

## **Recommendations to The Board of Trustees and the Fire Rescue Advisory Committee**

### **Select Committee for the Disposition of the Ganges Fire Hall**

#### **Salt Spring Island Fire Protect District**

The following are the final recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the Fire Rescue Advisory Committee from the Select Committee for the Disposition of the Ganges Fire Hall.

#### Committee Members

**Laurie Taylor – CAO, Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District**

**Marguerite Lee – Salt Spring Famer’s Institute**

**Brian Webster – Agricultural Alliance**

**Gary Holman – Capital Regional District**

**Laura Patrick - Islands Trust**

**Matteo Hermani - Chamber of Commerce**

**Rob Pingle – Salt Spring Community Market Society**

**Per Svendsen – Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District**

**Ronald Lindstrom - Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the SSIFPD make best efforts to help retain the Ganges Fire Hall property in community hands, subject to:
  - Receiving fair value for the property
  - Agreement on proposed uses for the building
  - If feasible, the preservation of the heritage aspects of the building, including the antique truck display and the clock tower
2. That the community investment should be commensurate to the life span of the building with respect to sea level rise.
3. That the community be engaged in the process of the disposition of the Ganges Fire Hall.
4. That the Fire District initiate discussions with the CRD and Salt Spring Island NGOs regarding the purchase and transfer options for the property, including consideration of the implications for the new fire hall project and approval process.
5. That the Fire District request the CRD initiate discussions with MOTI for the transfer of the parking lot
6. That the primary focus for the property and building should be a year-round public market with locally sourced food as a priority.

