

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS HARBOURS COMMISSION
held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 1:05 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair welcomed those present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jon Heaney, **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 – March 19, 2013

Moved by Bryce Young, seconded by Mike Callendar that the minutes of the SGIHC meeting held March 19, 2013 be adopted.

Carried

4. Chair Report

The Chair reported that a meeting of Experience the Gulf Island and Economic Development Commission had been held. SGIHC members (Larry, Jon and Sheila) were in attendance. Larry Peck reported that he encouraged arrangements for a 12-person inflatable water taxi as a pilot transportation project for these initiatives.

Motion to Close the Meeting

Moved by Jon Heaney, **Seconded** by Larry Peck, that the SGIHC close the meeting in accordance with CRD Procedures Bylaw No 4980 and the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1), (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent; (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements; 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 1:15 pm.

The regular meeting of the SGIHC reconvened at 3:12 pm.

Jon Heaney left the SGIHC meeting at 3:12 pm.

5. Director Report

a) Experience the Gulf Islands (EGI)

The Chair reviewed the EGI meeting which centered around the development of trails on the gulf islands but the topic of transportation between the islands was not included.

Larry Peck and Jon Heaney agreed to be involved with the issue of transportation for this project. The SGIHC needs to develop a rapport with island EGI committees. The Ports Manager agreed to develop a broad policy statement to ensure adequate dock space is available.

Director Howe stated that this is a leadership position and also noted the following: the positioning plan of BC Ferries, the need for financing for SGIHC docks to become the gateway for the EGI project to move people (no cars) between the islands along with their kayaks and/or bicycles,

6. Ports Manager's Report

The *Beaver*

The Ports Manager stated that the *Beaver* was moved from the dock at Lyall Harbour.

Piers Island

The engineer and Ports Manager are reviewing the report for Piers Island dock in order to facilitate rehabilitation of the dock.

Port Washington Tender Update

The Ports Manager stated that the tender closes tomorrow.

Moved by Sheila Midgley, **Seconded** by Larry Peck, that the Ports Manager be given authorization to transfer \$150,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Capital Budget for the Port Washington budget.

Carried

Hope Bay

The Ports Manager advised that on June 29 and 30 there would be a classic wooden boat festival. Owners of boats currently moored at Hope Bay are willing to move for the festival. Discussion ensued on whether or not the SGIHC and/or the CRD should host an information booth. It was agreed that David work on this in conjunction with CRD staff.

Moved by Larry Peck, **Seconded** by Sheila Midgley, that the moorage fees at Hope Bay be waived for those people participating in the festival.

Carried

Hope Bay Standpipe

The Ports Manager stated that the fire department had tested the standpipe.

Bedwell Harbour – moved to in-camera session

Lighting - A plan to provide lighting on other docks in the gulf islands is under development.

8. Treasurer's Report – No report

9. New Business – *MV Edgewater Fortune*

Larry reported that the *MV Edgewater Fortune* had arrived and departed as scheduled.

10. Next Meeting Date – July 23, 2013 at 1 pm.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Sheila Midgley, **seconded** by Larry Peck, that the meeting adjourn, 4:08 pm.

Carried