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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission, held Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., Goldstream Meeting Room, 479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: Commissioners: B. Dearden (Chair) (EP), Mayne Island; B. Mabberley (Vice Chair) (EP), Galiano Island; P. Brent (EP), Saturna Island; J. Deschenes (EP), North Pender Island; R. Fenton, South Pender Island; J. Hall (EP), Piers Island/Swartz Bay

Staff: S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate & SGI Administration; D. Puskas, Manager, Capital Projects; D. Robson, Manager, Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands Operations; D. Dionne, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

REGRETS: D. Howe, Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area Director

EP = Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Election conducted by Senior Manager, Real Estate and SGI Administration.

The Senior Manager called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission for 2022.

Commissioner Mabberley nominated Commissioner Dearden. Commissioner Dearden accepted the nomination.

The Senior Manager called for nominations a second time.

The Senior Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the Senior Manager declared Commissioner Dearden Chair of the Southern Gulf Island Harbours Commission for 2022.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Election conducted by Senior Manager, Real Estate and SGI Administration.

The Senior Manager called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission for 2022.

Commissioner Brent nominated Commissioner Mabberley. Commissioner Mabberley accepted the nomination.

The Senior Manager called for nominations a second time.

The Senior Manager called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, the Senior Manager declared Commissioner Maberley Vice Chair of the Southern Gulf Island Harbours Commission for 2022.

Commissioner Dearden assumed the Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda under New Business:

1. BC Ferries Proposed Upgrades at Lyall Harbour
2. Wharfingers Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Maberley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Maberley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent,
That the minutes of the January 28, 2022 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair thanked the Commission for his re-election.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

6.1. Presentation: Integrated Transportation Study: Justine Starke, Manager, Service Delivery, SGI, Capital Regional District

J. Starke presented information on the Southern Gulf Island, Integrated Transportation Study (presentation on file). The presentation covered the following areas:

- Information about the Project
- Why Consider a CRD Transportation Service
- Feedback received from Islanders
- Options considered

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Commission with the following additional information provided:

- Since Piers Island does not have a public roadway, its tax payers would not benefit from public transit.
- Water Taxis have expressed interest.
- The public transit piece proposes building on granting funds to support the community bus societies; public transit is the backbone of the project.
- The Commission would need to provide dock services at the islands, ensuring there are reserved spots and adequate receptive docks without jeopardizing existing services.

MOVED by Commissioner Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Maberley,
The Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission supports the establishment of a
transportation service to further integrate transportation on and between our islands.

CARRIED

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1. Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Service Project and Operations Update – March 2022

Staff spoke to the report.

Discussion ensued and the following further information was provided:

- Miners Bay: Discussions are occurring with Moffatt & Nichol on options to improve dock performance. Staff will provide a report in April.
- Anson Road Remediation: Staff advised that Pacific Industrial Marine (PIM) will begin work in April and can address the culvert at that time. The road approach is within PIMs scope of work and they will be addressing this as well.
- Swartz Bay: Due to the safety issues, staff will issue the work as a Request for Quote (RFQ) in conjunction with Piers Island RFQ.
- The cost for replacing gangways with aluminum is in the range of \$30-\$40,000 and should be considered when repair costs are reaching to about half that cost.
- Replacement of floats A and B at Lyall Harbour will be conducted in 2022.

MOVED by Commissioner Maberley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent,
That the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission receives this report for
information.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. BC Ferries Proposed Upgrades at Lyall Harbour

Staff reported that BC Ferries are replacing their wastewater treatment plant which is on Capital Regional District property and is in proximity of the Lyall Harbour dock. BC Ferries is requesting permission to use the wharfhead for construction staging and the housing of a temporary storage tank. The work is scheduled between the end of July and September. Staff are reviewing the information and risk management. It is expected that there would be no impeded access for the public's use of the dock and that the ambulance would have priority access. Staff will update the Commission once the details have been worked out with BC Ferries.

8.2. Wharfingers Meeting

The Chair stated that it would be a good idea to have a meeting of the wharfingers to discuss roles and dock issues. Staff concurred and stated that they have had a successful meeting in the past with all the wharfingers and that now would be a good time to do this again. Commissioner Fenton noted that it would be beneficial and productive to have them meet in person. Staff will look into coordinating a meeting and communicate out to the Commission.

8.3. Horton Bay Alternative Uses

The Chair asked staff to add this as a topic for discussion on the next agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Maberley, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brent,
That the March 25, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 11 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY