

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

Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, Oct 20th, 2020 at 1:00pm
Held by Zoom Video Conference

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

Guests: Ed Andrusiak, Andrea Mills; SGI Liaison: Emma Davis, Katie Dentry, Kat Ferneyhough
Regrets: Justine Starke

1. Approval of the Agenda

- **MOVED** by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes September 15, 2020

- **MOVED** by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Treasurer Report

- Review of September 2020 Revenue and Expense report
 - Report to be circulated after the meeting
 - Potentially \$1,700 is remaining that is not allocated for spending

It was agreed to accept the Treasurer report as presented.

- Request from Rural Islands Economic Partnership for \$2,500 for the 2021 October Rural Island Economic Forum.
 - Commissioner Hoebel noted this is a pledge request at this time not a cash request.

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent that CESC pledge the requested \$2,500 in support of the 2021 October Rural Islands Economic Forum.

CARRIED

4. Director's Report – no report

5. Island Economic Reports – no report – it was discussed to do the Island Economic reports quarterly instead of monthly. April, July, October, January – it was requested to submit for November after the election. The landscape will be different and it should be on the record. Community Economic Review – island reports due for November.

6. Old Business

- Update on Transportation and Connectivity
 - Justine Starke is working on RFP for the Transportation study this week
 - Katie and Emma are working on a grant application to UBCM for active transportation which is due next week.
 - Connectivity: they had their first meeting with Tanex regarding phase 2 of

the connectivity planning for SGI's. Next steps Tanex to review phase 1 report and fill any gaps building a broader connectivity map

- Looking for community champions to work with them
- Timelines look reasonable and Justine has signed off on them.

- Funding request for The Institute for Multidisciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea (IMERSS) for an Ecological Research Station on Galiano Island
 - A one-page document was previously circulated and introduced
 - Request for funding to create a business needs analysis (plan) to move project forward
 - Commissioner Hoebel and Commissioner Elliott to collaborate and create a letter of response on possible funding opportunities
- Island food security report status update
 - During the meeting it was decided a report on what is already happening and then supporting projects and programming that encourage community engagement in food security would be useful and requested a proposal from Gulf Island Food Co-op.
 - Gulf Island Food Co-op submitted a proposal for a food asset map and priorities road map, Ian will write a response letter.
 - Ed made some notes on first nations that should be included

7. New Business

- 2021 community external grant search
 - Commissioner Elliott discussed the CRD Grants dashboard
 - It was suggested that each commissioner do a catalogue or wish list of island projects for when grants come available they are ready to apply
 - It was discussed that this grant support could see if there were similar proposals around the island that could be under one umbrella and maximize return on the grants available.
 - By already knowing local want and needs helps us pre-position ourselves for maximum success in seeking grants in our local communities.
 - It was suggested the CRC is already well placed in the community and could be the right agency to take this on and the CESC already has a proposal in place.
- Commission appointments
 - Commissioner Hoebel and Commissioner Brent have agreed to continue to stand another 2 years

8. Next regular meeting – proposed Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 at 1pm.

Motion to adjourn at 2:37pm