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To: [Britt Holowaty](#)
Cc: [Keisha Sampson](#); [Milad Panahifar](#);
Subject: Re: Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Proposed Bylaw No. 553 Referral - For Response
Sent: 6/3/2026 9:21:15 AM

Hi Britt,

Thank you for the referral. Cowichan Tribes does not currently have the capacity to respond to this referral and has no further comments at this time.

Thanks,

Emery Sanderson

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>>> Britt Holowaty <bholowaty@islandstrust.bc.ca> 2026-05-12 9:57 AM >>>
Dear Referral Advisor and Cowichan First Nation Referrals Coordinator(s),

Islands Trust respectfully acknowledges that the Islands Trust works within your unceded traditional territory. We are reaching out to seek feedback from Cowichan First Nation on 116 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island.

Please visit our current application webpage at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/salt-spring/current-applications/> for relevant background information on the application.

We are interested in knowing how you might like to work with us to provide feedback and can meet with you at your convenience. We understand that there may be information in the document that prompts questions and encourage you to get in touch for any clarification that would help inform your referral response. We respectfully request your referral response on, or before, July 4, 2026. Please be in touch if you would need more time.

We look forward to working with you on recommendations to further refine the bylaw so that Islands Trust can have a stronger foundation from which to deepen its cooperation with Indigenous Governing Bodies on planning and land use management decisions that affect the islands and waters of the Salish Sea. Please contact Planner Milad Panahifar at mpanahifar@islandstrust.bc.ca or 250-538-5602 if you would like any further information about the bylaw or its development and approvals process.

Sincerely,

Britt Holowaty

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Find out more about Salt Spring's review of the our Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/salt-spring/projects/salt-spring-official-community-plan-review/>

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Protecting islands in the Salish Sea

I respectfully acknowledge that the Islands Trust Area is located within the treaty lands and territories of the BOKÉĆEN, Cowichan Tribes, K'ómoks, Lyackson, MÁLEXEL, Qualicum, scəwəθən, səliwətał, SEMYOME, shíshálh, Skwxwú7mesh, Snaw-naw-as, Snuneymuxw, Songhees, Spune'luxutth', SṠÁUTW, Stz'uminus, ɬəʔəmen, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai, W̱JOLÉLP, W̱SIKEM, Xeláltxw, Xwémalhkwu, Xwsepsum, and xʷməθkʷəyəm First Nations. Islands Trust Conservancy is committed to reconciliation and to working together to preserve and protect this ecologically, culturally, and spiritually significant region in the Salish Sea