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[Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Oct 01, 2024 Special Meeting Highlights:](#)

The Electronic Meeting had 2 members of the public in attendance.

Items addressed during the meeting included the following topics:

- Official Community Plan – Land Use Bylaw Project Update - the project logo and brand identity were endorsed.
- Official Community Plan – Land Use Bylaw Project Major Project Business Case -Revised the Terms of Reference were discussed and endorsed
- Salt Spring Island Freshwater Project Business Case - Both business cases approved for budget review.
- Covenant Release Request – 134 Drake Road, SSI – LTC denied release of covenant EJ118028.

[October 10, 2024 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting Highlights:](#)

Regular Meetings include a Town Hall session. There were four members of the public in attendance. A member from the Positively Forward group raised concerns about the timing and accessibility of upcoming community engagement meetings for the OCP/LUB update project, citing potential weather issues and holiday distractions. The member also noted inadequacies in the notification process for the Complete Communities meetings.

- Penelakut Chief Pam Jack advocated for collaboration between the Penelakut Nation and Salt Spring Island community while acknowledging the significance of honoring ancestral land rights. She emphasized the need for constructive dialogue and partnerships to ensure the Penelakut people thrive within their territory.
- The applicant for PLDVP20240082 reported issues with the application process and requested a deferral, while RPM Hutton clarified that a formal motion would be needed to pause the application until the scheduled meeting next year.
- [CRD Rural Housing Program](#) - Justine Starke presented the CRD Rural Housing Program's goals to develop affordable housing solutions tailored to rural contexts, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and support from the LTC for proposals like increasing cottage floor areas and enhancing housing agreements.
- Trustee Patrick highlighted key actions from Trust Council, including a request for a review of the Islands Trust mandate and improvements in inter-agency collaboration for watershed protection and building regulations.
- Chair Peterson reported on various meetings and events attended, underscoring progress updates and the importance of community engagement in initiatives related to Indigenous relations and housing strategies.
- LCC Chair Earl Rook discussed ongoing reviews of CRD bylaws, budget approvals, and planned meetings, focusing on housing and transportation strategy development for Salt Spring Island.
- CRD SSI Electoral Area Director Gary Holman acknowledged recent community events and expressed concern regarding potential governmental impacts on Indigenous rights legislation while supporting mapping efforts for property zoning related to housing.

Considered the following [development applications](#):

- PLDVP20240082 - J. Braun (220 Canvasback Place): Approved to relax the setback for an existing accessory building
- PLDVP20240185 - B. Fossen (1155 Mountain Road): Approved to permit the siting of a new sewage disposal field within the required 30-meter setback from the natural boundary of the sea.
- Portlock Park Site Master Plan Referral: The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee responded to a CRD referral by expressing support for the draft Portlock Park Site Master Plan presented by Planner Garuba.

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- [Local Trust Committee Projects:](#)
[Complete Communities Community Engagement Update](#) – RPM Hutton updated the Complete Communities Community Engagement process. Announcing public sessions from 1pm till 4pm on [October 16](#) and [October 18](#) 2024 at the library and a [survey available online](#), while highlighting concerns about low community participation.
- Applications with Status Report dated October 2024 - A Trustee asked whether the LTC received a referral from the Province regarding the properties on Baker Road and Quarry Road that have applied for a Licence of Occupation for Green Shores work at Booth Bay. RPM Hutton reported the LTC has received a crown lease referral for the application.
- [Dark Sky Principles Adoption Advocacy](#) - A briefing dated August 19, 2024 regarding Dark Sky Principles Adoption Advocacy was received.

Overall, the meeting featured discussions on community engagement for the OCP/LUB update, collaborative efforts with the Penelakut Nation, housing strategies, and approval of several development applications, while addressing concerns regarding public participation and Indigenous rights.

The LTC agreed to a delayed start time at its November 14 meeting. The next [Regular Salt Spring LTC Meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on November 14, 2024](#) at the Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road, Salt Spring Island.

The Salt Spring Island Islands Trust office at 500 lower Ganges Rd is closing on October 18, 2024. Islands Trust staff will continue to provide services by phone and e-mail until the new office space at 121 McPhillips Avenue opens. During the in-person office closure period, enquiries can be submitted by email at ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, or call 250.538.9144.

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