

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

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

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

Guests: Ed Andrusiak – Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society, Jacqueline East and Randy Cunningham – Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership

Regrets: Deb Goldman (Mayne)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Piskor to accept the Agenda as presented .

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2023.

MOVED by Commissioner Piskor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the minutes of August 29, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Presentation – Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership

Jacqueline East and Randy Cunningham gave an overview of the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership. They presented visitor and accommodation statistics for the SGIs and brief explanations of current projects. A discussion was had about support for housing projects with the MRDT and other funding sources. Strategies for sustainable tourism were also discussed.

MOTION: The SGI CESC supports the direction of the SGITPS funding initiative as presented and the proposed funding of \$10,000 per year. **MOVED** by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Piskors. **All in favour.**

CARRIED

5. SGI Liaisons Update – Justine Starke, Liaisons

Justine Starke – continuing to work on transportation initiatives, parks and recreation support, connected coast, REDIP, regional initiatives.

Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne) – Springwater Lodge has closed on Mayne Island.

Mike Hoebel (Galiano) – CRD board voted to allocate \$2.75 million to support the Galiano Green project on affordable rental housing on Galiano.

6. **Old Business** – None discussed.
7. **New Business** – None discussed.
8. **Next proposed regular meeting October 17, 2023**
DATE CHANGE: October 19, 2023 meeting date approved by consensus.
9. **Meeting Adjournment**
MOVED by Commissioner Piskor, ***SECONDED*** by Chair Brent that the meeting by adjourned at 2:45pm.

CARRIED