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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Held Tuesday June 16, 2019, at the Lions Hall on 103 Bonnett Avenue, Salt Spring Island,
BC**

Present: **CRD Director:** Gary Holman
 Commission Members: Francine Carlin, Holly MacDonald, Randy Cunningham,
 Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
 Absent: Janice Harkley, Jason Griffin, Daniel Wood
 Participants: Chamber Members: Li Read, Jeremy Milsom, Motteo Hermani,
 Darryl Martin

Chair Carlin called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Purpose of the meeting was to bring interested parties together for information gathering on the progress of the proposed Shared Business Service.

2. Shared Business Services Briefing

- Identified as a gap in the community during the Rural Business Accelerator program
- Small business indicated the need for help with "back office" type of services to create economies of scale thru shared purchasing power.
- Rural Dividend Grant award is focused on developing the entity to deliver shared business services
- CRD cannot provide direct services to businesses, therefore require a non-government entity to deliver the service.
- Focus on providing services to regional area, (SSI and SGI) to achieve economies of scale
- Grant to be used as seed funding
- Impact of COVID 19 shifted the proposed services to focus on business recovery, grant writing, and support transitions to e-commerce

3. Next Meeting – June 25, 2020 from 12 - 2 pm – Lions Hall

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER