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

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm**

**Held by Zoom Video Conference**

**SGI CESC Commissioners:** David Howe (Director), 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/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

**Guests:** Ed Andrusiak, Chair, Southern Gulf Island Community Resource Centre; Andrea Mills, Program Developer, Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre.

**Community Member:** 1

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**1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Brent provided the Territorial Acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:04pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by consent to adopt the agenda as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOVED** by consent to adopt the minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 as presented

**4. Financial Report**

Commissioner Piskor gave a brief update on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Chair Brent that the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Society Commission transfer the previously approved \$2500 allocated in the program development budget to the Rural Island Economic Partnership 2022 Economic Forum. **CARRIED**

**5. Mayne Island LTC referral**

**MOVED** by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the Commission support the Mayne Island Local Trustee Committee proposal of a flexible housing zone with the following recommendations:

- a) Inclusion of a prescribed time frame to evaluate the pilot project.
- b) Consideration of potential social and economic benefits of the project such as access to transportation, affordability crisis, vulnerable groups including seniors, and the possibility of expanding the pilot area. **CARRIED**

The Commission is interested in working with the LTC to support the administrative implications of this project as affordable housing.

Justine Starke to circulate the referral response with the Commission before submitting to Mayne Island LTC.



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## 6. Housing- SGI Market Assessment

The SGI housing report from Urban Matters shows that all islands had major increases in rental and sale prices of homes since 2018. The report provides data on the housing affordability crisis and helps build a case for an SGI housing strategy.

## 7. Transportation

- **SGI TIP What we heard report – Survey 2 Final**

The report was received by the commission

- **SGI Active Transportation Plan – Final**

The report was received by the commission

## 8. SGI Liaisons Update

- Galiano Island update – ferry cancellations impact the community, the laundromat and public shower facility are closing, there is a change in operation of the corner store, the island needs an Early Childhood Educator, and the one remaining Doctor is leaving at the end of August.
- Mayne Island update – major power outages in the last month impacted many businesses. Springwater Lodge had a COVID outbreak and had to shut down again, and has switched back to takeout and patio service only. There are several new food trucks on the island. Local businesses are still suffering the impacts of COVID but the island is growing and getting busier for the summer season.
- Saturna Island update – the winery is struggling with supply delivery issues due to the road being washed out and still not repaired. The small number of employees on the island limits the ability of local businesses to meet the demands of the tourist season. There is also a shortage of local qualified contractors to work for local construction companies.
- Pender Island update – The Dip is still a big problem on South Pender and causing traffic jams on busy weekends! Bridge repairs are scheduled to begin in May which will add to congestion.

## 9. Old Business

- Review of Housing Solutions Statement of Work

The goal is to create short-term community-driven solutions NOW and use the knowledge gained this summer to expand the program for 2023.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Piskor, **SECONDED** by Chair Brent that the Commission endorse the SGI Community Resource Centre's Housing Solutions Statement of Work. **CARRIED**

Additional reports received:



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- a) The Food Resilience Alliance Statement of Work for the Local Areas Food and Agriculture Plan completion was received by the Commission conceptually. The approval of payment from the budget was given in the previous meeting.
- b) The SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative progress report was received by the Commission.
- CESC Island papers article for June  
Proposal that island liaisons draft the article and the Commission reviews the article prior to submission. Housing and Transportation are recommended topics.  
MAP is hosting a town hall on May 21, 2022 on the Transportation project, details to be confirmed. All SGI residents are welcome to attend.
- Commissioner Island Economic updates due by May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
All Commissioners to provide an Island Economic update by May 9, 2022.

10. **New Business** - none

11. **Next proposed regular meeting** May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Adam Olsen's Office at 9:30am  
Due to COVID restrictions capacity is limited to 8 people.

12. **Meeting Adjourned**

Commissioner Piskor called for adjournment at 3:02pm