

**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA**  
**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**  
Notice of a Meeting to be held **Monday, April 8th, 2019 at 10:00am**  
**SGI Community Resource Centre – Zoom Video Conference**  
**#31-4605 Bedwell Harbour Road**  
**Pender Island, BC**

**SGI CESC Commissioners:** Ben McConchie (Chair, Pender) Mike Hoebel (Galiano), Deb Goldman (Mayne), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna),

Guests: Justine Starke (CRD Staff) , Mamie Hutt-Temoana, Melody Pender - Recorder , Andrea Mills, Emma Davis, Katie Dentry, Jean-Daniel Cusin

Regrets: Ben Mabblerley (Alternate Director)

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Introduction

1. Approval of the Agenda – Move item 5 and 6 to bottom and 10 deferred. Mike moved as amended and Priscilla seconded

**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Adoption of the previous Minutes – Deb moved, Mike Seconded

**MOTION CARRIED**

3. Justine suggested a need for a Treasurer or someone to report on the budget and what expenses have put through. Mike feels we should defer until June when we decide what the governance and structure will be. Melody can send the CRD budget when she receives it and get any answers as required. It was agreed that Melody will continue to send the budget when received.

4. CESC Work Program: Justine suggested that with the current budget the CESC should consider putting together a work program with deliverables and assign people the task. It was suggested that we schedule a meeting specific to developing a work plan, short term and long term. A meeting will be discussed next month. The Commissioners agree it should be in person.

5. Island reports – Commissioners

- Galiano: Mike said he hasn't much more to report. The bus is still trying to operate, there was a Community Bus Coalition held on Gabriola this past weekend and Andrea/Peter attended. Mike looking forward to an update on the weekend.
- Mayne: Deb reported the gas station has new owners and it's a good change. There are a few new businesses started up, there was a beach clean-up and now they are looking for funding from CRD for boat removal. She commented on Mayne Islands real estate sales and the only privately-owned campground is closing at the end of the season it would be good if the CESC can help. Changes to deer hunting license (fallow deer) from the Provincial government has caused concern as some hunters are not abiding by the

rules. Hunting was noticed near Dinner Bay and the playground which isn't acceptable. There is a discussion on May 4<sup>th</sup> on climate change and how are we going to deal with it as an island.

- Saturna: Priscilla reported on the logging at RI 7 native reserve, which has caused a lot of concern; a popular business, the Bus has closed (little café); the dock extension has started; Sea Star Winery has taken over the winery.
- Pender: Ben reported 4 families looking for housing who are integral to the community, the seasonal workers are looking for housing as well, affordable housing is once again impact. Ptarmigan Arts has received a grant and Ben has been working with Ptarmigan with First Nations schools.
- Mike also mentioned Salish Sea Institute workshop on Galiano on May 4<sup>th</sup>, doing a bio blitz with Mayne and Galiano at the same time.

Introduction of Community Liaisons: Katie Dentry for Saturna, Jean-Daniel Cusin for Mayne Island and Emma Davies for Galiano. Offices are being set up. Each Community Liaison gave a brief hello and their background.

6. Arms-length or Independent Society – report from Mamie Hutt Temoana

- Motion for fund allocation – Deb Goldman motion to amend last month's motion "that the CESC requests Mamie to continue moving forward with the CESC Guide 2018 society work and report back in three months at which time the CESC can make a final decision on which structure they would like to go with" to allocate the amount up to \$7,500. Mike Hoebel seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Sent under separate cover for Commissioner review and action:

- Name
  - SGI Centre for Community Innovation – SGI CCI
    - Ben motioned to approve the name of SGI Centre for Community Innovation Deb seconded **MOTION CARRIED**
- NP Registration
  - Ben motioned the SGI CCI register the Society and the founding directors will be the 4 CESC directors, the bylaws/constitution have been approved for submission, Mike seconded **MOTION CARRIED**

- Board Members – founding members will be the CESC as indicated

- Article for Pender Post and other SGI papers was discussed. Ben McConchie motioned for Mamie to rewrite the article about the concept and send around before submitting Deb Goldman seconded

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Salt Spring Connection and CRD Steps. Mamie has been working with Francine from the SSI CEDC and they would like to partner with the SGI project.

7. Rural Islands Economic Summit – joint project with SSI (motion for funding approved in principle at last meeting)

- Mike Hoebel motioned to support \$2,000 for the BC Rural Islands Economic Summit. Ben McConchie seconded.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Request for a commissioner to join Summit Planning committee (8 people)
  - i. Mike Hoebel volunteered

8. Director's Report - no report

9. Chair's Report - no report

10. Educational/Edu-Tourism Report from the Chair - a full presentation regarding the results and plans for promoting education in the Southern Gulf Islands – deferred to next meeting

11. New Business - none

12. Next Meeting – It was discussed to have a consistent date for meetings and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 10am was chosen. Except for May as Ben will be away.