

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Thursday, February 19, 2026

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; K. Bittorf, Manager, SSI Parks and Recreation; 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 09:02 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Commissioner Rook provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Baker,
That agenda for the January 15, 2026, meeting of the Local Community Commission be approved as amended with the following amendments:
-renumbering of agenda item 7.1. to 7.1.b. Salish Sea Trail Network
-renumbering and reordering of agenda item 7.2. to 7.1. Vesuvius Bay Terminal Expansion, move before agenda item 7.1.b., and the following items be renumbered accordingly
-addition of agenda item 7.1.a Ministry of Transportation and Advocacy after agenda item 7.1.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of January 15-29, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting be adopted as amended with the following amendments:

- that the word "Meyers," be replaced with the word "Meyer," after the words "Delegation: Peter" and before the words "Island Pathways Partners..."
 - that the word "Meyers," be replaced with the word "Meyer," after the word "P." and before the words "spoke to item 9.b."
 - that the word "Orca" be replaced with the word "Orcas" after the words "...Salt Spring Island and" and before the word "Island"
- CARRIED**

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the minutes of the January 29, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair, Director, and Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Rook spoke regarding:

- Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting
- BC Ferries Engagement Committee meeting

Commissioner Corno spoke regarding community engagement.

Commissioner Webster spoke regarding:

- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce
- Possible visitor levy
- Ganges Village amenities
- Ganges Fire Hall repurposing discussion

Director Holman spoke regarding:

- Meeting with Chamber of Commerce
- Possible visitor levy
- SSI Regional Trail referral
- BC Ferries advocacy meetings
- BC Housing funding postponement
- Ganges hill project safety concerns

5. Senior Manager Report

K. Bittorf provided information regarding the annual pool maintenance closure is four week this year to allow for repairs requiring the pool to be drained.

S. Henderson spoke regarding:

- Harbours Workshop upcoming in April
- Integrated House Strategy LCC feedback session planned for May

6. Presentations/Delegations

6.1. Presentations

There were no Presentations.

6.2. Delegations

6.2.1. Delegation: Peter Meyer; Island Pathways; Re: Agenda Item 7.2. Vesuvius Bay Terminal Expansion

P. Meyers spoke to item 7.1.

6.2.2. Delegation: Robin Jenkinson; Island Pathways; Re: Agenda Item 7.1. Salish Sea Trail Network

R. Jenkinson spoke to item 8.2.

7. Commission Business

7.1. Vesuvius Bay Terminal Expansion

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that the
Capital Regional District Board write to BC Ferries regarding their plans for the
Vesuvius ferry terminal and reminding them of the importance of
accommodating trails, including the Margaret Community Trail and plans for the
Regional Salish Sea Trail.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Director Holman,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission direct CRD staff to
liaise with BC Ferries staff regarding trails and pathways potentially impacted by
the Vesuvius Terminal project.**

CARRIED

7.1.a. Ministry of Transportation and Transit Advocacy

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,
The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) Chair and Vice Chair
write a letter to Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) regarding cyclist
and pedestrian safety concerns of the Ganges hill project including:

- Drain grates not level with pavement
- Shoulder width too narrow, markings confusing
- Crosswalk visibility at the bottom of the hill
- Lighting at Beddis intersection working

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
That the rules of the Capital Regional District Board Procedures Bylaw be
suspended to allow member of Island Pathway present to speak regarding
agenda item 7.1.a.
CARRIED

Question was called on the main motion.

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) Chair and Vice Chair
write a letter to Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) regarding cyclist
and pedestrian safety concerns of the Ganges hill project including:

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- Shoulder width too narrow, markings confusing
- Crosswalk visibility at the bottom of the hill
- Lighting at Beddis intersection working

CARRIED

7.1.b. Salish Sea Trail Network

Discussion ensued regarding the Regional Trail project on Salt Spring.

7.2. CRD and SD64 Joint Use Committee Appointment

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Director Holman,
The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) appoints
Commissioner Corno to serve on a Joint Use Committee as identified in the 2021
Joint-Use Agreement between the Capital Regional District and Board of Trustees
of School District No.64.
CARRIED

7.3. Grace Point Statutory Right of Way

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Webster,
The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission requests that staff procure
detailed designs and costing for the Centennial and Gracepoint Boardwalks to
address deficiencies identified in the 2021 Structural Assessment and erect
additional signage indicating the park is closed from dawn to dusk.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Director Corno,
That the Agenda be amended to move consideration of agenda item 9.1. and
agenda item 10, before agenda item 7.4.
CARRIED

9. Motion to Close Meeting

9.1. Motion to Close Meeting

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

1. That the meeting be closed for Proposed Service and Contract
Negotiations in accordance with Section 90(1)(k) of the Community
Charter. [2 Items]

2. 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 11:20pm.

