



ASIC AGM Draft Minutes - July 5, 2025

Call to order

The Annual General Meeting of the Association of the Savary Island Committee (ASIC) was held on July 5th 2025 at Pascal's Hacienda. Bryan Miles, meeting chair, called to order at 10:00am. Bryan introduced the ASIC Board of Directors and guest speakers.

Attendees

ASIC Directors: Janine Reimer (Director Area A), Bud Graham (Director Area C), Joan Vollans (Director Area A), Emer Dubois (Director Area A), Jennifer Yourk (Director Area B).

ASIC Members: 91 members in attendance with 66 from Area A, 3 from Area B, and 22 from Area C.

Guest Speakers:

Jason Lennox - qRD Area A representative

Staff Sergeant Lee Dyson - RCMP

Richard Glover - SIVFD

Catherine Ostler - Savary Island Beach Clean-Up Steward

First Nations Acknowledgment - read by Emer Dubois

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Ron Cullen, Seconded by Anne Troyer.

Approval of 2024 Draft Minutes

Moved by Lee Davis, Seconded by Anne Troyer.

Directors Report

Janine reported on key highlights published in the Directors Report sent to the ASIC membership on June 20th, 2025. She reported that ASIC is now 907 members and emphasized the strength in numbers of a property owner membership.

Janine discussed the change in the ASIC election process for 2026. ASIC elections will be completed by the summer AGM instead of its traditional November schedule.

Janine gave an update on the OCP. Workbooks were just sent to the OCP Advisory Committee the day prior and will be distributed to property owners later in July. Emphasis

was placed on the devastating setback impacts recommended in the Tetra Tech report. She also reviewed the current OCP vision statement and associated 7 goals.

An ASIC member commented on the lack of communication in the OCP process. Jason Lennox indicated he would cover this in his address.

Bud gave an update on the work of the Roads Committee. He discussed the in-person meeting held with MOT staff on June 4th, 2025. Topics discussed at that meeting included no winter maintenance, emergency response times and safety issues, access to Medi-Vac sites at the western end of island, improvements on road drainage, technical solutions to improve road conditions, and unacceptable levels of dust control application. Bud also discussed the MOT presentation with specific discussion on road classification and reclassification criteria.

Bud commented on recent road maintenance and the fact that 2000 tonnes of gravel was only enough to cover half the island.

Bud gave an update on traffic count data in April, May, and June daily averages.

Members asked specific questions on how traffic count relates to road classification, who is doing the current water spraying on the front row, will roads be paved if we get a better classification, do we have targets on traffic counts, and can we ask for a pedestrian pathway through the nature trust.

Guest Speakers

Jason Lennox - qRD Elected Representative

Jason covered a number of topics but started his address by emphasizing that he is our elected representative and not an author of documents. He first stated that Roads are provincial jurisdiction but he is there to lend support in an advocacy role and that he participated in the meeting with ASIC and MOT.

With regards to the OCP, he encouraged members to visit the qRD website for updates on the OCP process and documents and he had a small discussion on regulations and Coastal Flood Mapping background documentation.

Other topics of discussion included the Resource Recovery Center, grants for a new EV charging station in Lund, and the Grants in Aid availability for RD Area A.

Members asked questions on garbage collection and disposal on Savary Island and tax allocations for Savary Islanders. Doug Smith responded on the tax allocation for the Savary Wharf.

Lee Dyson - Staff Sergeant, RCMP

Sergeant Dyson introduced himself and gave a brief update on his background. He also indicated that the RCMP will be adding May long preventive patrols on Savary Island commencing next year.

Richard Glover - SIVFD

Richard gave an update on the new fire truck delivery.

Members asked questions on what is happening with the old equipment and will the new truck be able to get to everywhere on Savary Island.

MLA Randene Neill - Emer Dubois read a prepared statement from Randene.

Financial Report

Wayne presented the current financial report and he indicated that ASIC is in good financial health and have reached all financial targets. He discussed the success of the fall drive to raise funds to buy a traffic counter, the Grant in Aid Award , and the funds raised through merchandise sales and concert proceeds. The full report is available in the Newsletter published on June 20th, 2025.

Motions

There were two motions presented at the meeting.

(1) Motion from ASIC members Peter Armstrong and Liz Webster/Read by Liz Webster

Rationale for the Motion is to investigate the viability and capabilities of fire detection technology to understand if it is appropriate for Savary Island. And if it is a viable technology, then propose how to operate and pay for the equipment.

WHEREAS Savary Island has massive number of trees, over 800 homes/structures and limited firefighting resources, with all citizens, forests and buildings being at risk from fires from natural or human causes, our community needs to investigate if new fire detecting technologies provide any additional protection worth the expense.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ASIC in conjunction with the SIVFD, the regional district and residents establish a citizens committee of up to five people, to investigate what new technologies exist and if any are appropriate to increase the safety against fires on our island, and

Specifically, the citizen committee will report out through ASIC on their findings. The findings should include, but not limited to,

- What technologies exist, their operating experience and capabilities,
- Are any fire detection technologies appropriate for Savary Island,
- The thoughts of the SIVFD, ASIC, the regional district and any other organization that may provide advice, oversight, possible approval and possible source of funding,
- Establish the projected capital costs and ongoing operating, maintenance costs of such technologies,

- Recommendations as to how to fund the fire detection system, capital costs, operating costs and possible future upgrades.
- And any other issues, concerns or opportunities related to the fire detection system.
- This citizen committee while researching all aspects of the technologies will only make its finding known so that the appropriate authority can determine next steps.

The citizen committee should be all volunteer, with individuals that have the time, commitment to work on this project, represent the broader community, with special focus on firefighting needs, skills to evaluate the technology and experience on fund raising.

The committee should report out to the ASIC community within 45 days of this motion passing.

Motion Carried.

Members asked questions about ASIC's role in this, what are we doing about fire prevention actions, what is the SIVFD's opinion on this, what are we doing about evacuation awareness, what are the costs, why the rush.

(2) Motion from the ASIC Board

Rationale for this Motion is that each of the 5 current ASIC board members cannot commit the time required to fulfill the preceding Motion. Therefore, if the Motion from Peter Armstrong and Liz Webster is passed by majority vote, then ASIC will present this motion:

WHEREAS emerging fire detection technologies may offer additional protection that could be beneficial to the community;

Be it resolved THAT

(a) ASIC endorse the formation of a community-led Fire Detection Technology Review Committee, independent of ASIC's board of directors, to investigate new fire detection technologies, assess their applicability and cost-effectiveness for enhancing fire safety on Savary Island. In keeping with ASIC Constitution, the board will assist such a committee in presenting to the qathet Regional District the committee's findings, if the community is in favour of the technology on Savary Island; and

(b) the ASIC board of directors shall not bear responsibility for conducting research or dedicating volunteer time to this initiative, beyond facilitating communication between the committee, qRD and the broader community.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Other Business

Catherine Ostler

Catherine reported the year round beach clean-up project is still going strong, called for volunteers, and discussed the Ocean Plastic Initiative.

Painting Auction - Joan discussed the painting that was donated to ASIC last year to raise funds for the community. ASIC will be holding a blind auction that will be open from now until the end of the Tuesday market on July 15th. Proceeds will go towards a community event.

Adjournment

Bryan adjourned the meeting at 12:12 pm.