

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, March 12, 2026

5:00 PM

SIMS Boardroom
124 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC

PRESENT:

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

STAFF: S. Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services (EP); D. Ovington, Senior Manager, SSI Administration, SSI Parks and Recreation; J.Starke, Senior Manager SGI Administration (EP); L Taylor, Receptionist, (Recorder)

GUEST: Cherie Geauvreau, Wagon Wheel Housing Society; Isha Matous-Gibbs, Urban Matters (EP)

Electronic Participant - EP

The meeting was called to order at 05:14 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the agenda for the March 12, 2026, meeting of the Local Community
Commission be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of February 12, 2026 Salt Spring Island Local Community
Commission

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster

That the minutes of the February 12, 2026, meeting be adopted as amended with the following amendments:

– Replaced the word "MOVED by Director Holman, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno," with the words "MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman," before the words "That the Salt Spring..." for the motion arising regarding feedback on existing development potential in the draft Islands Trust Policy.

– Replace the words "there by" with the word "thereby" after the words "... rural areas of the Islands," and before the words "enabling the redirection..." for the motion arising

– Replace the words "agricultural land reserve" with the words "Agricultural Land Reserve" after the words "Lands within the ..." and before the words "and other agricultural..." for the motion arising

– Replace the word "ministry" with the word "Ministry" after the words "...defined by the BC" and before the words "of Agriculture for..." for the motion arising

– Replace the word "waster" with the word "Waste" after the words "...achieve policy goals." and before the words "water, roads, recreation..."

– Replace the words "there by" with the word "thereby" after the words "... rural areas of the Islands," and before the words "enabling the redirection..." for the main motion

– Replace the words "agricultural land reserve" with the words "Agricultural Land Reserve" after the words "Lands within the ..." and before the words "and other agricultural..." for the main motion

– Replace the word "ministry" with the word "Ministry" after the words "...defined by the BC" and before the words "of Agriculture for..." for the main motion

CARRIED

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rook spoke of the following items:

- Southern Gulf Island Forum March meeting
- Harbour Management Workshop

Commissioner Webster spoke of the upcoming general election and the progress this term.

Director Holman spoke of the following items:

- CRD Board approval of final budget
- Regional Transportation Services
- Parks and Salish Trail capital plan budget
- Hospital District budget
- IWAV event at Art Spring
- Provincial Budget - Affordable housing programs

5. Senior Manager Report

D.Ovington acknowledged Louisa Taylor for her service and supporting the LCC as minute taker.

S.Henderson acknowledged Dan Ovington's Long Service Award after 30 years of service to the CRD.

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

6.1.1. Presentation: Cherie Geauvreau, Wagon Wheel Housing Society Re: SSI The Laundromat and Soap Exchange operation

C. Geauvreau spoke regarding SSI Laundromat and Soap Exchange operation.

6.2.1. Presentation: Isha Matous-Gibbs, Urban Matters Re: Integrated Housing Strategy, What We Heard Report from Engagement

I.Matous-Gibbs spoke regarding Integrated Housing Strategy Engagement responses.

6.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Commission Business

7.1. Accessibility Reviews for three Salt Spring Island Recreation Facilities

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the LCC request that staff apply for a SPARC BC local community
accessibility grant to fund priority recommendations from accessibility review
reports for the Rainbow Recreation Center, Salt Spring Island Multiuse Space
(SIMS) and Portlock park.
CARRIED**

7.2. Roof Replacement Project - Former Phoenix Elementary School

This report was received for information.

A discussion ensued regarding funding for capital infrastructure on leased properties.

8. Notice(s) of Motion

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the following agenda items 8.1. 8.2., 8.3. 8.4. be postpone to the next Salt
Spring Island Local Community Commission meeting.
CARRIED**

8.5. Motion of Notice: Crosswalk Visibility Fulford-Ganges (B.Corno)

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

“That the Local Community Commission directs staff to contact MOTT to implement changes to make the new crosswalk at the intersection of Fulford Ganges Rd and Seaview Avenue more visible at all times of the day, and to prevent cars from parking in front of the crosswalk on the west side of Fulford Ganges, for cars travelling south out of Ganges.”

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the Local Community Commission adjourns the meeting at 6:58pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER