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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
Held Thursday June 25, 2020, at Lions Hall on 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**Present:** **CRD Director:** Gary Holman  
**Commission Members:** Francine Carlin, Holly MacDonald, Randy Cunningham, Jason Griffin, Daniel Wood  
**Staff:** Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.  
**Absent:** Janice Harkley  
**Present:** Chamber Members: Darryl Martin, Jessica Harkema; Laura Patrick, Elizabeth Nolan, Anne Parkinson

Chair Carlin called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission agenda of June 25,  
2020 be approved and amended with the addition of item 4.3 SGI Regional Round Table.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of January 27, 2020 and June 16, 2020**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Griffin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cunningham,  
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Minutes of January 27,  
2020 and June 16, 2020 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Outstanding Business**

**3.1 Southern Gulf Islands Shared Services Society – Rural Economic Dividend Grant – Next Steps**

Chair Carlin opened the discussion with background information, provided opportunity for each commission member to address the topic and then requested direction from Director Holman.

Three options were presented as ways to move forward with an entity to receive the Rural Dividend Grant and to run the Shared Business Services as a pilot program:

- New society (regionally focus)
- Chamber (membership based)
- Rural Islands Economic Partnership (existing NPO with regional focus)

**MOVED** by Commissioner Carlin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
recommends that the Capital Regional District contract with the Rural Islands  
Economic Partnership as the not for profit entity to receive the Rural Dividend Grant  
and deliver a regional Shared Business Services pilot program.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Update: CRD Board Follow up on Community Futures and Island Coastal Economic Trust**

Request made for Director Holman to ask the CRD Board to take more initiative in  
the plight to change the Electoral Areas from Urban to Rural status.

Letters previously sent ended up with a Ministry not involved with Community Futures  
and need to be redirected with additional follow-up.

This change to Rural would allow the island communities under the CRD to be eligible  
for grant funds and business assistance opportunities which other rural communities  
have through Community futures and Island Coastal Economic Trust.

**3.3 Update: Home Owner Grant Program in Electoral Areas**

A CRD Board motion to recognize Salt Spring Island as "Rural" has been submitted  
to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) this fall for consideration. If  
the motion is past, then UBCM would make a recommendation to the province to  
allow electoral areas within the CRD to be eligible for the additional "rural" home  
owner grant as all other "rural" designated property tax areas are (outside the CRD  
which is considered urban).

**3.4 Letter dated May 13, 2020 re: Integrated Transportation**

CRD Board requested that the Province develop an integrated Transportation Plan  
including the Southern Gulfs Island which links all forms of public transportation and  
improves solutions for low carbon and active transportation.

**4. New Business**

**4.1 CEDC Expense Request**

Expense reimbursement approved for collaborative luncheon with South Island  
Prosperity Partnership

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
approves the request from Commissioner Carlin to be reimbursement in the amount  
of \$119.70 to cover the expense of a collaborative meeting with South Island  
Prosperity Partnership.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Letter of Support for the Farm Land Trust Application for a Job Creation Participation Grant**

**MOVED** by Commissioner MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Carlin,  
That the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
approves the draft letter of support for the application by the SSI Farmland Trust for  
a Job Creation Partnership grant.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 SGI Regional Round Table**

Plans are underway for a regional round table to learn from Covid-19.  
Current date is July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am.

**5. Next Meetings -**

July 13, 2020 at 3:00 to 5:00 pm – SSI Public Library is to be **Cancelled**

October 19, 2020 at 3:00 to 5:00 pm – SSI Public Library –to be confirmed

**6. Adjournment**

**MOVED** By Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Carlin,  
That the meeting adjourn at 1:30 pm.

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**