

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS HARBOURS COMMISSION
held on Tuesday, March 19, 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.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2013

Moved by Bryce Young, seconded by Jon Heaney that the minutes of the SGIHC meeting held January 15, 2013 be adopted.

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), (f) law enforcement; and (g) litigation, 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 1:35 pm.

5. Chair Report – No report.

6. Director Report – No Report

7. Ports Manager's Report

Retreat Cove

The Ports Manager stated that he is in the process of creating a tender package for repairs.

Swartz Bay

New lighting has been installed and SGIHC members are encouraged to give their review of the new system to the Ports Manager. The archeology study is forthcoming.

Montague Harbour

The dock is in need of improved and updated lighting.

Miners Bay

The Ports Manager described the use of spring lines in use at Miners Bay due to the limited dock space and the change from a four-month period to a six-month period.

Hope Bay

The Ports Manager stated that Peter is looking for a cable for the crane. Some repairs were done to the dock during the winter months as the long float tends to rip itself apart.

Piers Island

The Piers Island dock is due for repairs this year.

Bedwell Harbour

The Ports Manager stated that the anticipated meeting with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) on January 24/13 did not occur and that there is a new CBSA staff person (Andrea) who is interested in resolving the dock issues at Bedwell Harbour.

Port Washington

The Ports Manager provided members with a copy of Hugh Tuttle's Inspection Report for Port Washington which is a follow up to the 2008 report. The Ports Manager reviewed the report and encouraged SGIHC members to review "Appendix C" for further thought, consideration and commentary.

Lyll Harbour

Larry Peck requested a time frame for the removal of the "Beaver" from the dock.

Discussion ensued on economic development in the Gulf Islands and its relationship to the long-term possibilities for the docks. Director Howe stated he has had discussions with the various levels of government and interest groups. There may be the possibility of creating a circle route through the gulf islands which will impact the usage of the docks. Director Howe further noted a forthcoming meeting on March 26 at Hope Bay re transportation.

Moved by Bryce Young, **seconded** by Sheila Midgley, that the topic of economic development on the gulf islands become a regular agenda item.

Carried

Sheila Midgley left the meeting, 3:00 pm.

8. Treasurer's Report – No report

Members discussed the process for responding to public enquiries to the SGIHC.

Further discussion ensued on the following matters: holding SGIHC meetings or public information meetings on the islands; posting of public information notices and placement of SGIHC information on the Pender Island website.

9. New Business

10. Next Meeting Date – May 21, 2013 at 1 pm.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Jon Heaney, **seconded** by Director Howe, that the meeting adjourn, 3:38 pm.

Carried