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Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, December 11, 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; K. Bittorf, Manager, SSI Parks and Recreation; N. Elliott, Manager, Parks Planning and Development, Regional Parks; K. Webber, Parks Planner, Regional Parks; M. Williamson, Committee Clerk, SSI Administration (Recorder)

GUESTS:S. Wright, BC Transit (EP); M. Midhat, BC Transit (EP);

EP- Electronic Participation

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

The meeting was called to order at 09:03 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That agenda for the December 11, 2025, meeting of the Local Community Commission be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of October 23- November 20, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as circulated:
-October 23, 2025 Special Joint Meeting
-November 20, 2025
CARRIED

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rook spoke regarding tour of Mahon Hall.

Commissioner Baker spoke regarding:
-Integrated Housing Strategy workshops
-BC Ferries open house
-Live-aboard society
-Ask Salt Spring
-Coordinator of the SSI Ambassador Program

Commissioner Webster spoke regarding:
-Integrated Housing Strategy Workshops
-CRD December Board meeting
-SSI Harbours Workshop
-Pickleball advocacy

Director Holman spoke regarding:
-CRD December Board meeting
-SSI Regional Trail Feasibility Study
-Recycling contract renewal
-Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership budget advocacy
-SSI PARC budget consolidation
-SSI Transit max levy
-Primary Care Network
-Island Trust policy review

5. Senior Manager Report

D. Ovington provided information regarding the new interagency Regional Transportation Committee.

S. Henderson spoke regarding:
- Integrated Housing Strategy Workshops
-Dec 11 CRD Board meeting
-Upcoming January Short-Term Rentals Workshop

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

6.1.1. Presentation: Nikki Elliot and Kevin Webber, Regional Parks Re: Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study

N. Elliot spoke regarding the Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study.

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the rules of the Board bylaw be suspended to allow to Island Pathways representatives to speak regarding agenda item 6.1.1.
CARRIED

6.2. Delegations

6.2.1. Delegation: Robin Jenkinson, Island Pathways Re: Agenda Item 6.1.1. Presentation: Nikki Elliot and Kevin Webber, Regional Parks Re: Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study

R. Jenkinson spoke to item 6.1.1.

7. Commission Business

7.1. Salt Spring Island Transit Service - Fare Review

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the rules of the Board bylaw be suspended to allow to BC Transit staff to speak regarding agenda item 7.1.
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission requests that staff proceed with presenting the three options for public input and report back prior to giving the fare review and potential fare increases additional consideration.
CARRIED

7.2. Waste and Recycling Receptacles Ganges

Discussion ensued regarding waste and recycling receptacle services offered in Ganges.

7.3. Updated SSI LCC Meeting 2026 Schedule

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
1. That the August 13 meeting of the Local Community Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission be scheduled to start at 9:00am for Provisional Budget review.
2. That the following meetings be scheduled at the call of the Chair July 09, July 16 and October 15
AND
The meeting of August 20 not be scheduled at the call of the Chair.
CARRIED

8. Notice(s) of Motion

8.1. Motion with Notice: Phoenix Upgrade Pathway Project (G. Holman)

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission requests that staff include project (26-18) Phoenix Upgrades Pathway Project in the amount of $5,000 funded by $3000 of CWF and $2,000 of Capital reserves funding to be included in the 2026 Final Park and Recreation Five Year Financial Plan.
CARRIED

8.2. Notice of Motion: SSI Chamber of Commerce Meeting (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 representatives of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce meet with the Electoral Area Director, one other LCC commissioner and a staff representative to discuss:

- The potential for establishing a Business Improvement Area on Salt Spring Island
- The ongoing working relationship between the LCC and the Chamber"

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

The Commission recessed at 11:28pm.

The Commission reconvened at 12:08pm.

9. Motion to Close Meeting

9.1. Motion to Close Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Corno, SECONDED by Commissioner Webster,
That the meeting be closed for Proposed Service and Contract Negotiations in accordance with Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter. [1 Items]
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That such disclosures could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District. [1 Items]
CARRIED

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission moved to the closed session at 12:08pm.

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission rose from its closed session at 1:55pm without report.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER