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**Minutes of the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group
Held November 26, 2018 - Portlock Park Portable, 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring
Island, BC**

Present: **Chair:** Malcolm Legg (member of the public)
Committee Members: Bree Eagle (Vendor), Sonja Collombin (PARC), Peri
Lavender (Island Natural Growers), Donna Cochran (Basketry), Rosemary
Trump (Public), Li Read (Chamber of Commerce), Donna Johnstone (Fabric),
Wendy Squirrel (Pottery), Ty O'Connor (Vendor)
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Rob Pingle, Market
Coordinator; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary
Absent: Alvaro Sanchez, Grant Wickland

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by D. Cochran, **SECONDED** by B. Eagle,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group agenda of November 26, 2018 be
amended and approved noting that the proposed motion under item 6.3 should be
replaced by the recommendation in the staff report.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 8, 2018

MOVED by R. Trump, **SECONDED** by D. Johnstone,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group minutes from the March 8, 2018
meeting be approved

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation- None registered

4. Director and Chair Reports- No reports

5. Outstanding Business- None to report

6. New Business

6.1 2018 Saturday Market Season Overview

Market Coordinator Rob Pingle provided the following information:

- For the 2018 season 41 new vendors expressed an interest in participating in the market. After learning about the process and requirements 16 of these people never attended a market.
- The 2018 market season saw active vendors in the following categories, 21 seasonal farmers, 88 seasonal craft vendors, 129 day vendors.
- The average vendor attendance at the markets this years was 126 vendors. The maximum was 143 on May 12, & 19 and July 21. The minimum was 74 on April 7.

- The Ganges Alley has opened up several vending spaces along the waterfront. These new non-Saturday Market spaces appear to have taken some of the pressure off placing day vendors.
- At the end of the season 34 vendors were removed from the database due to lack of participation.

6.2 2019 Saturday Market Fees and Charges

Information received

B. Eagle leaves meeting at 4:45 pm due to conflict with item 6.3 vendor exemptions

6.3 2019 Exemption Requests

- Very few exemption requests were made this fall; requests can still be made in the during the winter
- Suggestion to add conditions to guidelines about grandfathered criteria; Market Coordinator follows up with all new products

MOVED by P. Lavender, **SECONDED** by S. Collombin,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group recommends to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission that staff Approve exemption requests in Attachment A and B for the 2019 market season and further grandfather the vendors in Attachment A and B to recognize them as a Farmer in future market seasons.

CARRIED

B. Eagle returns to the meeting at 5:00 pm

7. Rise and Report- none

8. Next Meeting March 2019

- Brief discussion on washroom replacement project; Details can be obtained on CRD website to follow along with project updates.
- Suggestion to keep a positive attitude while representing the Market. The washroom replacement project is a big improvement to the area and the CRD should be supported by vendors in the community.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by R. Trump, **SECONDED** by T. O'Connor,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:10 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER