

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

Notice of a Meeting to be held
Tuesday, April 28th, 2020 at 3:30pm
Held by Microsoft Teams

SGI CESC Commissioners: Deb Goldman, Chair (Mayne) Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Ian Elliott, Treasurer (Pender), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna), David Howe (SGI Director), Justine Starke (CRD Staff) Melody Pender – Recorder
Guests: Ed Andrusiak, SGI Liaison: Jean Daniel Cusin, Katie Dentry, Emma Davis

1. Approval of the Agenda
MOVED by Deb Goldman to approve the Agenda as presented, **SECONDED** by Mike Hoebel
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes March 31st, 2020.
MOVED by Deb Goldman to approve with amendment, **SECONDED** Priscilla Zimmerman
CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes April 21st, 2020.
MOVED by Deb Goldman to approve with amendment, **SECONDED** by Mike Hoebel
CARRIED

3. Treasurer Report:
We are in a strong position at the end of Q1.
Original Budget: \$98,462
Spent to date as of the end of March: \$9,034.75
Budget remaining: \$89,427.25
Percentage remaining: 90.82%
*Note: there are several transactions in process related to Q1 (apx \$1,500) that will appear in our April financials, but the above summary is an accurate reflection of our current status. Liabilities are not reflected in the report. There will be \$45k less based on motions made previously.
MOTION by Ian Elliott moved to accept as presented, **SECONDED** by Mike Hoebel
CARRIED

4. Island Economic Reports – previously distributed.
5. Directors Report: no report

6. SGI CESC Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan – further discussion
 - Mike suggested we survey the businesses and non-profits to quantify the impact of the immediate and possible longer-term future of their organizations. Andrea Mills of the CRC has already developed surveys for both business and non-profits and will send the draft around to the group for feedback before sending it out to the chambers and on island social media outlets.

 - **MOTION** by Mike Hoebel that the CESC would like to organize one or more community engagement meetings to consult on the direction of a regional economic recovery strategy across the islands by sector. **SECONDED** by Priscilla Zimmerman.
CARRIED

7. New Business:

- Affordable housing: the CRD is currently in the service planning phase of the year, where they are proposing the service plans for 2021. They will be seeking feedback from the commission on what you think the housing strategy should entail.
- Transportation was discussed prior to the pandemic and was put on hold for now. Justine has a close to final updated community bus assessment which will be shared when Justine has a chance to review it.
- Connectivity: Mike suggested that the commission could possibly communicate with the local private operators and what they are trying to do and support them rather than do a letter writing campaign that may not be as effective. Justine mentioned that they are still going to tender to have an infrastructure design plan which is phase 2 of the connectivity plan.
- Discussion around creating investment opportunities for people on our islands to invest in our islands. Mike feels there is potentially a formula to release some of the wealth on our islands to invest in our communities which could include infrastructure, we just need to find it.

8. Next regular meeting – proposed May 19th, 2020 at 2pm.