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**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA  
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, March 28th, 2022 at 9:30am**

**Held by Zoom Video Conference**

**SGI CESC Commissioners:** Paul Brent, Chair (Saturna) Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano),  
Richard Piskor, Treasurer (Pender), Deb Goldman (Mayne),

**Staff:** Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Melody Pender – Recorder

**SGI Liaisons:** Emma Davis (Galiano), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

**Regrets:** Ed Andrusiak, David Howe (Director)

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1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provide the Territorial Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 9:33am

2. Approval of the Agenda by consent

3. SGI Housing Discussion

Commissioner Brent has met with Adam Olsen who is extremely supportive of SGI affordable housing initiatives and is ready to provide support as required. Commissioner Brent is involved in several housing groups and needs to prepare a short briefing document describing the current housing initiatives for each island.

Outcomes of the discussion

- Goal to connect people with needs in the community with short term housing. Consider developing matching and homestay type programs.
- Staff gave an update on the proposed SGI Housing Strategy and what immediate work can be executed – there may be some strategic actions in the housing strategies (page 20-21)
- Registry of rooms/houses available to match with those needing housing (connecting supply with demand)
  - Look at using trained property managers as a way to bring a more professional approach to provide security to the landowners as well as for the tenants
- A group on Galiano is working on requesting a feasibility study from Urban Matters – analysis of land capacity / cottage builds out right and a financial feasibility analysis in regards to the difference in costing of 10 vs 20 units.

Liaisons went through their list of brainstorming ideas with the commissioners. There was further discussion on the following:

- Living in Trailers
  - Zoning issues
  - Maintenance
  - Need more advocacy to permit residential use of travel trailers
  - Campgrounds are permitted in the Agricultural Land Reserve, but you need to provide hook ups for them.
  - CRD does not allow people to live in trailers per the provincial building codes.
- SGI Housing Coalition - Advocacy for reducing the barriers



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**MOVED** by Commissioner Piskor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the CESC engage the CRC to work with the CRD Liaisons on actionable items to address immediate housing issues for the next meeting, up to a maximum of \$5,000. **CARRIED**

Discussion of opportunities:

- Staff requested that the CESC considers staying within the scope of what the SGI Housing Strategy is already advancing
- The SGI Housing Coalition is convening an interagency round table. Point in time homeless count is a piece of missing data that could be researched
- Housing Authority, Navigator, many groups working together to advance a variety of initiatives, including mapping of all the initiatives that are already in play
- Homestay opportunities
- Registries
- Inventory of what is being done – already being captured by the SGI Housing Coalition (to be distributed when completed)

4. Next proposed regular meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1pm
5. Commissioner Goldman moved to adjourn at 10:37am