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November 06, 2025 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Highlights:

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee held a regular meeting on November 6, 2025, at Meaden Hall. Approximately 24 community members attended the meeting. It included public input, staff reports, development decisions, bylaw readings, and updates from elected officials.

Town Hall:

Community members raised concerns about a proposed telecommunication tower at 131 Knott Place, noting health and environmental risks, lack of engagement, and proximity to sensitive sites. Trustees acknowledged the concerns and emphasized the need for thorough consultation, including with First Nations in its consideration of a staff report regarding the proposal.

Reports & Correspondence:

- Trustee Patrick highlighted regional housing discussions and cross-border collaboration.
- Chair Peterson reported on upcoming Policy Statement engagement, BC Ferries updates, and participation in coastal protection meetings.
- Director Holman shared updates on housing initiatives, the Ganges Fire Hall transition, and the CRD's provisional budget, including increased funding for transit.
- Correspondence raising concern about groundwater supply to serve current housing proposals was received.
- Staff noted upcoming [Policy Statement engagement events](#) on December 6 and in January.

Bylaw & [development applications](#) updates:

- Bylaw No. 543 (rezoning for 210 & 220 Kanaka Rd) was read a third time and forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
- Application PLTT20240361 (131 Knott Place) a proposal for a cell tower was discussed; staff were directed to inform the applicant of First Nations consultation requirements.
- Rezoning application PLRZ20250001 (120 Mansell Rd) was deferred to December.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee considered the following

Local Trust Committee Projects:

- On the recommendation of the OCP-LUB project consultants, LTC requested a supplemental engagement period to better reflect diverse community voices. Trustees endorsed the revised engagement plan and approved a request for an additional \$40,000 allocation to next year's budget and an increase to this year's allocation to facilitate reconsideration of Phase 1 engagement.

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

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