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

10. Rise and Report

The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission rose from its closed session at 2:38pm and reported the following:

At the December 11, 2025 Closed Session of the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission, the Commission passed the following:

The Salt Spring Local Community Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) requests that staff report back on the costs, consultation, and administrative changes required to reallocate the services under the LCC's jurisdiction. As well as a funding model to support a referendum in October 17, 2026 to expand the LCC services to include:

- 1.535 SSI Stormwater Quality Management
- 1.316 SSI Building Numbering
- Community Works Funding
- 1.111 EA SSI Administrative Budget
- 2.624 Beddis Water
- 2.628 Cedar Lane Water
- 2.622 Cedars of Tuam Water
- 2.261 Fernwood and Highland Water
- 2.626 Fulford Water
- 3.810 Ganges Sewer
- 3.820 Maliview Sewer

Discussion ensued regarding the commission rise and report and the CRD board rise and report on February 11, 2026.

7.4. Business License Feasibility Study on Salt Spring Island

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno, That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission direct staff to include \$40,000 in the 2027 Provisional Budget, through the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Service, to fund a Business Licensing Feasibility Study.

CARRIED

OPPOSED Holman

7.5. Short Term Rentals Stakeholder Roundtable

Discussion ensued regarding Short Term Rental Stakeholder Roundtable.

7.6. Overview of Facility Agreements, Major Capital Initiatives and Required Management Resources

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, SECONDED by Commissioner Corno, That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission refers the report back to staff for additional information.

CARRIED

8. Notice(s) of Motion

8.1. Motion with Notice: Ganges Speed Limit Advocacy (B. Webster)

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that the
Capital Regional District Board write to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit
requesting that the ministry institute a 30 km/h speed limit throughout the Ganges
core, including:

- Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to the Rainbow Recreation Centre
- Jackson Avenue
- Hereford Avenue
- McPhillips Avenue
- Seaview Avenue

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the motion be amended with the addition of the words “-Lower Ganges
Road from Rainbow Road to Blain Road” after the words “-Seaview Avenue”

DEFEATED

OPPOSED Baker, Corno, Webster

Question was called on the motion without amendment.

That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that the
Capital Regional District Board write to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit
requesting that the ministry institute a 30 km/h speed limit throughout the Ganges
core, including:

- Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to the Rainbow Recreation Centre
- Jackson Avenue
- Hereford Avenue
- McPhillips Avenue
- Seaview Avenue

CARRIED

8.2. Motion with Notice: BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Advocacy (B. Webster)

MOVED by Commissioner Webster, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission request that the
Capital Regional District Board write to the Government of British Columbia
requesting the resumption of the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants
Program in 2026.

CARRIED

8.3. Motion with Notice: Harbour Workshop Invitations (G. Holman)

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,
That the at next Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission workshop
regarding harbour management that invites are sent representatives of the
Province and Transport Canada to discuss their role, including staff and elected
representatives.

CARRIED

8.4. Motion with Notice: LCC Strategic Plan Amendment (G. Holman)

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Strategic Plan be amended to include a goal regarding improving public consultation on annual budgets as part of a general discussion on the plan before the end of the term.
CARRIED

8.5. Notice of Motion: Community Works Fund Tracker (B. Corno)

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

“That CRD staff, the Electoral Area Director, and the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission collaborate on the development and maintenance of a tool that tracks the annual value of the Community Works Fund, projects that have been funded from the annual allotment, projects that have community works funds committed to them, and details potential projects that may be eligible for CWF in the future.”

8.6. Notice of Motion: Permit for Bicycle Icon Painting (G. Baker)

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

“The Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request staff apply to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for a permit to regularly paint bicycle icons at appropriate locations including northbound on Fulford-Ganges Road approaching Ganges.”

8.7. Notice of Motion: Stewart Road Reflectors Advocacy (G. Holman)

Director Holman proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future meeting:

“That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request that staff convey a request to the Ministry of Transport and Transit (MoTT) to install reflectors and extend existing safety barriers on Stewart Rd at the hairpin corner.”

8.8. Notice of Motion: Cusheon Lake Road Line Painting and Reflector Advocacy (G. Holman)

Director Holman proposed the following Notice of Motion for consideration at a future meeting:

“That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) request that staff convey a request to the Ministry of Transport and Transit (MoTT) to paint a centre line and install more reflectors on Cusheon Lake Rd.”

11. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Corno,
That the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission adjourn the meeting at
3:53pm.
CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER