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**Minutes of the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group
Held March 8, 2018 - Portlock Park Portable, 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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Present: **Chair:** Malcolm Legg (member of the public)
Committee Members: Bree Eagle (Vendor), Garth Hendren (PARC), Peri Lavender 5:15 pm (Island Natural Growers), Donna Cochran (Basketry), Rosemary Trump (Public), Janet Clouston (Chamber of Commerce), Donna Johnstone (Fabric), Anne Byrne (Pottery), Tye O'Connor (Vendor), Grant Wickland (Woodworkers)
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Rob Pingle, Market Coordinator; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary
Absent: Alvaro Sanchez, Scott Simmons, Sean Goddard

Public Gallery: estimated 10 people

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by G. Hendren, **SECONDED** by B. Eagle,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group agenda of March 8, 2018 be amended and approved by adding Amy Sandidge as a delegation under Item 3.1 and addressing correspondence from Wendy Beatty under Item 3.2 with discussion under item 5.1 and 6.1.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of November 15, 2017

MOVED by B. Eagle, **SECONDED** by T. O'Connor,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group Minutes of November 15, 2017 be amended and approved by changing the mover of the motion under Item 5.1 to Donna Cochran and correction of spelling.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 Amy Sandidge

- Ms. Sandidge spoke to agenda Item 5.2 regarding the exemption process.
- Problems with Farmer Definition; volume based and value added products
- Blanket exemption for how many farmers/food vendors?
- Continuation of loopholes for another season
- Creation of another subcommittee to find inclusive farmer language which prevents food vendors from qualifying.

3.2 Wendy Beatty – letter dated March 7, 2018

Chair Legg read aloud the correspondence for the benefit of the Market Advisory Committee and public.

- Interested in progress to alleviate congestion at market
- Rationale for increase in market vendor fees

4. Reports- no reports

5. New Business

5.1 2018 Market Fees

The Market fees for 2018 were reviewed and approved by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission in April of 2017 but are not implemented until January.

The increase for frontage fees (.39) and various other market fees are based on increases in labour, hydro, water and market coordination costs.

5.2 2018 Exemption Requests

General discussion around the table with the Market Coordinator reading aloud the five exemption requests.

- Intention of the motion for exemption was to allow enough notice to vendors whom would need to apply for MAG review. At the November 2017 MAG meeting it was determined that spring requests did not allow vendors enough time to prepare for the market season. All exemption requests will be addressed in the Fall for the 2019 season.
- Five vendors applied for the 2018 Season; each with unique situations to consider.
- The change to the Farmer definition was created over a year ago and underwent several revisions.
- Look at process and consider policy to handle future and long term exemption requests.

Bree Eagle left the meeting at 5:35 pm citing conflict as she is one of the vendors requesting an exemption.

MOVED by G. Hendren, **SECONDED** by D. Cochran,

That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group recommends to the Parks and Recreation Commission that staff approve all exemption requests for the 2018 market season and further that a notice be sent out in the fall requesting exemption requests for the 2019 market season.

CARRIED

P. Lavender opposed

Bree Eagle returned to the meeting at 5:38 pm.

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Pedestrian Traffic

A meeting was held with Wendy Beatty, Rob Pingle and Dan Ovington to review the layout of the market and the various space allotments. No new viable solution was discovered that would open up pedestrian traffic without negatively impacting one or more existing vendor booths.

The Master Plan for Centennial Park addresses the reconfiguration of the allowable 25 % vending space under zoning for the park.

7. Next Meeting- to be announced in the Fall

8. Adjournment

MOVED by J. Clouston, **SECONDED** by Ty O'Connor,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER

