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**Minutes of the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group
Held November 20, 2019 - Portlock Park Portable, 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring
Island, BC**

Present: **Chair:** Malcolm Legg (Member of the Public)
Committee Members: Bree Eagle (Vendor), Growers), Donna Cochran (Basketry), Donna Johnstone (Fabric), Tye O'Connor (Vendor), Sonja Collombin (PARC)
Staff: Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Rob Pingle, Market Coordinator; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary
Absent: Alvaro Sanchez, Grant Wickland, Wendy Squirrel, Sean Goddard, Peri Lavender, Rosemary Trump, Jessica Harkema

Chair Legg called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM; no quorum established; motions made are recommendations from those members in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Bree Eagle, **SECONDED** by Donna Cochran,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group agenda of November 20, 2019 be amended to add item 3.1 Rainbow May as a Delegation

2. Adoption of Minutes of March 14, 2019

MOVED by Sonja Collombin, **SECONDED** by Tye O'Connor,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting be approved.

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 Rainbow May-Smoking

Ms. May is requesting that the Market develop a way to enforce a no smoking policy surrounding the market area with a 7 metre buffer zone.

Item referred to staff for report at March 2020 meeting.

4. Director and Chair Reports – no report

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Centennial Park Playground

Civils such as footings and drainage are in the works and the first week of December the playground equipment is scheduled to arrive. Once installed we will have a soft opening and then a bigger event in the Spring with the Lions Club.

6. New Business

6.1 2019 Market Season Overview- Rob Pingle

- Overall numbers were down this year; average 125 vendors.
- October numbers down; potential to consider this and off season month.
- Farmers with large harvests and high demands creating crowded isles.
- Harbour Authority concerned with pedestrians leaving market into their active parking lot; potential to address when the market area is resurfaced

6.2 Composting

- Several requests to provide composting services at the Market
- Current practise is to pack it in and pack it out
- Farmers regularly collecting food scraps for compost
- Take away food containers are currently not commercially compostable on the island
- Two on island services for food scraps; but not for containers
- Similar markets pay +/- \$10,000 for a private contractor to sort materials
- Cost would be roughly \$100 per vendor

MOVED by Bree Eagle, **SECONDED** by Sonja Collombin,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group recommend staff delay further efforts to provide composting services until there is an appropriate facility on island; continue current practise to collect and compost food scrap waste.

6.3 Exemption Requests

- Two requests for exemptions
- Staff recommend not approving Calvin Clark/Fix Taco exemption request
- Staff not confident that Fix Taco meets the requirements
- Spirit of the regulation is to reserve space for farmers

MOVED by Tye O'Connor, **SECONDED** by Donna Cochran,
That the Salt Spring Island Market Advisory Group recommends to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission approve the farmer's definition exemption request to Forest Homestead Farm for the 2020 market season; and further that the farmer's definition exemption be denied to Fix Tacos.

6.4 2020 Fees & Charges

- Received for information; SSI Park and Recreation Commission already approved fees and charge
- No increase to seasonal charges and a 5% increase to day vendors

6.5 Correspondence

- Email received from Claire Ryder with request to clean up Centennial Park parking lot area more often.

- Any concerns can be relayed to the Salt Spring Island Administration Office on the day of the Market.

7. Next Meeting- to be held in March

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Tye O'Connor, **SECONDED** by Donna Cochran,
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER