



Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Minutes of a Special Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022

Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: Peter Luckham, Chair
Laura Patrick, Local Trustee

Regrets: Peter Grove, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Kristine Mayes, Planner 1
Rob Pingle, Planning Team Assistant
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Others Present: Ken Byron, Agricultural Advisory Planning Committee
Bradley Dammsgard, Agricultural Alliance
Theresa Duynstee, Agricultural Alliance
Bree Eagle, Agricultural Advisory Planning Committee
Marguerite Lee, Agricultural Alliance
Anne Macey, Agricultural Alliance
Doug Pepper, Ministry of Agriculture
Conrad Pilon, Agricultural Advisory Planning Committee
Brian Webster, Agricultural Alliance

Media Present: Gulf Island Driftwood Reporter

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Luckham called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. and welcomed everyone to an electronic meeting of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee. Chair Luckham introduced himself, the Trustees, staff and attendees and humbly stated gratitude to live and work in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory. Introductions were carried out.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By general consent the agenda was approved.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Local Trust Committee Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Luckham advised this meeting is an opportunity for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to have a discussion with the members of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission (AAPC) and representatives of the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance on agriculture related issues.

3.2 AAPC Membership

A notice entitled "The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SS LTC) seeks applications for its Advisory Planning Commissions and Board of Variance" was presented. Planner Mayes reported the application deadline is April 30, 2022 and requested attendees circulate the notice to agricultural contacts.

3.3 Frequency of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled on July 7, 2022.

3.4 General Discussion

There was a question regarding draft Bylaw No. 526 "Changes to Residential Permissions in the Agricultural Land Reserve and Bylaw Amendment Options for Dwellings on Large Farms." Appreciation was expressed to staff for incorporating the AAPC and Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance feedback regarding draft Bylaw No. 526. Planner Mayes reported draft Bylaw No. 526 will be presented at the February 15, 2022 SS LTC meeting and staff have recommended the draft bylaw be re-referred to agencies following first reading.

There was a comment that approximately 50% of the land being farmed on Salt Spring Island is not within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and that the small farms not within the ALR are excluded from proposed updates regarding additional housing permissions and composting permissions. There was a suggestion that ALR and non-ALR agriculture use be considered together.

Trustee Patrick spoke to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan No. 434 (OCP) priorities regarding farmland. The SS LTC recognizes that agriculture is important in all zones. It was noted the Islands Trust Policy Statement update public engagement will begin soon. Trustee Patrick encouraged everyone to participate in the public engagement survey and provide feedback regarding agriculture. Trustee Patrick spoke to draft Bylaw No. 528 and that the intention of the bylaw is to provide accessory dwelling units primarily to create additional rental dwellings.

4. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Peter Luckham, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder