

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

Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 1:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

SGI CESC Commissioners: David Howe (Director), Ian Elliott, Chair (Pender) Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Paul Brent, Treasure (Saturna), Deb Goldman (Mayne),

Staff: Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Melody Pender – Recorder

SGI Liaison: Emma Davis, Katie Dentry, Kat Ferneyhough; **Guests:** Ed Andrusiak

1. Approval of the Agenda
MOVED by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Director Howe that the March 16, 2021 Agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED**
2. Approval of Minutes February 16th, 2021
MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Director Howe that the Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**
3. Financial Report
 - Review of February and Year to Date 2021 Revenue and Expense report
Commissioner Brent reported the year to date 2021 budget remaining is \$116,437.97 which is 97% remaining.
4. Advisory Group update – discussion around advantages of a formal vs informal advisory group and increasing the commissioners. Staff reported that creating an advisory group carries further administrative costs, terms of reference etc. and it was recommended the commissioners discuss the option of increasing the number of commissioners on the commission. This would require an amendment to the current bylaws. The three options to consider for the commission is formal advisory committee, additional commissioners i.e. up to eight, informal island advisors asked to participate at the open meetings (i.e. Ed Andrusiak’s involvement) Deferred to next meeting for further discussion.
5. Food and Ag update – Ed
 - CWF application has been submitted and is in process
 - DFO Regulation on Spot Prawns – Ed made the commission aware of this new regulation regarding spot prawn size and its possible effects on small local harvesters. It was suggested that each individual research the article and decide if they wish to write a letter to Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)Commissioner Brent and Director Howe left the meeting at 2:05pm
6. Old Business
 - 2nd quarter article – Commissioner Hoebel will take the lead on the 2nd quarter article. A food security theme was discussed and will be the feature initiative.
7. New Business
8. Next regular meeting – proposed Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at 1pm.
MEETING ADJOURNED BY Commissioner Hoebel at 2:22pm