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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Commission
Held June 9, 2014, School Board Office, 112 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
 Commission Members: John Tylee (Chair); Darryl Martin, Tarquin Bowers,
 Amber Quiring, Kristine Mayes (4:10 pm)
 Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Michele Akerman, Recording Secretary
 Absent: Ryan Foster, Janice Harkley, Emma-Louise Elsey

Chair Tylee called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Approval Of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Bowers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Martin
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Adoption Of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Quiring, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre
That the minutes of the May 12, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Reports

3.1 Chair Report

Chair Tylee reported that he and Peter Grove, Salt Spring Island Trustee, met with Vancouver Island University (VIU) and that VIU is very interested in working with the Commission.

3.2 Directors Report

- Director McIntyre finalized the briefing document that will go to Minister Yamamoto for her visit on June 20th.
- Followed up with Minister Oakes regarding the next stage of the governance review. Received update from the Minister's office that they will be sending a formal letter, at which point Salt Spring Island Trustee Grove and Director McIntyre will put together a press release for the community.
- A lot of correspondence has come through about changing the Southern Gulf Islands' designation from urban to rural. A letter was received from Honourable Dennis Labelle, regarding a new plan of infrastructure, the largest and longest infrastructure plan in Canadian history, that is a federal investment of \$70 billion for infrastructure over the next decade. It also said, our government's commitment to municipalities has never been stronger. Under the Rebuilding Canada Fund, \$1 billion is dedicated for municipalities with under 100,000 residents through the small communities fund. This is the same ministry that said we can't access the community works fund because we are considered urban. Director McIntyre will be bringing this issue to the CRD Board on Wednesday.

Commissioner Mayes arrived at 4:10 pm.

Commissioner Martin reported progress on the revised draft of the listing of events.

Island Trust Update: They are making small steps in regards to the Boardwalk. They are presently meeting with owners that would be affected and there is a conceptual design. Have been talking to some investors about building more senior housing, particularly for those with dementia.

4. Outstanding Business

4.1 Islands Trust Bylaw referral- SS-RZ-2013.5 (315 Robinson Road)

Commissioner Martin and Bowers to draft a letter that encompasses all the different points made by each Commissioner.

4.2 Update on BCIT Research Projects

Very disappointing, as communication was next to nothing and there was no guidance from faculty for the students. General discussion regarding having a process document for dealing with educational institutions. Commissioner Bowers and Foster will draft a letter with feedback to BCIT.

5. Motion To Close The Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Quiring, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Martin

That the Community Economic Development Commission meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter*, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

The Commission closed the meeting at 4:45 pm and rose, without report, at 6:00 pm.

6. Next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2014

7. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER