

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Notice of a Meeting to be held **Monday, July 9th, 2019 at 10:30am**
SGI Community Resource Centre – Zoom Video Conference
#31-4605 Bedwell Harbour Road
Pender Island, BC

SGI CESC Commissioners: Mike Hoebel (Galiano), Deb Goldman (Mayne), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna), Ian Elliott (Pender), David Howe, Director

Guests: Justine Starke (CRD Staff), **Community Liaisons:** Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna), Jean-Daniel Cusin (Mayne), Melody Pender - Recorder

1. Michael moved Adoption of agenda with additions of 2a intro of Ian Elliott, Deb seconded **CARRIED**
2. Mike moved adoption of minutes as circulated, Deb seconded **CARRIED**
3. Mike nominates Deb as Chair, Deb accepts.
The budget was mentioned however there are no numbers to submit until after July 18th when Melody meets with Lia.
4. Directors report – no report
5. Lia was unable to attend but will try to meet with us next meeting
6. Island reports
 - a. Galiano- Lots of weddings happening on Galiano with large groups, new wood stove manor has opened their high-end restaurant and doing well for a brand-new establishment. Campgrounds and harbours are full, farmers markets are busy and bus
 - b. Pender is also busy, no report
 - c. Saturna-Lamb bbq was a great success. Winery grapes are being used in the blends, bus is going well, Wilde Tyme food bus is closed unfortunately, dock expansion is moving forward.
 - d. Mayne – Deb discussed “Designing the Future” initiative. Mike asked in the long run who will steward this process moving forward and how does it relate to the local trust.

Local trust was invited but unable to attend, where it sits in the future they don't know yet. Jean Daniel commented that this is community driven not Islands Trust. Don't know what or who would action it until the outcomes have been established, it could be several different organizations. The Lions are interested.

Dave commented that currently there are no First Nations involved in the CESC. A few years back we had passed a motion to expand the CESC to involve the First Nations, but Dave was unable to achieve getting 4 First Nations committed. Dave has been working with First Nations to develop their own Economic group.

Transportation: partnering with the First Nations and the CESC and CRC. Deb mentioned they have been in touch with Sylvia Olsen but nothing came of it.

7. Designing the future: Mike motioned to provide the requested funding for \$5,500 through the SGI Community Resource Centre Society subject to the financial availability and the delivery of a report regarding the process and engagement outcomes. Priscilla Zimmerman seconded.

CARRIED

8. Arms length society discussion – Justine commented it should still be considered and collaborate with the SSI CEDC. They are still waiting for the report from Karla Campbell as to how the arms length society can be moved forward. They will be requesting a 5-year plan. Karla should give a presentation at the joint meeting. Deb asked if they can still have both instead of disbanding the commission. It would be up to the CESC if they want to fund both. The suggestion is to wait until the joint meeting and to also wait and see the process for the SSI CEDC.
9. SGI Connectivity plan: what do communities need the internet for and what the future needs might be. Project charter is in two stages, she would like to apply for RDF to fund phase 2 which is the plan design, create a road map and what it needs to get started. Engaging the internet providers and to create the digital road map.
 - a. Who will be facilitating and bringing the expertise
 - i. There will be community meetings about community needs and what are the gaps and prepare for technical meetings
 - ii. Meeting on Pender with the Liaisons next week.
10. Rural islands update as per the overview report previously distributed.
 - a. Involving more than just the SGIs and SSI
 - b. Create an ongoing organization to work on economic resilience on all the rural islands.
11. New business
 - a. Rhiza Capital – It was discussed to bring this under the social finance initiative and Mike should invite him to the BC RIEF. Social investment has come up in community meetings.
 - b. Should we see if he'd be interested in meeting with us.
12. Next meeting to be determined