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

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 3:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

SGI CESC Commissioners: Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Marcus Farmer (Mayne), Rob Fenton (Pender), Barbara Johnstone (Pender)

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order
Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 3:06pm

2. Approval of the Agenda
MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, SECONDED by Commissioner Farmer to accept the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

3. Discussion on Referral from Islands Trust – Galiano Island

Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission moves to support GL-TUP -2023.3 workforce housing proposal for the following reasons:

- a) the housing is needed now and using trailers, which are available immediately, means the housing can be provided as soon as the servicing is in place ,rather than waiting 2 to 3 years ;
- b) trailers are affordable compared to regular housing ;
- c) trailers are environmentally friendly, compared to regular housing ,as their overall footprint is substantially less due to their size and construction, and occupants use significantly less water than regular housing;
- d) This application delivers what is needed for workforce housing and for a sustainable economy on the islands.

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Farmer **CARRIED**

4. Meeting Adjourned at 3:22pm