocacy (G. Baker)

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommend to the Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership (SGITP) that $10,000 be allocated for the 2026 year to support Salt Spring events and iniatives that enhance the visitor experience. Details of specific allocations will be submitted by the LCC to the SGITP Board as they are identified.

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster ,
That this motion be postponed until the next Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission meeting NOV-20-2025.
CARRIED

8.3. Notice with Motion: Salt Spring Island Reginal Trail Feasibility Study (B. Webster)

Commissioner Webster proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future meeting:

"That the Salt Spring island Local Community Commission request that the Capital Regional District Board consider advancing the trail designs of the Fulford-Ganges to Vesuvis multi use pathway out of Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study from 2027 to 2026 in the Five-Year Financial Plan."

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER