

Southern Gulf Islands Economic Development Commission
Room 112, Peninsula Health Unit
2170 Mount Newton X Road
Saanichton, BC
November 26, 2014, 9 am - 12 pm

MEETING NOTES - DRAFT

Meeting Commenced: 9:05 a.m.

Present: Mike Hoebel (Chair), David Howe, Brian Crumblehulme, Ed Andrusiak, Justin Stephenson, Paul Petrie, Larry Alexander, R. Philpot, Ian Dow
Regrets: Derek Masselink, Michael Dunn Late Arrival: Leigh Pullen

1. Welcome and introductions
M. Hoebel introduced new commissioners Ian Dow from Mayne (replacing Brian Dearden) and Leigh Pullen from Pender (replacing Wendy Gardner). Priscilla Zimmerman from Saturna will replace Larry Peck in 2015.
2. Adoption of the agenda
Adopted by consensus.
3. Possible new EDC initiative - SGI Recycling and Waste Management
- guest presentation (R. Philpot)

A written report is attached. As the SGI Recycling Depots do not have assured funding beyond April, 2015, Pender Island has been exploring recycling and waste management options with the CRD including what to do with food scraps.

MOTION: That the EDC talk to CRD about bringing all the SGI into the talks/process of resolving waste management and recycling issues on each island and that EDC consider making this topic another EDC initiative.

Moved: I. Dow Seconded: D. Howe CARRIED

4. Meeting notes of May 15th SGI EDC meeting and June 14th special meeting
Adopted by decision of the Chair and D. Howe (most meeting attendees were not present at the last meeting and could not comment).
5. Director's report (D. Howe)
The Director commented that he supported consideration of for profit companies providing services such as waste management and recycling but also as a general approach to provision of services on the SGI.

6. Chair's report (M. Hoebel)

- EDC budget status

The \$40,000 budget for 2014 is half expended and CRD will be requested to carry forward the unspent amount into the 2015 budget year. The budget for 2015 is set at \$40,000 and will be enhanced by the \$20,000 carry over from the 2014 budget.

MOTION: That \$15,000 be allocated for upgrading the SGI EDC website. Ina Timmer to provide oversight of the upgrade.

Moved: M. Hoebel Seconded: I. Dow?? CARRIED

- Liaison with SSI CEDC

The SGI EDC is working closely with the SSI CEDC on topics of mutual interest and submitting joint letters of request or support on issues affecting both electoral areas. The CRD has been requested at the senior staff level by both EDC Chairs to consider the two electoral areas as one entity when commencing processes, holding meetings and sponsoring events that affect or are of interest to both Commissions. This close cooperation has the full support of SGI Director Howe and SSI Director McIntyre and will continue.

7. EDC regional initiative progress reports

a) Experience the Gulf Islands project (ETGI) (E. Andrusiak)

A written report is attached.

MOTION: That the SGI EDC advance ETGI by taking the following actions:

- 1) Complete discussions with CRD staff to find a "home" for ETGI and have the CRD Board endorse ETGI as a regional initiative as soon as possible.
- 2) When Action 1 above is completed request that CRD staff and the Board support funding requests to produce an ETGI Concept Plan.
- 3) Encourage CRD to initiate discussions with Metro Vancouver and the San Juans on building alliances to expand, plan and implement ETGI.
- 4) When Action 3 above is sufficiently advanced request that CRD place a Director on the Experience the Fraser Political Steering Committee consisting of MLAs and Metro Vancouver and Fraser Valley Regional District Board members to help advance ETGI and the "Experience" brand.
- 5) Request that CRD convene and advance partnership building discussions with First Nations holding land on the SGI.
- 6) Act as a catalyst by identifying and supporting a champion to present and urge adoption of the "Community Tourism Foundations – Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Plan" by each of the SGI Chambers of Commerce or Tourism Associations.

Moved:I. Dow Seconded: L. Pullen CARRIED

- b) Agriculture and Food Strategy (M. Dunn - phone in)
Written report is attached.

\$30,000 was received from the Agriculture Foundation of BC to hold additional public discussions and receive input. The deadline for completing the SGI Agricultural Strategy is being extended to April, 2016.

- c) Social Finance (D. Howe and J. Stephenson)
J. Stephenson provided an update on the Vancouver Island Community Investment Cooperative. The BC Securities Commission is requiring the Cooperative to retain certified investment professional. To this end the Cooperative is seeking to form an alliance with a Credit Union and Investment firm which have these certified professionals. The Cooperative has hired an Investment Manager, Cara ??, to guide discussions. The Cooperative is not yet at the stage to launch a public offering. They would like to return 2 to 4% over ten years to investors, especially from the affordable housing portfolio.
- d) Resource Inventory - guest presentation (L. Alexander)

8. Island updates - local priorities and projects

- a) Galiano (M. Hoebel)
- b) Mayne (I. Dow, B. Crumblehulme)
- c) Pender (L. Pullen, W. Gardner)
- d) Saturna (written report to come)

9. Other business

10. Next meeting date