

**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA**  
**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Minutes of a Meeting held April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00am**  
**Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Ave. Sidney, BC**

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**Present:**     **Commission Members:** Brian Crumblehulme (Mayne Island), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna Island), George Harris (Galiano Island), Andrea Mills (Pender Island), David Howe, Director, June Klassen, SGI CESC Support, Melody Pender, Recorder

**Guests:**     Larry Alexander, Michael Hoebel, Ed Andrusiak, Ben McConchie, Ina Timmer, Robb Zuk and David Book

1. **Approval of Agenda: MOVED** by Andrea Mills, **SECONDED** by George Harris that agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

2. **Adoption of minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes.**

**MOVED** by Brian Crumblehulme, seconded by Priscilla Zimmerman that the minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Brian asked about the SGI Events calendar project that Heartwood discussed last meeting. It's still in progress and being thought through. He also wanted to ensure the Chambers know what the CESC is doing and invite them to a meeting to include them in the conversation.

**CARRIED**

3. **Larry Alexander:** update of proposed contract for SGI 2020 and SGI 2020 Strategic Plan Discussion. (as per handout) Larry walked us through the flow chart. Discussion on the role of the Project Coordinator and how to get the word out on each island. George felt there should be representatives on each island to set up the tour and be present with Lisa Stevens at the presentations, a person each island feels they can trust to have their island's interest at heart, not someone from another island. If there is a way to spread some money around it would be good for island perception and optics. Priscilla stressed the importance on how the Tour is worded, to ensure it gives the impression that we are presenting something and asking for some feedback in return. (**that islanders feel included and are being asked for input.**)

**MOTION:** George Harris moved and Brian Crumblehulme seconded that the CESC supports moving forward with the listening tour/presentation on the SGI 2020 strategic plan in June.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Priscilla Zimmerman moved and George Harris seconded that the CESC supports putting in an application through the CRD to the Rural Dividend fund to have Larry Alexander proceed with the implementation of the SGI 2020.

**CARRIED**

4. June Klassen – just to let everyone know there is another intake for the **Rural Dividend fund** at the end of May.
5. **Salish Sea Registry** – as per the last meeting, the liability of having this type of registry is not something CRD wants to take on, Heartwood also decided not to take on the registry so at this time it is on hold and we will ask Aaron Smith to cancel the monthly subscription and take the site down.

6. Robb Zuk – proposed **SGI Solar Assessment**. Robb gave a brief presentation on PSI 2020, and the need for the requested funding. Robb will do a solar assessment on public buildings on each island and work with any island’s solar group. He has committed to 15 public buildings at \$500 each. He gave a brief description of how a solar system works. David Book gave a brief background on PSI 2020

**MOTION:** Priscilla Zimmerman moved and Andrea Mills seconded that the CESC supports providing \$7,500 to fund Robb Zuk’s analysis of 15 public buildings on Mayne, Galiano and Saturna to provide an assessment for solar potential.

**CARRIED**

7. George Harris gave a brief background on the Tour des Iles Festival and the upcoming 2017 Festival. It’s evolving from just boats connecting the islands to building more of a sense of community by organizing a regional festival. All our meetings are done virtually by zoom conferencing on Monday nights which has saved so much time and money.

**MOTION:** George Harris moved and Brian Crumblehulme seconded that the CESC supports providing \$5,000 for the Salish Sea Inter-Island Transportation Society (Tour des Iles Festival 2017)

**CARRIED**

8. New Business – Video Conferencing. We had a meeting on Pender with Ron Lewis from Cisco and Richard Blaghorne to discuss having video conferencing on each island to bring the islands together more effectively. Melody asked each of the commissioners to email her with a list of groups that they think would be interested in using this type of communication. Islands Trust is looking into a way to allow it for Trust Council meetings. The question arose as to which building on each island would be most suitable.

There was a brief discussion on what Salt Spring Island is doing with an Incubation Centre to support economic development through funding received from Rural Dividend Fund.

9. George Harris motioned to adjourn, seconded by Brian Crumblehulme

10. Adjournment at 12:15pm