

Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

Date: September 14, 2026

Location: Training Room, Fire Hall No. 1
455 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island and Electronic Meeting (Microsoft TEAMS)

Members Present: Rollie Cook, Chair
Mary Lynn Hetherington, Trustee
Ron Lindstrom, Trustee
Dennis Lucarelli, Trustee
Darryl Martin, Trustee
Rob Oliver, Trustee
Robin Williams, Trustee

Staff Members Present: Rodney Dieleman, Corporate Administrator and Financial Officer
Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief
Hans Hazenboom, New Fire Hall Project Owners Representative
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Others Present: Approximately 6 members of the public
Gulf Islands Driftwood Reporter

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting is being held in the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. Chair Cook welcomed those in attendance to the first meeting in the new fire hall. Chair Cook reported the purpose of the Town Hall meeting is to receive public feedback on the draft 2027 budget and draft 5-Year Strategic Plan.

2. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL (2026-2027) WORKPLAN

The draft Community Relations Committee Annual Workplan was presented in the agenda package. Community Relations Committee Chair Trustee Williams presented an overview of the Community Relations Committee Annual Workplan. Trustee Williams asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Community Relations Committee annual workplan and there were no comments or questions.

2.1 SSIFPD Letter to Insurance Providers

A SSIFPD Letter to Insurance Providers entitled “Property Insurance Considerations and Distance from Fire Halls” was presented and copies were made available for members of the public. The SSIFPD Letter to Insurance Providers will be available on the District website.

3. DRAFT 5-YEAR (2026-2031) STRATEGIC PLAN

The draft 5-year Strategic Plan was presented in the agenda package. Strategic Planning and Policy Development Committee Chair Trustee Lindstrom presented an overview of the draft 5-year Strategic Plan. Trustee Lindstrom asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the draft 5-year Strategic Plan and there were no comments or questions.

4. DRAFT 2027 BUDGET

The draft 2027 Budget was presented in the agenda package. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Trustee Oliver presented an overview of the draft 2027 budget. Trustee Oliver asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the draft 2027 Budget and there were no comments or questions.

5. NEW FIRE HALL PROJECT REVIEW

The New Fire Hall Project Review report was presented in the agenda package. Chief Holmes presented an overview of the New Fire Hall Project Review report and acknowledged Owner’s Representative Hans Hazenboom and the New Fire Hall Project Steering Committee for the stewardship of the New Fire Hall No. 1 project. Chief Holmes asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the New Fire Hall Project Review Report and there were no comments or questions.

6. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Chair Cook welcomed members of the public to ask questions or provide comments and there were no comments or questions. Chair Cook thanked everyone for attending the town hall meeting and spoke to the Board of Trustee’s responsibility to deliver a budget that meets the needs of the department and the taxpayers. Chair Cook reported the next step is for the Finance and Audit Committee to recommend the Draft 2027 Budget to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Rollie Cook
Chair, Board of Trustees



Rodney Dieleman
Corporate Administrator