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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission  
Held Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00pm by Zoom Video Conference**

**Present:** **SGI CESC Commissioners:** David Howe (Director), Ian Elliott, Chair (Pender), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Paul Brent, Treasurer (Saturna), Deb Goldman (Mayne),  
**Staff:** Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Melody Pender – Recorder  
**SGI Liaisons:** Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)  
**Guests:** Ed Andrusiak, Allister Hain, Richard Piskor

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**1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order**

Commissioner Elliott provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by Director Howe that the Agenda be approved by consent **CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes** from November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MOVED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the Minutes be approved by consent **CARRIED**

**4. Financial Report**

Commissioner Brent gave a brief update on the remaining budget for 2021.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Goldman that the report be received as presented and approved by consent **CARRIED**

**5. Food and Agriculture Initiative**

Ed Andrusiak gave an update on two items:

1. The Local Areas Food & Agriculture Plan (LAFAP) first DRAFT is almost completed and is currently being formatted, once it is ready it will be distributed for review and feedback. Ed would like to add the LAFAP to the January CESC meeting agenda for additional input before finalizing and receipt of the report.
2. Ed briefly discussed the reports sent by Gulf Islands Food Coop (GIFC) which provided excellent insights to help with priorities and recommendations to make for the plan. Ed commented on the professionalism of GIFC and their quality work on the reports.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Brent the receipt of reports as previously distributed from Gulf Islands Food Coop.

**6. SGI Liaisons Update** – Justine Starke/Liaisons

The transportation project has being extended into the new year to give time to report out on what we've heard through the fall and prepare to present the options to the public. Justine discussed the next steps through to the fall.

The DRAFT housing strategy is in the final formatting and will be ready for final review for the



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January 2022 meeting. It will then go to the Board for endorsement and be finalised.

The role of the Liaisons in the community was briefly discussed. It was determined the Liaison program has been a great success over the 3 years it has been running and the commission is extremely appreciative of the initiatives and projects they have been able to implement. The commission acknowledged the professional skills and capacity each person brings to their role and to their island communities.

7. **Old Business** – no old business

8. **New Business**

Director Howe and Commissioners thanked Commissioner Elliott on his skills and excellent ability to Chair the commission for the last two years.

9. **Next regular meeting January 18, 2021 at 1pm.**

10. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Brent called for Adjournment at 1:40pm