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

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 1:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

SGI CESC Commissioners: Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Richard Piskor, Treasurer (Pender), Deb Goldman (Mayne)

Staff: Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

Guests: Ed Andrusiak (Galiano), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna), Rob Fenton (Pender)

Regrets: Katie Dentry (Saturna)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Item 9: Next proposed meeting date to be discussed.

Discussion with New Commissioners added under New Business.

By consensus, the agenda was accepted as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2022.

The following correction was made to the minutes of October 25, 2022:

Under Item 8. Referral from Islands Trust for Mayne Island Housing Project

MOTION to recommend approval of Mayne Island Housing's Re-Zoning Proposal was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel.

By consensus, the minutes of October 25, 2022 were accepted as presented and amended.

4. Financial Report

Commissioner Piskor and Melody Pender provided a summary of the funding commitments carrying forward to 2023. The Financial Report was received by the Commission.

2023 funding allocations discussion: Housing recommended as primary issue to focus on for 2023. \$64, 582 total unallocated funds for 2023.

MOVED by Commissioner Piskor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman that the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission request the CRD Board carry over



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\$31,620 from the 2022 fiscal year into the 2023 fiscal year, to be allocated to GL 503130 (Contract for services). **CARRIED**

MOVED by Commissioner Piskor and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman that the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission request the CRD Board carry over 50% of any surplus from the 2022 budget to 490000 and 50% to the operating reserve fund 105547 towards 514060 (Program Development). **CARRIED**

5. SGI Liaisons Update – Justine Starke/Liaisons

Emma Davis (Galiano) there are struggles within the community to meet housing and living needs. Food bank visits have increased. There is a new mental health worker on Galiano now.

Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne) similar to Galiano, housing crisis is ongoing, food bank is lacking staff so has reduced operating hours.

Justine Starke (CRD) transitioning between terms with the new board, working on contract renewals for various services and work programs.

6. Community Resource Centre and Neighbourhood House Roles Defined:

Documents defining the roles of the Neighbourhood House and Community Resource Centre and the programs and services they provide was presented to the Commission. Charitable status is being sought for the Neighbourhood House by March 2023.

Neighbourhood House Board:

Chair: Jen Beavington (Mayne)

Vice-Chair: Terry Shepherd (Pender)

Treasurer: Colette Clarke (Pender)

Tina Christenson (Pender)

Ed Andrusiak (Galiano)

CRC Board members are listed on the CRC website.

7. Old Business

None to discuss.

8. New Business – New Commissioners

MOVED by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to recommend to the CRD Board that Priscilla Zimmerman and Rob Fenton be appointed to the Commission.

CARRIED

9. Next proposed regular meeting December 13th, 2022

December 13th, 2022 meeting date approved by consensus.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Brent called for adjournment at 2:05pm.