

**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Minutes of a Meeting held August 27, 2015

at the Islands Trust Hope Bay Office, 4301 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC

Present: **Director:** David Howe

Commission Members: Ian Dow Chair (Mayne Island), George Harris (Galiano island), Paul LeBlond, Alternate Director, Liz Montague (Pender Islands), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna Island)

Regrets: None

Guests: Ed Andrusiak, ETGI, Derek Masselink (partial), Melody Pender, Recorder,

CRD Staff: June Klassen, SGI EDC Support

Public: 0

The meeting came to order at 9:45 am.

1. Introductions

Director Howe introduced June Klassen to the Commission members. June is to provide support to the EDC and act as a champion with the CRD for EDC initiatives.

2. Election

George Harris nominated Ian Dow as Chair and no other nominations were received.

MOVED by George Harris, **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman , that Ian Dow be elected as Chair.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by George Harris, **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman, that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of July 9, 2015

MOVED by George Harris, **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman, that the minutes of July 9, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Reports

5.1 Chair's Report

5.2 Director's Report

6. Presentations/Delegations

Paul LeBlond gave a presentation on sustainable economy on Southern Gulf Islands

- Commission discussion on SGI sustainable economy:

- o Environment, social and economic
- o Manufactured but virtually delivered
- o Cottage industry (home based business's)
- o High tech industry
 - Raising money without taxation
 - Looking for joint ventures
- o Relationship between Islands Trust and EDC
- o Huge opportunities on the islands, need to think differently
- o Steady state economy – need to find the right balance (Hornby Island hand out)
- o Our economies are not viable yet
- o Families need to make a living
- o How many people need to make us viable
- o Geo Tourism needs right environment to work - with Islands Trust we the SGI already have it.
- o Ed Andrusiak introduced conversation around environmental change, phasing the EDC into a corporate structure and evolving to implement developed initiatives into projects.
- Environment – climate change is upon us
 - o Water shortages
 - o Everything is getting drier
 - o Wild fires all around us
 - o How we address the changes is how we can develop more jobs
- Nested Hierarchy change climate
 - o What is needed to support the families we currently have
 - o Capture of water – management
- EDC need to define goals
 - o Transport
 - o ETGI
 - o Agriculture
- EDC dissolves, new name and commissioners become Directors – become in control of investment and accountability.
- Roadblocks with Mayne Pathway at CRD level
- Need local control and ability to use (“social”) money outside of tax money
- Bringing 15,000 with SSI is a great day! The more people the better
- Still need a hybrid – need a good contact within the CRD – a good go to person
- Development Company Mode – C3 Corporation

7. Correspondence - None

8. Priority Issues

8.1 CRD EDC Support

June outlined first steps which included:

- Need for an Action or strategic plan

- Identify Island differences and demographics
- Define community – jobs, affordable housing and education opportunity
- Identify Island difference values
- Prioritize initiatives

8.2 EDC Terms of Reference

Ian Dow with draws original motion approving \$25,000 to implement, half of the cost of a TOR with SSI also contributing \$25,000 towards the original TOR document.

MOVED by Ian Dow, **SECONDED** by George Harris, that the Commissioners approve \$25,000 budget to implement the TOR based on Transportation as the impetus behind inter ISLAND CONNECTING, AGRICULTURE, VIRTUAL BUSINESS, ETGI ETC. SSI EDC will not at this time participate as they have a developed transit system.

CARRIED

9. New Business - None

10. Next Meeting – September, 2015

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.