



**Salt Spring Island
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To: CRD Salt Spring Island
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The Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance was pleased to see that an agreement has been signed with the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District to transfer ownership of Firehall #1 to the CRD should the referendum approve a new fire hall. We support keeping the old firehall site as a community asset and would like to see it used as a year-round public market for sales of local agricultural and food products. Part of the existing building could be retained to provide indoor space increasing marketing opportunities for Salt Spring farm and food businesses; attracting residents and tourists alike while enhancing local food security.

We ask that the agricultural community be involved in developing plans for the site and specifically include representation from the Community Market Society which has the experience of managing the Tuesday Market.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Macey", is written in a cursive style.

Anne Macey, President, Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance

SSIAA Member organizations:

Island Natural Growers
Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute
Salt Spring Island Community Market Society
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust
Salt Spring Abattoir Society
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