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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Held Monday May 13, 2019, in the Public Library 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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Present: **CRD Director:** Gary Holman
Commission Members: Francine Carlin, Holly MacDonald, Janice Harkley, Darryl Martin, Randy Cunningham, Jason Griffin
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Dan Ovington, Manager Parks and Recreation; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
Participants: Li Read, President, SSI Chamber, Laura Patrick, Islands Trust

Chair Carlin called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Harkley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Griffin,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Agenda of May 13, 2019
be approved with the addition of item 7.5 Fulford Valley Revitalization Project.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 11, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Minutes of March 11, 2019
be approved.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation-none

4. CRD Director Report-none

5. Chair and Commissioner and Advisory Member Reports

5.1 Chair- written report submitted.

5.2 Commissioner Reports

Business Emergency Planning (R. Cunningham)

Written report submitted.

Ganges Security (D. Martin/J. Harkley)

Written report submitted.

- Large number of people living on boats in harbour without basic needs.
- Community Services is operated on Island by a board of directors
- Mental health services is managed by organizations in Victoria
- CRD can provide a new service through taxation for a community policing.

Park & Ride Project & On-Demand Transportation App (J. Griffin)

- Several meetings to determine how to proceed
- Insurance needed to cover SD64 lots (possibly by CRD)
- Country Grocer considering additional van service and adjusting route along Rainbow Road
- North Ganges Transportation Plan will eventually provide safe walking paths into town
- Transit service already overloaded on Saturday

Green Business Feasibility Project (H. MacDonald)

Written report submitted.

Entrepreneurial Immigration Project (J. Harkley)

- Application submitted to the BC Entrepreneur Immigration- Regional Pilot program. Program to make it easier for people to immigrate and invest in rural communities.

Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership Society(R. Cunningham)

Written report submitted.

- Order in Council received and to start on June 1, 2019
- Collection of eligible taxes to begin in September

Rural Islands Economic Summit (F. Carlin)

Written report submitted

Communication & Digital Media Report (F. Carlin)

Written report submitted.

- Blog added to the opportunitysaltspring.ca website

5.3 Islands Trust Update - Laura Patrick

- Short term vacation rentals: Proactive enforcement with ticketing for both the providers and the visitors.
- Legal B&B's encouraged and Islands Trust bylaw is investigating and working with providers to determine eligibility.
- Seeking support for a multiagency comprehensive plan for Ganges Village

5.4 Chamber of Commerce Update - Li Read

- Continuing to advocate for local business and community issues

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Red Tape Reduction Project (SSI Regulatory Roadmap) – Verbal Report Commissioner Carlin

- Renaming project to SSI Regulatory Roadmap

- Using a researcher and a digital artist to develop short video with visual icons
- Jurisdiction and regulatory information will be left with each agency; road map will directional only

MOVED by Commissioner Carlin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harkley,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Approves allocating an additional \$2,500 towards the original \$5,000 budget for the
Red Tape Reduction Project to create the digital regulatory roadmap.

CARRIED

6.2 Update on Rural Definition and Western Diversification

MOVED by Commissioner Carlin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Griffin,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
recommends that the Capital Regional District Board strongly advocate to the Federal
Government that Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands be included in the
Community Futures Vancouver Island Coastal Network service boundaries

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Shared Business Services Program Award

Awarded Rural Dividend grant of \$90,750 for phase 2 of the shared business services
model on Salt Spring Island.

**7.2 Informal Dialogue-CEDC-SSI Chamber shared interests, June 5, 2019, 4:30 – 5:30
PM**

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission agree to
attend a meeting with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce on June 5, 2019,
from 4:30-5:30 pm to have a dialogue on shared interests.

CARRIED

7.3 Joint Commission Meeting CEDC-CESC

Recorded public meeting with no motions, sharing common challenges

MOVED by Commissioner Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission hold a
joint meeting with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability
Commission on June 18, 2019.

CARRIED

7.4 Connect Communities Initiatives

- Broadband access; either through tower or fiber optics needs to be considered
- Begin dialogue, seek funding for feasibility study

7.5 Fulford Valley Revitalization Project

- Motion was proposed to lend support to a private development
- More information is needed and CEDC role is to facilitate process

MOVED by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission prepare a
letter to be presented to the Local Trust Committee on May 28, 2019 that recommends
the development of a comprehensive community plan for the Fulford Valley and the
overall Ganges area.

CARRIED

8. Closing Comments

9. Next Meeting September 9, 2019 at 3 pm SSI Public Library

10. Adjournment

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER