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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS HARBOURS COMMISSION
Held Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Saanich Peninsula Wastewater Treatment Plant,
9055 Mainwaring Road, North Saanich, BC**

PRESENT: **Commissioners:** B. Maberley, Galiano Island (Chair); P. Brent, Saturna Island; J. Deschenes, North Pender Island (*via –teleconference*); Robert Fenton, South Pender Island; J. Hall, Piers Island/Swartz Bay (*via-teleconference*), D. Howe, Regional Director

Staff: T. Robbins, General Manager, Integrated Water Services; D. Puskas, Manager, Capital Works; D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations, P. Binner, Dock Operations Coordinator; S. Orr (Recorder)

NOT PRESENT: I. Dow, Mayne Island

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following addition was made:

- That Item #7 Motion to Close the Meeting be moved to Item #6

MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Howe, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fenton,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission adopt the minutes of the meeting held July 26, 2019.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair had no remarks.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

There were no presentations or delegations.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence

6. MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING

In accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, 90(1)(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

MOVED by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Howe,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission close the meeting.

CARRIED

Commissioner Deschenes joined the meeting via tele-conference at 9:22 a.m.

Commissioner Howe left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

7. RISE AND REPORT

The commission rose from the closed meeting are reported the following:

MOVED by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Howe,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission direct staff to investigate the
commission becoming the lead agency to initiate First Nation movement and economic
benefits on the water within Salish Sea, i.e., Experience the Gulf Islands initiative.

CARRIED

8. COMMISSION BUSINESS

8.1. Project Update, Report #SGIHC19-03

D. Puskas introduced the report and provided an overview of the current capital projects
as presented.

A discussion took place regarding the Piers Island Wharf water lease amendment.

Staff responded to questions from the Commission.

MOVED by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fenton,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission receive the report for information.

CARRIED

8.2. Dock Inspection Reports

P. Binner, Docks Coordinator, introduced the reports as presented. He stated that he
received a request from Sea Air to remove the light fixture, as an airplane wing hit it and
creates a safety issue.

A discussion took place about replacing the decking on Miners Bay Dock. The Chair
requested that staff obtain quotes for the cost of replacing the decking.

Commissioner Hall stated that end of Swartz Bay dock is low in the water and may need
investigation.

MOVED by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fenton,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission receive the Dock Inspection
Reports for information.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Seaspan Terminal Upgrade (verbal)

Commissioner Hall attended a meeting held by Seaspan and stated there is a proposal
to place a decommissioned ferry to serve as a barge to increase storage capacity, which
may have an effect on Swartz Bay dock.

Staff answered questions from the Commission.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Deschenes,
That the regular meeting of the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission be adjourned at
11:34 a.m.

CARRIED

The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2019.

Chair

Committee Clerk