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## SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 at 10:00am

SGI Community Resource Centre

VIA Zoom Conference

#31-4605 Bedwell Harbour Road, Pender Island, BC

**CESC Members:** Brian Crumblehulme (Mayne Island), Michael Hoebel (Galiano Island), Ben McConchie (Pender Island - Chair), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna Island), David Howe (Director)

**Guests:** Andrea Mills, Melody Pender

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### Minutes

1. **Approval of Agenda** with amendments motioned by David Howe, seconded by Brian Crumblehulme.

**CARRIED**

2. **Appointment of Chair** Michael Hoebel moved that Ben McConchie be Chair of the SGI CESC, Brian Crumblehulme seconded

**CARRIED**

3. **Discussion on proposed motion:**

Brian Crumblehulme moves that the SGI CESC request the CRD to pursue the full inclusion of Galiano and Mayne Islands in the Connected Coast Broadband project as a high priority

And to collaborate with the CVRD and RDN for the inclusion of Denman, Hornby and Gabriola Islands as appropriate. Mike Hoebel seconded

**CARRIED**

Dave has a meeting with the Minister Sims along with Adam Olsen and the Director of Network BC regarding internet connectivity and the needs for the Southern Gulf Islands.

David Howe left the meeting at 10:15am

4. Regarding the meeting with HICEEC and Denman Works should we draft an email outlining what you would like to know regarding governance, funding and structure of their current models. Mike confirmed he would like to know exactly how it works not just the structure. What are the challenges and advantages from their point of view.

5. **Update on Community Futures and the Rural Island Economic Summit**

- a. One of the Salt Springs CEDC initiatives is the misclassification of the SSI/SGI's Rural Designation. Part of this has to do with the Community Futures which is funded by Western Economic Diversification which

provides assistance to small businesses in rural areas and the closest office is in Duncan. Francine Carlin is trying to set up a meeting with the Community Futures Duncan Board of Directors with a delegation from SSI and SGI seeking an expansion of services to the SSI and SGI's.

- b. SSI is also working on a BC Rural Island Economic Development Summit to discuss rural island economic development which is different than others. She will be looking for provincial financial support. This is in the early makings.
6. Brian Crumblehulme motioned to adjourn at 11:25am