Capital Regional District
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Meeting Minutes

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, January 29, 2026 **9:00 AM** **SIMS Boardroom**
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

Special Meeting- Budget

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

STAFF: S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services (EP); D. Ovington, Senior Manager, SSI Administration; K. Bittorf, Manager, SSI Parks and Recreation; C. Hopp, Manager SSI Engineering, SSI Administration (EP); L. Xu, Manager, Local Area Services, Finance Services; K. Vincent, Senior Financial Advisor, Finance Services (EP); A. Elliyoon, Financial Analyst, Finance Services (EP); M. Williamson, Committee Clerk, SSI Administration (Recorder)

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 Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That agenda for the January 29, 2026, meeting of the Local Community Commission be approved as amended with the addition of agenda item 4.6. SSI Regional Trail Update.
CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.1. Combined Parks, Arts, Recreation and Swimming Facility Services of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

This report was received for information.

4.2. Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Governance Training

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends to the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director that staff plan a Hybrid Governance Training Program (Option 3) for the fall of 2026 and allocate $5,000 to support this training in the 1.111 Salt Spring Island Administration budget funded by requisition as a one-time expense in 2026.
CARRIED

4.3. Ganges Fire Hall Operating Funding

This report was received for information.

4.4. Salt Spring Island Grants-In-Aid Donation Letter

This report was received for information.

The Commission recessed at 10:04 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 10:09 pm.

4.5. 2026 SSI Local Community Commission Final Budgets

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.116 SSI Grant in Aid Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by reducing funding for Grant in Aid by $10,000 from $90,050 to $80,050 and reducing the requisition by $10,000 from $75,960 to $65,960 as one-time reduction for year 2026.
DEFEATED
OPPOSED Corno, Rook, Webster

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.124 SSI Economic Development Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by reducing funding for Project Costs by $10,000 from $71,716 to $61,716 and reducing the requisition by $10,000 from $85,672 to $75,672 as one-time reduction for year 2026.
DEFEATED
OPPOSED Corno, Baker, Rook, Webster

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend 1.141 SSI Public Library by decreasing the Contribution to Library by $29,868 from $657,100 to $627,232 and increasing the transfer to the capital reserve fund by $29,868 from $94,260 to $124,128 as a one time change in 2027.

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That consideration of this motion be postponed until 2027 provisional budget Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission review meeting on May 14, 2026.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Corno, Webster

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend 1.234 SSI Street Lighting Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by increasing the Transfer to Operating Reserve Fund from $0 to $350 and increasing the requisition by $350 from $34,004 to $34,354 as a one time increase in 2026.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Holman, Rook

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.236 SSI Small Craft Harbour (Fernwood Dock) Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by reducing Transfers to Capital Reserves by $8,000 from $9,000 to $1,000 and reducing the requisition by $8,000 from $27,677 to $19,677 as one-time reduction for year 2026.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Webster

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

The Commission recessed at 12:58 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 12:36 pm.

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.238A Community Transit Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by:

1. **Reducing Transfers to Capital Reserves by $10,000 from $23,000 to $13,000 and reducing the requisition by $10,000 from $506,500 to $496,500 as a one time decrease in 2026.**
2. **Reducing the reserve funding for project 23-01 (Bus Shelter- Cusheon & Ganges/Fulford road) by $20,000 from $30,000 to $10,000 and add $20,000 Community Works Funding grant funding for project 23-01 in 2026**

CARRIED
OPPOSED Corno, Webster

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.238A Community Transit Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by reducing Referendum Costs for Service Expansion from $30,000 to $0.
DEFEATED
OPPOSED Baker, Corno, Holman, Rook

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.238B Community Transportation Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by:

1. **Reducing Transfers to Capital Reserves by $10,000 from $20,000 to $10,000 and Transfers to Operating Reserves by $5,000 from $5,000 to $0 and**
2. **Reducing the requisition by $15,000 from $77,789 to $62,789 as a one time decrease in 2026.**

CARRIED
OPPOSED Corno, Webster

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.459 SSI Parks and Rec Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by increasing project 26-12 (Phoenix Upgrades Project) from $5,000 to $30,000 funded by $25,000 of CWF in 2026.
CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 1.459 SSI Parks and Rec Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by increasing project 26-08 (Tennis Court Resurfacing) from $55,000 to $105,000 funded by $50,000 donation in 2026.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends staff amend the 1.459 SSI Parks and Recreation Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by:

1. **Reducing Transfers to Capital Reserves by $10,000 from $158,000 to $148,000 and reducing Transfers to Equipment Replacement by $10,000 from $106,000 to $96,000 and**
2. **Reducing the requisition by $20,000 from $3,179,695 to $3,159,695 as a one time reduction in 2026**

CARRIED
OPPOSED Corno, Webster

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission recommends that staff amend the 3.705 SSI Liquid Waste Disposal Five Year Financial Plan 2026-2030 by reducing Transfers to Capital Reserves by $10,000 from $46,310 to $36,310 and reducing the requisition by $10,000 from $426,491 to $416,491 as a one time reduction in 2026.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Corno, Webster

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That the Local Community Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Salt Spring Island 2026-2030 Local Community Commission's 14 service budgets be approved with specific amendments.
CARRIED
OPPOSED Webster

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that staff establish operating reserve funds for the following services:
1.116 SSI Grants-in-Aid
1.142 SSI Public Library
1.378 Search & Rescue
CARRIED

SSI Regional Trail Update

Discussion ensued regarding the Salt Spring Island Regional Trail discussion from the January 28, 2026 Transportation Committee meeting.

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at 03:18pm.
CARRIED

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CHAIR

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SENIOR MANAGER