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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
Held September 29, 2015, in the Public Library Small Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips  
Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Harkley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission agenda of  
September 29, 2015 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of July 9, 2015**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Wellingham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harkley,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission minutes of  
July 9, 2015 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Delegation/Presentation**

**3.1. Russ Smith, CRD Senior Manager Environmental Resource Management RE:  
Referral of Islands Trust Industrial Land Use Bylaw-Update Proposal for  
Reconfiguration of Land Use Zoning at Mouat Park**  
No presentation made.

**3.2. Joe Akerman – Aboriginal Culture Project**

- Presented Xwaaq'um Traditional Use Project overview.
- Project is to continue and bolster traditional activities in traditional areas on Salt Spring, in order to provide culture and language for aboriginal youth. . Koeye Village in Bella Bella runs camps from 9-18 year olds, learning traditional ways and leadership. Working with Cowichan 101 with Social Planning in Duncan.
- Project will offer tourists a destination to participate in traditional education/events (i.e. ride in war canoe, learn use of traditional plants, salmon barbeque, drum making, carving, all ways of life). Potentially an interpretive cultural center to display historical artifacts presently in storage. BC Parks could be involved in heritage restoration projects.
- Ask: information presentation to provide background and future endeavours, and requesting a letter of support to BC Parks.
- Will provide feasibility study at a future meeting.

**3.3. Elizabeth FitzZaland of Green City Builders – Ganges Improvements**

- Elizabeth FitzZaland, a professional planner (downtown design and strategies) and Michael Howell, local landscape designer, offered to work pro bono on beautification project for downtown Ganges.
- Landscaping is relatively inexpensive and more easily transformable than architecture, a common technique in urban design. Scaled base map required to start planning process.
- Ask: require an exact base map of Ganges both paper and digital (CAD referenced). Staff can check into existing surveys/documents that will support creation of map.
- Director suggested that Islands Trust should provide mapping.

**MOVED** by Chair Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission agrees to draft a letter of support for Elizabeth FitzZaland and Michael Howell to acquire data for a base map as the first step towards Ganges beautification project.

**CARRIED**

**4. Reports**

**4.1. Director**

- Canada 150 Grant application discussed at SSITC meeting with conceptual drawings.
- Governance Study: cost study drafted and will be made public in the near future. Website: [www.ssiincorporationstudy.com](http://www.ssiincorporationstudy.com)
- Met with Chair Martin and Peter Grove at SGI and San Juan Islands joint meeting; saw many pro-active economic development presentations.
- Whale Trail positioned on land-base on Saturna Island – prevents boats disturbing habitat.

**4.2. Chair**

- SGI/San Juan Islands meeting: both simple and complex projects presented. Many common problems (data is the key to project management).
- SGI Active Pass Festival April 22-24, 2016
- Accompanied Director to Electoral Area Service Committee meeting; observed CRD meeting procedures.

Commissioner Grimes left the meeting at 4:51 pm and returned at 4:53 pm.

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1. CEDC Expenses – John Tylee travel to Gabriola Island**

**MOVED** by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission approach the Islands Trust to pay for travel expenses of John Tylee to the Gabriola Island Community Economic Development meeting, totalling \$296.17.

**CARRIED**

## 5.2. ETGI Update

**MOVED** by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission requests a  
status update on the Experience the Gulf Islands project.

**CARRIED**

## 5.3. Walking Festival

- Team leader required to put together overview plan and hire a manager so that walking tour can be arranged for the shoulder season.
- Chair and staff will prepare wording for Expression of Interest for walking tour.
- Li Read will provide information from next Chamber meeting.

## 5.4. Tour des Iles – next steps

- Director suggests George Harris attend via skype at next meeting. Chair suggests also inviting member of the SGI Community Economic Development Commission.

Commissioner Grimes left the meeting at 5:33 pm.

## 6. New Business

### 6.1. Desalination Project

- Discussion on desalination processes.
- On Galiano, desalination of wells creates aquifer exhaustion and introduces salt to drinking water.
- Chair proposes a contract for service with Devesh Bharadwaj for up to \$1,000 for a micro-feasibility study on desalination data.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wellingham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission requests  
Devesh Bharadwaj to execute a micro-plan, recognizing support from the Chamber of  
Commerce, looking at desalination possibilities and wastewater recycling, at a cost of up  
to \$1,000.

**CARRIED**

The following agenda items were not considered due to lack of time, and will be brought forward at the next meeting:

### 6.2 New Business - Website with Southern Gulf Islands (Action Plan Priority 6.13 - Community dialogue)

### 6.3 New Business - Tourism Plan Update (Action Plan Priority 1.3 Tourism, partnerships with Chamber Activities)

### 6.4 New Business - CEDC Budget 2016

## 7. Information

### 7.1 Information - 2015 State of the Island Economic Summit

- 8. Next Meeting:** October 15, 2015, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, location to be announced.
- 9. Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**