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February 12, 2026 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting

Highlights:

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) held a regular meeting on February 12, 2026, at Meaden Hall. Approximately 15 members of the public attended. The meeting included public input, staff reports, development application decisions, and trustee updates.

Opening Remarks

Chair Peterson acknowledged the provincial day of mourning following the tragic events in Tumbler Ridge, BC and invited those present to observe a moment of silence for the victims and community of Tumbler Ridge.

Chair Peterson acknowledged that the Local Trust Committee is meeting in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

Town Hall / Public Input

Chair Peterson confirmed that delegations were not permitted on Bylaws 543, 544, and 545, as public hearings for these bylaws have already been completed.

A member of the OCP–LUB Update Project Advisory Planning Commission (PAPC) referenced three resolutions: one regarding adherence to the Terms of Reference; one requesting a February meeting to review outreach feedback; and one concerning the provision of outreach materials. The delegate provided direction to staff and noted a potential inaccuracy in draft minutes.

Reports & Correspondence

- A trustee clarified that, despite statements in a circulating petition, the LTC is not proposing OCP or LUB amendments at this time. Current work is focused on community engagement to explore potential future options
- Trustees reported participation in meetings related to environmental protection, Indigenous harvesting areas, the draft Islands Trust Policy Statement, and regional governance
- A trustee attended an Indigenous-specific racism workshop
- Six items of correspondence were received. Among them:
 - A letter about the need for regulation and policy to address the impacts of residing on vessels was discussed. LTC discussed that the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission continues to engage on this issue
 - In response a request, LTC requested Chair Peterson send a letter of support for the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI) to apply for Island Coastal Economic Trust's (ICET) Capital and Innovation Funding Program
- Staff presented a quarterly report for the Salt Spring Island office that outline current work commitments. LTC requested that staff forward the report and Active Projects List to the next Islands Trust Council meeting
- Islands Trust Council referred Bylaw No. 183 to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee for review. The LTC recommended the bylaw proceed, subject to amendments that strengthen environmental protection, climate change policies, ecosystem restoration, freshwater and agriculture policies, and long-term community resilience. The LTC also

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recommended recognizing BC Ferries' role in island planning and establishing a clear amendment process under the Islands Trust framework.

Bylaw & Development Application Updates

- **PLDVP20250277 – 110 Tantramar Drive:** application withdrawn following public notification.
- **PLRZ20240021 – 355 Blackburn Road:** following a public hearing, LTC requested staff to follow up on outstanding Indigenous Governing Bodies referral responses and advise on next steps at its March 19, 2026 meeting.
- **PLRZ20250220 – 154 Kings Lane:** housing Agreement and related bylaws adopted.
- **SS-RZ-2023.1 – 104 Atkins Road:** rezoning process approved to proceed.
- **PLRZ20250306 – 601 Rainbow Road:** report withdrawn from agenda.
- **131 Brinkworthy Road (ALR Exclusion):** referred to the Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission.
- **Mayne Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 200:** confirmed that its interests are unaffected by the bylaw.

Upcoming Meetings

- A change to the 2026/27 LTC meeting schedule was approved to move the November 19, 2026 LTC meeting to an electronic format, due to uncertainty regarding the composition of the LTC following the October election. A Special LTC Meeting will be held electronically on February 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Regular LTC Meeting will be held March 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at Meaden Hall.

Additional Updates:

- The Islands Trust Salt Spring Island office is now open to the public at 4-121 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T6.
- Find out more about Salt Spring's review of the our Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/salt-spring/projects/salt-spring-official-community-plan-review/>