

Water Sustainability Project: Land Use Planning for Watershed Protection

Proof of Water – Subdivision: Project Charter v2

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

Date: December 14, 2023

Purpose: *The purpose of this project is to amend the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to better protect groundwater resources and groundwater users by improving the quality of groundwater information provided by subdivision applicants.*

Background: *Staff have determined that groundwater information furnished by subdivision applicants is not always consistent with the Province’s Guidelines for Conducting Pumping Tests. This has led to conflict between staff, applicants and their consulting engineers. Staff believe that greater clarity around required information will minimize conflict. Additionally, the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA) has identified “Proof of Water” as a priority project to enhance water sustainability on the Island.*

Objectives

- Consistency between Land Use Bylaw and Government of British Columbia Guidelines for Conducting Pumping Tests
- Clear deliverables for applicants
- Reduced staff/applicant conflict

In Scope

- Land Use Bylaw amendments
- Cooperation with SSIWPA Technical Working Group and provincial agencies in bylaw development
- Agency and professional referrals
- 1 Community Information Session
- Development of supplementary communications materials

Out of Scope

- Non-water-related bylaw amendments
- Extensive community engagement

Workplan Overview

Deliverable/Milestone	Date
Project Charter endorsement, direction to draft bylaw in cooperation with SSIWPA TWG and provincial agencies	May 26, 2020
Draft bylaw for LTC review, first reading + First Nations, agency, and professional referral	February, 2024
Bylaw amendment, second reading, Community Information Session	April, 2024
Third reading, executive committee referral	May, 2024
Bylaw adoption	June, 2024

Project Team

Island Planner	Project Manager
William Shulba	Technical Advisor
Rob Pingle	Legislative Clerk
RPM Approval: <i>Chris Hutton</i> Date: December 7, 2023	LTC Endorsement: Resolution #: SS-2023-157 Date: December 14, 2023

Budget

Budget Sources: SS LTC Unspent Special Property Tax Requisition		
Fiscal	Item	Cost
24/25	Community Information Session	\$500
24/25	Bylaw Notification (waive public hearing)	\$1,000
	Total	\$1,500