

**Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area
Community Economic Sustainability Commission
Minutes of a Meeting held March 9, 2017 at 9:00am
Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Ave. Sidney, BC**

PRESENT:

Director: David Howe

Alternate: Andrea Mills

Commission Members: Brian Crumblehulme (Mayne Island), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna Island), George Harris (Galiano Island), Andrea Mills (Pender Islands)

Support: June Klassen, Manager, Service Delivery SGI , Ina Timmer, Recorder

GUESTS:

Lisa Stephens, Michael Dunn, Zorah Staar, Lisa Fleming, Larry Alexander, Colin How, Peter Elkins, George Harris, Michael Hoebel, Darryl Martin, Angela Bains, Randy Cunningham, Jeff Weightman, Richard Drdul, Derek Masselink

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOVED by Brian Crumblehulme, **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman that agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. **Adoption of the Minutes of October 31, 2016:**

MOVED by Brian Crumblehulme, **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman that the minutes of October 31, 2016 be approved

CARRIED

3. **SGI2020 Collaborative Presentation**

Director Howe welcomed Larry Alexander, Lisa Stephens, Peter Elkins and Colin Howe who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SGI2020 Collaborative and the strategy for moving towards execution (presentation and draft report available on SGI CESC website at <http://www.sustainableislands.ca/>).

Larry began by reminding us of the 4 things that we, as a group, had asked for:

- 1) Funding
- 2) Recruitment Strategy
- 3) Engagement Strategy
- 4) Delivery Mechanism

Discussion followed.

At the end of the presentation, Lisa asked us to submit to her, names of possible candidates who would work with her part-time as the on islands co-ordinator and she would interview them.

4. **Richard Drdul: SGI Community Bus Assessment:**

Dave welcomed Richard Drdul, who gave us an overview on community buses. Richard said that the assessment he was asked to do was three-fold.

- 1) To document what has been going on in the islands since 2013
- 2) To find out what it takes to be successful
- 3) To research the regulations that govern community buses

The report outlines the steps for establishing a community bus, the regulations and requirements, factors for success, and a review of the community bus services existing and proposed for SGI. A key

finding is that in the long term a community bus service requires dedicated funding. (Report is available on SGI CESC website at <http://www.sustainableislands.ca/>).

5. **Angila Bains: Salish Sea Registry**

Director Howe welcomed Angela who addressed concerns about the protection of privacy as we go forward with the registry. She spoke about the Freedom of Information Act and how collection of personal information ties into legislation. She said that everything can be tracked and how would the CRD go about protecting this information. Best thing would be for a private or non profit entity to collect, manage and take responsibility for the registry as standards set for public bodies are much more strict. Suggestion to see if the registry could be managed by the new Community Resource Centre.

6. **Agricultural Strategy Overview**

Director Howe next welcomed Jeff Weightman, who gave us an update on the Ag Plan. (To read entire plan go to www.growingislands.com)

Discussion followed.

Director Howe thanked Michael Dunn, Derek Masselink, Jeff Weightman and June Klassen for all their efforts in putting this strategy together.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Priscilla Zimmerman and **SECONDED** by George Harris that the CESC support the SGI Agricultural Strategy and move it forward through the EASC and CRD Board.

CARRIED

Derek will provide the study to the Islands Trust for their use.

7. **Heartwood Folk School**

Zorah Staar and Lisa Fleming updated us on ideas that can be offered to the CESC as well as funding that is in place with Heartwood, that may advance the Education Initiative and the registry (see attached).

Discussion followed.

8. **ETGI Concept Plan**

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by Brian Crumblehume and **SECONDED** by George Harris that the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission endorses the Experience The Gulf Islands Concept Plan and requests the Electoral Areas Services Committee recommend adoption by the CRD Board.

CARRIED

9. **Regional Trail Plan**

June Klassen informed us that the Regional Trail Plan, worked on by Carolyn Stewart and Emma Taylor, is up and rolling. There are open house/town hall meetings scheduled for all the islands, to present the concept and trail maps. The work on the plan will be continued throughout the summer and then it will come back with the suggestions. Everyone needs to be involved. There is \$200,000/yr set aside for regional trails. The project has been approved by the Board. The question came up about coordinating with the ETGI plan and Tour des Isles and June said that there is full awareness of these two projects.

10. **New business**

Brian Crumblehulme presented to the commission some thoughts on CESC project including communication, funding, revenue generating projects, external tax funds and community investment funds. He suggested a proforma of what projects would cost over a period of 5 years, capital and operating and whether or not there will be a gap. Larry said they have some thoughts on these this along with some numbers at the end of their presentation.

11. SGI2020 continued

Discussion on taking action. A three year plan is proposed and Lisa laid out the suggested steps.

There is \$10,000 left under the SGI2020 contract and it can be used to begin to take action, perhaps get the website going, integrate the calendar, and introduce a short sustainability assessment tool. All of the actions identified cost \$26,500. Lisa said that in order for herself and Larry to be on retainer and shepherd the development of website and collaborative, listening tool, media etc. would require another \$36,000. This is a 6 month transition. But there is still a go to hands on day to day person needed, preferably from the islands, not the CRD to work with Lisa.

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by George Harris and **SECONDED** by Andrea Mills that the CESC ask the SGI2020 Strategic Plan team to move forward with the SGI2020 Strategic Draft Plan and the request for \$52,500 from Community Works Funds be supported.

CARRIED

MOTION: It was **MOVED** by George Harris and **SECONDED** by Andrea Mills that the CESC hire a part-time co-ordinator to work with our contracted firm for 6 months for a maximum budget of \$12,000.

CARRIED

12. Meeting adjourned by Priscilla Zimmerman. Next meeting to be decided.