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**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Held April 9, 2015, in the Public Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt
Spring Island, BC**

Present: **Commission Members:** Darryl Martin (Chair), Amber Quiring, Christine Grimes, Randy Cunningham, Judith Barnett, Janice Harkley
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, John Hicks, Senior CRD Transportation Manager, Erin Jory, Recording Secretary
Absent: Wayne McIntyre

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Quiring, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barnett,
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 5, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissior Quiring,
That the Minutes of March 5, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1. Seawalk – Nancy Kreig

Powerpoint presentation and discussion of a seawalk/bicycle concept tied into the boardwalk plan for Ganges inner harbour.

3.2. Futurepreneur Organization

Chair Martin reported on this national group, with lower mainland offices, that offers business funding opportunities. Chair will make contact and report at future meeting.

3.3. Promotional Video Proposal

Sheena Bull gave a verbal report and requested between \$3,000 to \$5,000 from Commission in the next two weeks for start up costs to create website and promote crowd-funding project set for June. A business plan is available.

3.4. Service Review Terms of Reference – Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island Request for Funding – John Hicks, Senior CRD Transportation Manager

John Hicks, Senior CRD Transportation Manager, iterated this is a local initiative and the Terms of Reference need to reflect local needs and priorities. The intent is to allow the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission to implement existing local and shared plans and initiatives, integrate and build upon synergies with neighbouring jurisdictions, coordinate grant preparedness between communities, or provide the service structure to implement new joint community functions.

MOVED by Chair Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissior Barnett,

That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission support the application of federal gas tax with respect to new Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands integrated Service Review.

CARRIED

4. Reports

4.1. Chair

- Contracts for Service for both Salt Spring Arts Council and Salt Spring have been finalized.
- Attended Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting on March 23, 2015.
- Met with Li Read. Chamber does not have tourism committee to date. Further coordination required. Chamber has no set plan due to lack of volunteers.

Chair left meeting 5:32, Vice-Chair proceeded with report.

- Chamber agreed the boardwalk idea was beneficial.
- Experience the Gulf Islands has money in place and study is not required to move forward.
- Attended Southern Gulf Islands Trustees meeting and a tour of the islands came up.
- Driftwood interested in creating editorial series on the local economy.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1. Beautification Project – Floral Project Request for Funding

Commissioner Barnett proposed funding to purchase hanging baskets and planters for downtown core. Commission discussed pros and cons.

Chair returned to meeting at 5:37pm.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Quiring,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission approve an allocation of \$2,000 towards beautification of Ganges downtown core, by purchasing and installing planters and hanging baskets in various locations, subject to a design plan and stakeholder fund-matching to be approved by the Commission.

CARRIED

5.2. Commission Operating Protocols and Procedures

Deferred to next meeting.

5.3. Destination Marketing

Deferred to next meeting.

5.4. Current Project Status

5.4.1. Salt Spring National Arts Prize

Deferred to next meeting.

5.4.2. Salt Spring in the City

Staff advised a post-event report will be presented by Salt Spring in the City group at a future meeting.

6. New Business

6.1. Inter Island Transportation Demo Project – Le Tour de Iles – Request for funding

It was generally agreed that the Southern Gulf Islands will commit \$5,000 if necessary for the four day event.

6.2. CEDC Contract Agreement Requirements and Template

Deferred to next meeting.

6.3. Discretionary Spending

Deferred to next meeting.

6.4. Green Entrepreneurs Workshop – Motion to Fund

Deferred to next meeting.

6.5. Website

Deferred to next meeting.

6.6. “Healthy Harbours” Concept

Deferred to next meeting.

6.7. Saturday Market – Discussion

Deferred to next meeting.

7. Next Meeting: A Special Meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2015 at 3pm, location to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER