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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission
Held Monday January 18, 2021, 108 121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**
Electronic Meeting

Present: **CRD Director:** Gary Holman
 Commission Members: Francine Carlin, Holly MacDonald, Jason Griffin, Daniel Wood, Kya Dalton, Inga Michaelsen, Dr. Daniel Muzyka, Bryan Young
 Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
 Participants: Jesse Brown, SSI Chamber; Laura Patrick, Islands Trust; Margaret Thomson, Agricultural Alliance; Elizabeth FitzZaland, Salt Spring Solutions.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Francine Carlin provided the territorial acknowledgement and staff called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

2. ELECTRONIC MEETING RESOLUTION

MOVED by Commissioner Wood, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,
That this resolution applies to the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission (SSICEDC) for the meeting being held on January 18, 2021, and that in-person attendance of the public is prohibited by Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

That the SSICEDC is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the open meeting by the following means:

- a. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the notices provided in respect of the meeting,
- b. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the meeting,
- c. By offering the ability to attend the electronic meeting by invitation.

CARRIED

3. Welcome New Commissioners

Quick round table of introductions.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff called for nominations of Commission Chair.

- Holly MacDonald nominated Francine Carlin; calling three times and hearing no other nominations Francine Carlin accepted the role of Chair.

Chair Carlin called for nominations of Commission Vice Chair.

- Jason Griffin nominated Holly MacDonald; calling three times and hearing no other nominations Holly MacDonald accepted the role of Vice Chair.

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5. Recognize Guests

Chair Carlin introduced invited participants and their roles.

6. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Dalton,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission agenda of January 18,
2021 be approved.

CARRIED

7. Adoption of Minutes of October 19, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner MacDonald, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Griffin,
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Minutes of October 19,
2020 be approved.

CARRIED

8. Director and Commissioner Reports

8.1 Director Holman briefly reported

- BC Housing has committed to keeping local shelter open year round 24/7.
- RCMP working together with Bylaw to increase presence in parks; PARC considering some crime prevention ideas.
- Transportation Commission setting priorities; to participate in Islands Trust Ganges Village planning process with development of a traffic plan.

8.2 Vice Chair- Communication and Digital Media

- Commissioner MacDonald provided report on status of media/digital presence

9. Community Reports

9.1 Islands Trust Update - Laura Patrick

Trustee Patrick briefly reported:

- See reports on the online media source “SSI Exchange”
- Creating full spectrum Housing Task Force to consider in tandem local housing needs, Ganges Village and sustainable use of limited natural resources.
- SSIWPA can do more with use of climate action plans
- Consideration of working with CRD for business licences as tool to control short term rentals

9.2 Chamber of Commerce Update - Jesse Brown, Executive Director

- Working with CEDC to host webinar on Covid recovery programs available for small businesses.

9.3 Transitions Salt Spring – Commissioner Brian Young

- Climate Action Plan (version 2) soon to be released.

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9.4 Agriculture Alliance – Margaret Thomson

- CEDC to become members of the Agriculture Alliance.
- New Area Farm Plan to be released soon.

10. Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission

Chair Carlin provided a presentation and overview of the past year as well as an evolution of the Commission's accomplishments and what is coming up.

11. Delegation Presentation

11.1 Salt Spring Solutions- Elizabeth FitzZaland

Elizabeth was not able to stay for the meeting but provided information and Commissioner MacDonald briefly reported on:

- Current focus of Salt Spring Solutions
 - Housing solutions
 - Working with Non Profits
 - Completion of the Salish Sea Trail
 - Save Mount Maxwell trails

12. Outstanding Business

12.1 Action to operationalize UBCM resolution confirming BC Rural Property Tax relief for Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands

- Continuation of lobbying for rural status rights and benefits

12.2 Continued Advocacy- Rural Designation and Island Coastal Economic Trust

- Director Holman briefly reported on continued efforts

12.3 Island COMEBACK – Update

- CEDC provided support for community campaign to “support local” rural islands
- Program developed quickly and successfully under Covid Conditions
- Assisting small island businesses with tech support and promotion

12.4 Shared Business Services Project – Update

- Discussed earlier in meeting

12.5 Agricultural Alliance Membership

- Discusses earlier in meeting

13. New Business

13.1 Just in Time Economic Recovery – Info Sessions

- Cohosting grant recovery options with Chamber

13.2 Islands 2050 – Islands Trust Survey Participation

- Survey is now open

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- First round of public feedback
- Policy statement is tool to provide guidance for trust areas
- Need for broader socially diverse representations

13.3 Ganges Village Planning Task Force

- The process for Commission participation was outlined
- Islands Trust will refer for comments from the Capital Regional District whom will gather and provide feedback from all of the local Commissions.

13.4 Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Staffing

- Need and request for economic development coordinator
- Terms of Reference to be developed to assist with scope of work
- Funding through operational reserves and year end surplus
- Possible timeline for invitations to quote in 2nd quarter after CRD final budgets approved.

14. Next Meetings - Monday – May 17, 2021

*location and participation format TBD under the Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

15. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Griffin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald,
That the meeting adjourn at 4:35 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER