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July 10, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Highlights:

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee held a regular meeting on July 10, 2025, at Meaden Hall with approximately 23 members of the public in attendance. The meeting included wide-ranging public input, staff reports, development application decisions, bylaw readings, and updates from elected officials and agencies.

Reports & Correspondence:

- Islands Trust Conservancy Board celebrated 35 years and announced a \$1.15M donation to support conservation efforts.
- CRD Director - budget allocations, transit expansion & housing strategy outreach.
- Trustee reports - updates on Trust Council, First Nations engagement, and governance concerns.

Bylaw Updates:

- Meeting Procedures Repeal Bylaw No. 547 passed all readings and was forwarded to the Executive Committee.
- Public Notice Bylaw No. 548 was discussed; adoption delayed to explore notification options.
- LTC discussed use of BC Short-Term Vacation Rental Registry data for bylaw enforcement and requested staff to prepare communication materials for local accommodation groups.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee considered the following development applications:

- Requested staff to prepare and refer bylaws to rezone 154–164 Kings Lane from R12(a) to R13 to allow 50 multi-family affordable housing units (file PLRZ20250220).
- Adopted Bylaw No. 541 to allow development of a full-time rental cottage at 200 Collins Road (file PLRZ20240145).
- Approved Development Permit for expansion of outdoor seating at 378 Lower Ganges Road (file PLDP20250189).
- Confirmed non-issuance of Development Permits for shoreline stabilization at Baker Beach (files PLDP20250056, PLDP20250057, and PLDP20250059).

Local Trust Committee Projects:

- Staff provided an update on the Official Community Plan - Land Use Bylaw Update: Project is commencing with a consulting team preparing a public engagement plan for fall 2025. Trustee Patrick emphasized this as a key opportunity for community collaboration.

The next Regular Salt Spring LTC Meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. on September 11, 2025 at the Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island.

You can also find information about this and other business of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee on our website at: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/location/salt-spring/>

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