

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS HARBOURS COMMISSION
held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the
Saanich Peninsula Health Unit, Mt. Newton X Rd., Saanichton, BC**

PRESENT: Stephen Cropper - Chair, Mayne Island
Jon Heaney, N. Pender Island
Sheila Midgley, Galiano Island
Bryce Young, Piers Island;
Mike Callendar, S. Pender Island
Larry Peck, Saturna Island
David Howe, Director
Pete Williams, Ports Manager
Marian Brown, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair welcomed those present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mike Callendar, **seconded** by Bryce Young, that the agenda be approved with the insertion of an in-camera meeting to follow item 3; Bedwell Harbour update to be included in the dock update; and questions re Saturna Island to be included under New Business.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 27, 2012

Moved by Sheila Midgley, seconded by Jon Heaney that the minutes of the SGIHC meeting held November 27, 2012 be adopted with the inclusion of a new heading, “Hope Bay”, in Item No. 8.

Carried

4. Motion to Close the Meeting

Moved by Jon Heaney, **Seconded** by Sheila Midgley, that the SGIHC close the meeting in accordance with CRD Procedures Bylaw No 4980 and the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Regional District considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Regional District.

Carried

The Committee closed the meeting at 1:07 pm.

The regular meeting of the SGIHC reconvened at 1:47 pm.

5. Chair Report

The Chair welcomed Larry Peck as the new representative from Saturna Island.

6. Director Report

David Howe, CRD Director, reported on “Experience the Gulf Islands” which would be a spur off the Trans Canada Trail; possible federal funding and its connection to provincial matters; the potential for the transportation system, ie., Gulf Islands school and water taxi and use of CRD docks rather than BC Ferries as part of the transportation system. Additional talk centered on more financial capabilities to small communities, ways to move around the Gulf Islands and how the docks would meld into the scenario of boats and trails. Discussion also included social financing and the need to spend money on the docks if there is an

opportunity for funding. The importance of getting people to talk and work together was also noted.

The SGIHC meeting took a short break at 2:17 pm and reconvened at 2:24 pm.

7. Ports Manager's Report

Letter from Salish Sea Society – Improvements to Pt Browning Public Dock

A copy of the e-mail request was provided in the agenda. The request asked for information on funds collected and spent on the Pender Island dock as well as whether or not the SGIHC has plans to install electrical power on the public dock. The Ports Manager provided a background review on the dock currently being used by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. It was noted three CRD docks have lighting but it is deteriorating and he is currently considering low level solar lighting. Commission members discussed the requests and noted their lack of any mandate for the upland area as well as the dock facility never having been taken over with the idea of providing 24 hour emergency services.

It was agreed that the Ports Manager would respond to the letter to let the Society know that solar lighting for the dock is currently under consideration.

Port Washington Tender (copy included in agenda package)

The Ports Manager reviewed the proposed tender which will likely be posted in the coming weeks. This work has been planned and budgeted for four years. The Ports Manager further stated that he would forward a copy of the engineer's report once it is received.

Moved by Bryce Young, **seconded** by Jon Heaney that the Ports Manager proceed with the preparation to tender the required work at Port Washington and oversee the process as per the tender provided, subject to a maximum of \$100,000.

Carried

Hope Bay Repairs

The Ports Manager stated that a winter storm had done some damage to the facility but quick temporary repairs had been made, however, further repair work will be needed in the spring or summer.

Swartz Bay Lighting (information provided in agenda package)

The Ports Manager stated that there is a light on at the dock most of the time. The electrical consultant has recommended a D-Series Size 1 LED Flood Luminaire. This is a 21W system with an expected service life of over 100,000 hours. The estimated cost is \$2235. It was recommended, and SGIHC members agreed, that a fifth light be installed pointed toward the ramp for an additional \$425. The Manager further stated that he had given permission for the electrician to proceed with the work and that if this system proved satisfactory it will be considered for other locations.

8. Treasurer's Report – No report

9. New Business – Saturna Island

Larry Peck questioned if the SGIHC could assist with the problem of otter droppings on the float plane dock. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Ports Manager would work with the wharfinger to try and improve the situation.

Larry stated that he had been in discussion with the operators of the water taxi to provide service to Saturna Island. The operators' concern was that there is no power and power plug to lock up the boat. The Ports Manager agreed to work with them.

Further discussion noted that a crane had been requested. Additional talk continued on the standard for floats and it was questioned if free floats are accepted. The Ports Manager agreed to contact Larry for further discussion.

10. Next Meeting Date – March 19, 2013 at 1 pm.

11. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Carried