

**SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting Held by Zoom Video Conference
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:30am**

Present: **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/Liaison (Pender); SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano); Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)
 Guests: Ed Andrusiak
Absent: Katie Dentry (Saturna)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

4.1 Discussion of 3rd party request for payment under the Financial Report

MOVED by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes from May 17th, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman to adopt the minutes of May 17th, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report

4.1 Request from Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership Society to release 3rd party funds for 2022 of \$20,000.

Multi-year commitment from SGIs and SSI. Funds are allocated in the budget. Treasurer Piskor requested documentation to approve the transfer of funds.

MOVED by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission initiate payment of the allocated \$20,000 for the Southern Gulf Island Tourism Partnership Society, and request that supporting documentation be brought to the next meeting.

CARRIED



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5. SGI Liaisons Update

Justine Starke – The transportation and communications plan is being coordinated leading up to the referendum. Summaries and FAQs will be available for the public before the referendum. Gaining public support for the referendum may be challenging given current economic state. Referendum costs are saved by coinciding with the municipal election.

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman that the CESC continue with the planned referendum for an integrated transportation system and commission, while being conscientious of the current economic state in the communications strategy.

FOR: Commissioner Hoebel, Commissioner Goldman, Chair Brent,

AGAINST: Commissioner Piskor

CARRIED

6. SGI Housing Feasibility

Justine Starke is working on long-term housing strategies from the CRD perspective. The rural housing program is a priority for the July CRD board meeting. Land use strategies and housing strategies are being discussed between Islands Trust and CRD. Incentives for secondary suites and increased density are being discussed. Any updates from Justine Starke will be presented to the CESC.

7. Old Business

7.1 Update from Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre

A response to the request for more information for administrative costs for the Community Resource Centre's Sustainable Funding Initiative was attached to the agenda. The cost breakdown is clear to the Commission.

A progress report for Housing Now was also attached to the agenda. The project is starting to get some response and more will be reported to the Commission as the project continues to roll out and engagement increases.

8. New Business

Retiring Director Howe – the CESC to draft a letter thanking Director Howe.

Request for a discussion in a future meeting to explain the restructuring of the CRC and Neighbourhood House.

9. Next proposed regular meeting is **July 19th, 2022 at 9:30am.**

10. Meeting Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Piskor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel that the meeting be adjourned at 10:48am.

CARRIED