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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Held Thursday June 15, 2017, in the Portlock Park Meeting Room, 145 Vesuvius Bay
Road, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **CRD Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Darryl Martin (Chair), Randy Cunningham, Holly MacDonald, Francine Carlin, Curt Firestone, Janice Harkley
Staff: Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
Absent: Bruce Cameron
Participants: Peter Grove, Li Read

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

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Carlin,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission agenda of June
15, 2017 be amended and approved with the addition of Item 5.5 Progress Report
on DMO.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Firestone,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Minutes of May 18,
2017 be amended and approved by changing the word “deferred” to “tabled” in the
motion under item 5.7.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 Opportunity Salt Spring – Deirdre Rowland, C Me Communications

Deirdre Rowland provided a live web demonstration of the
opportunitysaltspring.ca website while reviewing the purpose, format and
variety of participants using the site.

4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

4.0 Director McIntyre briefly reported

- CRD Board has been focusing on improving relations with First Nations; recently observed a historical presentation by Pacheedaht First Nation.
- Hitchhiking Rally- Attended event, met with Sargent Netzer afterwards to confirm that the intent was to identify the Embe location as a safety concern.
- Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee held their first meeting. Information on the project can be found on the CRD website.

- Elected officials met with MLA Adam Olsen and agreed to hold quarterly meeting to keep in touch with island issues.
- Toured the property and viewed plans for the Farmland Trust's new local food processing, distribution and storage facility to be called the "ROOT".
- Composting; local group heard a presentation by Stephan Salter a consultant with the Farallon group who spoke regarding worldwide efforts to convert waste into various forms of energy and useful end products. Consideration being given to a feasibility study for Salt Spring Island.
- Attended the Dragonfly housing project information meeting at the site. Lots of public interest.
- Parks and Recreation will be updating their Strategic Plan.
- Pathway project – Atkins South contract work awarded; pathway anticipated to be complete by the end of summer.

4.1 Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner MacDonald - Rural Accelerator Project Report received for information. Opportunity to co-sponsor book launch event for Joel Solomon on August 8, 2017 at Artspring.
- Commissioner Carlin - opportunitySaltSpring.ca Report received for information.
- Commissioner Firestone
Lady Minto Foundation is considering a health clinic; Tour de Iles event is ready and taking reservations.
- Chair Martin
Toured Bullock Lake resort; CEDC supported the ETGI concept plan to connect the islands with passenger ferries.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Notice of Motion by Commissioner Firestone- Dragon Fly Commons

Item was not brought forward for discussion and remains tabled.

5.2 Worker Housing – Update by Commissioner Patrick

Commissioner Patrick reported that a presentation was made to Islands Trust regarding the information collected so far on the shortage of housing for Island workers. Islands Trust was asked to consider legalizing the use of secondary cottages year round to ease the shortage.

5.3 Rural Dividend budget as of May 31, 2017

Received for information

5.4 Progress report on ETGI

Commissioner Martin reviewed the process that the ETGI concept plan has undertaken to this point and suggested that rural dividend funds could be used to further the plan and see all five islands working together.

5.5 DMO Management Project

Commissioner Martin described the Destination Management Organization working group by listing participant names and their interest in the project. Three meetings have been held so far to determine the need for a new model specific to Salt Spring Island or to participant in established regional infrastructure and search for sustainable funding.

6. New Business

6.1 Open Meeting Rules and Electronic Exchanges

Received for information.

6.2 Finance Committee – mid-year Financial review and planning

Director McIntyre briefly reviewed the CRD budget cycle which begins with drafts for every CRD service in Sept and is finalized by the CRD Board in March.

Funding from the Rural Dividend Grant for the Rural Accelerator Program will cease in March 2018. Commissioners will bring forward different ideas for funding sources to continue the Rural Accelerator program.

7. Next Meeting-

Consideration being given to as special meeting in July. Otherwise the next scheduled meeting is on September 21, 2017 from 4 to 6 pm at Portlock Park Meeting Room.

8. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Carlin,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:47 pm

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER