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[March 19, 2026 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Highlights:](#)

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) held a regular meeting on March 19, 2026, at Meaden Hall. Approximately 6 members of the public attended. The meeting included public input, staff reports, development application decisions, and policy discussions.

Town Hall/Public Input

- Acting Chair Patrick noted that public hearings for Bylaws 544, 545, and 546 have been completed, and no further public input is permitted as per the Meeting Procedure Bylaw.
- RPM confirmed there will be no public consultation on the Official Community Plan (OCP) in March.
- A member of the public raised concerns about delays in updating Bylaw No. 355 related to vacation rentals and lack of progress on previously discussed steps.
- The Acting Chair clarified that the bylaw update is part of the broader OCP and Land Use Bylaw project, with a report expected in April.

Reports & Correspondence

- Trustee Harris: Attended Trust Council; concerned decisions don't support Salt Spring Island's social/economic needs; opposed trustee pay increase.
- Acting Chair Patrick: Recognized Dr. Hugh Greenwood; attended multiple committee meetings, webinars, and regional forums; completed Indigenous-specific racism training.
- Minutes & Hearings: February 12, 2026 LTC minutes adopted; Public Hearing record for Bylaw No. 546 received.

Correspondence

- 116 Jackson Avenue rezoning—applicant requested reconsideration of stormwater report requirement.
- Public lake access & parking email received for information.

Bylaw & Development Application Updates

- PLRZ20260013 – 116 Jackson Avenue: The stormwater report was waived, and staff were directed to proceed with the rezoning to a commercial zone variant, with a Community Information Meeting to be scheduled, draft bylaw preparation and referrals to the APC, First Nations, and other agencies approved, and the release of the restrictive covenant supported.
- SS-SUB-2022.4 – 373 Wright Road: Section 219 covenant approved as part of subdivision requirements.
- North Pender Island Bylaws No. 236, 237, and 242 – No impact to Salt Spring Island.
- Galiano Island Bylaw No. 300 – No impact to Salt Spring Island.

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- Policy & Governance Compliance & Enforcement Policy presented; discussion on definitions, inspections, complaints, health/safety risks, and non-permitted dwellings.
- Housing Motion passed to request a provincial independent housing advisor to support affordable housing and align with water servicing.
- OCP/LUB update deferred to April.
- Blackburn Road application may require a new public hearing if new information arises.

Upcoming Meeting

The next [Salt Spring LTC Meeting](#) is scheduled for April 9, 2026; start time 12:30 p.m. at the Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Rd, Salt Spring Island.

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-officialcommunity-plan-review/>