

- 4.2** Chair Martin briefly reported on the following:
- Participated in successful Tour de Iles event
 - Attended stakeholder meetings for tourism destination management
 - Held budget discussions with CEDC Commission members
 - Interested in being more interactive with the SD64 Coop model for trades program (TASK)
- 4.3** Rural Business Accelerator Project- Commissioner MacDonald provided a written report and briefly commented on the following:
- New project manager in place
 - Summer not a good time of year to conduct a cohort session
 - Starting on the next group (Craft and Lifestyle)
 - Rural Accelerator Program to have a Fall Fair booth
 - Video of the Green Cohort graduation shown to the commission and to be used as a promotional tool. Production was done over about 20 hours by Deidre Roland and Ehren Mcphee who used the task towards work experience.
 - SSI Digital meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month
 - SNNAP opening art event is Friday the 22nd
- 4.4** Communication and Outreach- Commissioner Carlin provided a written report and briefly commented on the following:
- New visitors up by 80%
 - Leveraging media relationships and promoting events
 - Highest demographic under 50
 - Consider interaction with Island Realtors to promote live/work here tool
- 4.5** Commissioner Cameron briefly reported on his involvement with a local organic waste initiative:
- Documenting the framework for public, private and social sectors to participate in keeping organic materials here.
 - Seeking the next stage of funding to close the recycling loop; keep useable end products here and potentially capture energy.
- 4.6** Commissioner Firestone briefly reported on his involvement with the local healthcare issues:
- 2 more doctors have left the island with little notice and no replacement
 - Lack of available outpatient care on the island is forcing patients off island to see doctors for routine care
 - Each trip off island incurs ferry costs and working people often lose a day of wages and business productivity
 - Lack of routine healthcare is an additional barrier to attracting and keeping residents
 - Lady Minto is ready for renovations
 - A report is being compiled for MLA Olsen with the common problems and potential solutions for health service delivery modalities

- Measure the economic impacts that a lack of local healthcare has on this island community

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society Final 2017 Report

A final written report was submitted by addendum as the background material for this topic. Discussion centred on how the event functioned.

MOVED by Commissioner Carlin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald, That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission accept the Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society Final Report on the 2017 Tour des Iles Summer Festival in the Southern Gulf Island as completion of work assigned under Contract No. SSI2017.005; and further that the contractor be notified that the remaining 25% holdback will be released upon receipt of invoice.

CARRIED

Commissioner Martin and Firestone left the room during the vote as they are both board members of the society.

5.2 Fall Fair Activities

Promotion of the Rural Business Accelerator Program will be done at the fall fair. A general survey will be conducted and donated prizes will be used to promote the program successes and future direction.

6. New Business

6.1 Housing Roundtable motion

Commissioner Patrick prepared a proposal to facilitate discussion amongst community stakeholders regarding shortage of housing for working islanders.

MOVED by Commissioner Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Firestone, That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission authorize a maximum \$1,250 expenditure and, along with Salt Spring Housing Council and the Chamber of Commerce as partners lead a roundtable discussion on housing availability/affordability that includes a strong voice from our island employers, local agencies and non-government organizations, interested parties, and has participation from the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, Provincial Government, and Island Health.

CARRIED

6.2 Feedback to Regional Trails Report

Brief discussion of report and recognition that the route now follows the pathways through town. The Destination Management subcommittee will provide a response.

6.3 Discussion of Impact of Referendum Results

Round table discussion of personal opinions on referendum outcome.
Commissioner Bruce Cameron resigned his post.

7. Next Meeting- October 19, 2017 4:00 pm at Portlock Park

Potential date change.

8. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Martin, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the meeting adjourn at 6:00 pm

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER