

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

Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 at 1:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

Mayne Island office: 424 Fernhill Rd, Mayne Island, BC

SGI CESC Commissioners: Dave Howe (Director), Deb Goldman, Chair (Mayne) Ian Elliott, (Pender) Mike Hoebel (Galiano), Justine Starke (CRD Staff) Melody Pender – Recorder

Guests: Ed Andrusiak, SGI Liaison: Emma Davis, Katie Dentry

Regrets: Paul Brent (Saturna)

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minutes June 24th, 2020.

MOVED by Director Howe, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to approve the minutes of June 24th, 2020 as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Treasurer Report – Ian Elliott

- Present Treasurer’s report as of June 30th 2020 (see attached)

MOVED by Commissioner Elliott **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the treasurers report be received as presented. **CARRIED**

- Review allocation of funds for Food and Agriculture – Recommendation at last meeting by Commissioner Elliott to allocate \$1,000 for Gulf Islands Food Co-op. Discussion ensued regarding implementation of the SGI Food and Agriculture Study and what resources the CESC could use to achieve some of its objectives. The objective would be a preliminary look at the Agriculture Strategic Plan and see what the CESC could advance.

MOVED by Commissioner Elliott, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the Community Economic Sustainability Commission under the umbrella contract to ask the CRC to develop a statement of work related to agriculture food security in the Southern Gulf Islands with a budget \$1,000 to support that work. **CARRIED**

- Review of detailed budget mapped by initiative – report attached Submitted for review and discussion at next meeting.

4. Directors Report

- Signs for Island Summer traffic – masks / social distancing
Director Howe mentioned that he has had discussions with island residents that are feeling unsafe in the community due to many people not following the health guidelines. He suggested the CESC purchase big signs at the ferry terminal from the CESC/CRD and the Chambers that request social distancing and masks.

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Director Howe to ask staff to take forward to the CRD to prepare and install prominent signage on each island with CRD messaging to take appropriate precautions when in our communities. **CARRIED**

5. Project Charter for SGI Transportation Service 2020
CRD staff introduced the Project Charter to plan for an integrated, multi-modal transportation service or services for the Southern Gulf Islands. The project charter proposes an assessment of service proposals for integrated land and water based multi-modal transportation options. This work is stemming from the request by the CESC to establish a SGI Transportation Commission.
6. Island Economic Reports previously distributed, attached. Commissioner Goldman added they Mayne Island housing has land. Commissioner Hoebel added there is a lot of discussion about SD64 reconfiguration and implications of how kids get moved around the islands for school. It's become controversial as they want to divide grades and 8 & 9 to go to Pender instead for going to Salt Spring. SD64 is doing a lot of research prior to the expiration of the current contract. These could be considered transportation issues.
7. New Business – no new business.
8. Next regular meeting – proposed Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm