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SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS ELECTORAL AREA
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 1:00pm
Zoom Video Conference
MINUTES

SGI CESC Commissioners: Marcus Farmer, Chair (Mayne), Sandra Tretick, Vice Chair (Pender), Paul Brent, Director (Saturna), Rob Fawcett, SGI Alternate Director (Pender), Simon Fallick (Galiano), Brenna Mongeon (Pender)
Staff: Justine Starke – Senior Manager, Southern Gulf Islands Administration; Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison**;** SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano)
Guests: Michael Hoebel
Regrets: Katie Dentry (Saturna), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

1. **Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order**
   Director Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   MOVED by Director Brent, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Tretick to accept the Agenda as presented.

   CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2026**
   MOVED by Commissioner Farmer, ***SECONDED*** by Director Brent to accept the minutes from March 17, 2026 as presented.

   CARRIED

4. **Financial Report**
   The financial report was shared with the Commission. The 2026 Budget was received for information.
   MOVED by Director Brent, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Tretick to accept the financial report as presented.

   CARRIED

5. **Final reports from SGI Community Resource Centre for the Sustainable Funding Initiative and Housing NOW to be received for information as circulated.**
   MOVED by Director Brent, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Tretick to receive the final reports from SGI Community Resource Centre for the Sustainable Funding Initiative and Housing NOW for information.

   CARRIED

6. **Staff and Liaison Updates**
   Justine Starke – Connected Coast funding is being processed.
   Emma Davis and Simon Fallick (Galiano) – Strategic initiative project timeline is aiming for community meetings in the Fall and a consultant report in early 2027. Currently gathering background information and beginning the hiring process to select a

consultant. Commissioners are welcome to suggest possible candidates for the consultant position. Several restaurants have closed recently. The post office business has transferred ownership and the café at Daystar grocery continues to expand operating hours.

Rob Fawcett and Sandra Tretick (Pender) – Moving Around Pender is planning to build a trail up Einer's Hill on Pender. A community wellness walk and 5km and 10km trail run event will be held on the new Schooner Way trail on June 20th to raise funds for the health centre. A Summer bistro will be opening at Hope Bay for the Summer season. The Pender Island Foundation has been established and there will be more details soon. The new Welcome sign including historical information was recently unveiled with a local ceremony.

Marcus Farmer (Mayne) – Restaurants are also experiencing challenges and capacity issues.

Paul Brent (Saturna) – Saturna restaurants are thriving and many are fully booked with reservations. Island Health is running the medical clinic with providers commuting from Pender.

7. **Old/New Business**

8. **Next regular meeting – July 21st, 2026 at 1:00pm**

9. **Meeting Adjourned**