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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 01 SEPTEMBER 2010**

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR SALT
SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA**

ISSUE:

The Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director wishes to establish a Community Economic Development Commission to facilitate the preparation of a community development strategy for Salt Spring Island. The attached bylaw No. 3727 will establish the commission.

BACKGROUND:

The CRD has the authority to establish an economic development commission for the electoral area of Salt Spring Island through the following:

- Supplementary Letters Patent dated the 7th day of June 1979
- Bylaw No. 1824 cited as the Economic Development Commission Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 1990

This authority has been used to establish an Economic Development Commission for the electoral area of Juan de Fuca and will now be used to establish one for Salt Spring Island. The objects of the authority are:

1. The development of a comprehensive profile of business activity.
2. The preparation of a development strategy.
3. The coordination of economic development activities within the service area including the development of an active marketing program for the encouragement of both new and existing investors.
4. The provision of liaison with other levels of government, the private sector and the news media in respect of economic development within the service area.

A preliminary budget for this service is included in the current Five Year Financial Plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That Bylaw No. 3727, "Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission Bylaw, 2010" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.
2. Delay adoption until later in 2010 so that a full business plan and budget for year 2011 can be developed by the commission.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2010 financial plan contains a budget of \$35,000 (\$5.41 per average household) to fund a Community Economic Development Commission for the electoral area of Salt Spring Island. The maximum requisition for this service is \$.063 per \$1000 of taxable assessments or approximately \$211,500 (\$32.70 per average household) based on 2010 assessments.

CONCLUSION:

The CRD has the authority to establish a Community Economic Development Commission for the electoral area of Salt Spring Island. The director wishes to establish a commission to prepare a community development strategy for Salt Spring Island. The 2010 Five Year Financial Plan contains a budget for this service.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Bylaw No. 3727, "Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission Bylaw, 2010" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.

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Attachment: 1