

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 1:00pm

Held by Microsoft Teams

Present: **CRD Director:** David Howe

Commission Members: Deb Goldman, Chair (Mayne), Ian Elliott, Treasurer (Pender), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Paul Brent (Saturna), 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, seconded by David Howe that the agenda be approved as presented **CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes May 28th, 2020.

Moved by David Howe, seconded by Ian Elliott that the minutes of May 28th, 2020 be approved as presented **CARRIED**

3. SGI CESC Economic Resiliency and Recovery Plan next steps

- After much discussion it was determined that there are activities CRC could continue work with a) workshop for the Food Security/sustainability groups, b) free zoom accounts c) training for the tourism / hospitality sector for online e-commerce on their webpages and business supports. Mike mentioned there was a need for one on one business supports. Melody recommended BC Small Business will connect businesses with an advisor that will work with them for what their business needs moving forward.
- There is a real need for an SGI grant writer that will help the non-profits to apply for grant funding. Melody mentioned the CRC has a summer staff person dedicated to doing grant research and help SGI non-profits set up a grant preparation data base.
- Emma mentioned another area for non-profits was the ability to offer staff health benefits
- Deb discussed overlapping outcomes of the engagement meetings with CESC initiatives such as transportation and connectivity
- The CRC needs to determine if additional resources is needed to carry out to further the COVID response
 - Supporting businesses to move online and help with moving their businesses forwarded
 - Food sustainability
 - Courses for food security
 - Zoom accessibility
 - Grant writing
- The Staff will come up with a statement of work to consider for the next meeting

4. SGI Visitor messaging – the CESC decided that it wasn't their place to get involved in any type of messaging to visitors to either come or not and suggested the island chambers should

determine what should be put out. It was also mentioned the Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership Society is already reaching out to the islands for their feedback on what the message should be for the tourism sector.

5. Request from SSI CEDC for SGI CESC to pay \$90 for March 26th meeting transcription.
Moved by David Howe that the CESC pay for the March 26th roundtable meeting transcription of \$90 to Francine Carlin of the SSI CEDC. **CARRIED**
6. New Business
7. Next regular meeting – proposed Thursday, June 18th, 2020 at 2pm.