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

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 3:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

SGI CESC Commissioners: Paul Brent, Alternate Director, 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), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

Guests: Ed Andrusiak and Janey Rowland, Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, Christina Kovacevic (Community Member)

Regrets: Katie Dentry (Saturna)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2022 and October 4, 2022.

By consensus, the minutes of September 20, 2022 and October 4, 2022 were accepted as presented.

4. Financial Report

Melody Pender provided a detailed report with a breakdown of expenditures and remaining funding allocations available for the rest of the fiscal year. The report was received by the Commission.

5. SGI Liaisons Update – Justine Starke/Liaisons

Justine Starke (CRD) is working on putting together a team for a grant application for the CMHC Innovation fund for a regional housing program. More conversations with SGI housing societies will take place in the future. She has also publicized the results of the transportation referendum.

Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne) was working on encouraging people to come out to vote, however Mayne had a low voter turnout. Mayne is struggling to keep businesses, particularly restaurants, open through the Fall; people are facing financial stress, burnout, transportation difficulties, lack of employees and housing.

Emma Davis (Galiano) is working on determining what people thought about the transportation referendum and will be able to share those details at a later date.



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6. Housing NOW – Statement of Work – Janey Rowland, Ed Andrusiak, SGI Community Resource Centre

A revised statement of work was presented to the Commission with a narrower, more immediate focus. The CESC is limited by CRD parameters as to which types of projects the Commission can directly fund. The revised statement of work recognized these limitations and split the work into components that the CESC can fund and components that separate funding will be sought for. The revised statement of work related to the CESC is to create a “turnkey” housing registry database, including developing all of the tools and templates required to run the database. The CESC will not provide funding for actually running the registry.

MOVED by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Chair Brent to accept the revised Housing NOW statement of work.

CARRIED

3:55pm *Christina Kovacevic (community member) joined the meeting.*

7. Transportation Referendum Results

The referendum did not pass, by an extremely narrow margin of three votes. Thank you to the liaisons for their community outreach and support of the referendum.

8. Referral from Islands Trust for Mayne Island Housing Project

4:13pm *Deb Goldman was recused from discussion due to conflict of interest.*

A request for referral for the Mayne Island Housing’s Re-Zoning Proposal for affordable multi-family rental housing was presented to the Commission. Adjoining neighbours have some concerns including issues with water usage and environmental conservation. The Re-Zoning Proposal addresses these concerns.

MOVED by Commissioner Piskor, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Andrusiak to recommend approval of Mayne Island Housing’s Re-Zoning Proposal.

CARRIED

4:21pm *Deb Goldman was re-admitted to the meeting.*

9. Old Business

Rural Islands Economic Partnership is hosting a virtual forum Nov 18-19, details are available on the RIEP website.

10. New Business – None

11. Next proposed regular meeting November 15th, 2022

12. Meeting Adjournment - Chair Brent called for adjournment at 4:25pm.