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REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

SUBJECT Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan- Long List

ISSUE SUMMARY

To review the Integrated Housing Strategy Action Plan long list.

BACKGROUND

The Local Community Commission (LCC) initiated the development of an Integrated Housing Strategy to improve coordination across the many groups involved in housing on Salt Spring Island. A consultant was retained to lead this work. In the initial phase of the project, the consultant completed a review of existing housing-related documentation and housing-needs information for Salt Spring Island, and undertook a series of engagement activities, including workshops held in late November 2025 with a broad range of community stakeholders.

The consultant compiled the findings from this early work into a “What We Heard” document, which was presented to the LCC on March 12, 2026. This presentation outlined the emerging vision, guiding principles, and goals for the Integrated Housing Strategy, reflecting the themes and perspectives shared through the engagement process and the review of existing materials. These elements now form the foundation for the next stage of the strategy’s development.

Using this foundation, the consultant has prepared a preliminary Long List of potential solutions in the form of recommended actions. The Long List represents a range of ideas, approaches, and interventions identified through the engagement sprint and background review.

The consultant is seeking targeted feedback from the LCC to confirm that the Long List accurately reflects community needs, incorporates the appropriate scope of action, and identifies the right areas for further development. This validation step will guide the consultant in narrowing the Long List into a focused set of actionable recommendations for inclusion in the final Integrated Housing Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The LCC hired a consultant to develop an Integrated Housing Strategy for Salt Spring Island, beginning with a review of existing housing information and community workshops, which informed a “What We Heard” report outlining the emerging vision and goals. Using this foundation, the consultant created a preliminary Long List of potential actions and is now seeking LCC feedback to ensure it reflects community needs and will guide the refinement of final recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation, this report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Salt Spring Island Housing Action Long List-Draft
- Appendix B: SSI Integrated Housing Strategy- What we Learned Memo
- Appendix C: SSI Integrated Housing Strategy- Background Analysis