

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

Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 2:00pm

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

#31-4605 Bedwell Harbour Rd,

Pender Island, BC

SGI CESC Commissioners: Deb Goldman, Chair (Mayne) Ian Elliott, (Pender) Mike Hoebel (Galiano), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna), David Howe (SGI Director), Justine Starke (CRD Staff) Community Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Melody Pender – Recorder, Community Guest: Ed Andrusiak,

Regrets: Katie Dentry, Jean-Daniel Cusin, Andrea Mills

1. Approval of the Agenda **MOTION:** Priscilla, Mike seconded **CARRIED**
2. Adoption of the Minutes September 17, 2019: **MOTION:** Mike Moved, Dave seconded, **CARRIED**
3. Financial Report YTD 2019, Ian reviewed the end of 3rd quarter, 21% remaining for 2019. In good shape to end of the year. **MOTION:** to receive the financial report as presented. Dave moved, Mike seconded **CARRIED**
4. Strategic Plan Document Review was discussed, results will be discussed next meeting
5. Connectivity Update
 - Last Islands Trust presentation is Nov 7th
 - Advertising for community meetings announced for late November and into mid December
 - A number of surveys
 - Business and service sectors – online and live
 - Resident survey – still getting uploaded
 - Speed test survey to gather info on current internet speeds from home and workplace
 - Interviews with business sectors and community stakeholders
 - Community Info meetings will be designed like workshop, they are currently defining the framework for them.
 - Email received from SSI regarding connectivity – Deb, Justine and Mike will arrange a call with them
 - Mike shared some background on the SSI group
6. Affordable Housing – update on meeting with Dion Whyte
 - Conference call went well, Deb’s and Mike’s group is moving forward with working with Dion and New Commons. It was a great resource and hoping it will be useful.
7. Island Economic reports – Commissioners – please see attached
8. Rural Islands Economic Forum update – Mike Hoebel
 - Coming up next week, lots of panels for discussion. Looking forward to a good forum

9. Update: SGI - Shared Business Services Enterprise – Deb Goldman
 - At the last meeting there was discussion to move it to the CRC to decide if they want to be involved. The CRC is willing to explore and Deb was nominated to represent the CRC in the conversation. They are currently looking for a contractor to develop the strategic plan.
10. "Tourism Management community consultation -- possible CESC - CRD role"? – Mike Hoebel
 - Managing the impact of tourism vs marketing the off season for tourism (SGITPS).
 - Community engagement on tourism management

MOTION: to move forward with defining a role for the CESC and an action plan for community engagement on sustainable tourism on the SGI's. Mike Moved, Dave Seconded

CARRIED

 - Mike is willing to work with Justine with the scope and time frame
11. New Business - none
12. Next meeting – sometime between Dec 7-11th
13. Adjourned at 3:54pm