

CEDC and CESC Motion For Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Directors To Forward A Letter To Premier Horgan Regarding:

Request for Decision Regarding Order in Council Regulation Change to Include the Unincorporated Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca – CRD-Capital Regional District, in the Islands Coastal Economic Trust Territory

WHEREAS the Islands Coastal Economic Trust's (ICET), established in 2006, has a mandate is to build a diverse, innovative and sustainable island and coastal economy for British Columbia.

WHEREAS, the unincorporated Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas of the Capital Regional District have been excluded from the benefits of ICET programs since 2006.

WHEREAS in July of 2018, the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology, Office of Economic Partnerships, when contacted, informed representatives of the Economic Commissions of the unincorporated Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas, that, to include CRD electoral areas in the ICET program required a regulation change to ICET territory. This regulation change requires BC Cabinet approval – an Order in Council decision.

The Director of the Office of Economic Partnerships, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology (JTT) was informed by the JTT Ministry to move forward with the consultation process regarding this request. This Office arranged for consultation with the ICET Board, the SGI-CRD electoral area Directors, Islands Trust Trustees and leaders of organizations including VIEA, VICEDA, AVICC and UBCM. These consultations were conducted after the 2018 Provincial elections and were completed, in November – December 2018. In February of 2019, the JTT Office informed Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area representatives that their Office continued to move forward with preparing a package for Cabinet – and that an exact timeline for presentation to Council had not been set.

WHEREAS communication in May of 2019 with MLA Adam Olsen and the Office of Economic Partnerships, Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology has affirmed that the consultation process is complete, was satisfactory, and should be a positive decision to include the unincorporated Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas of the Capital Regional District in ICET territory. However, to this day no action has been taken by the Government to address this inequity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Directors forward a letter, **as soon as possible**, requesting Premier Horgan for a timely decision regarding the Order in Council Regulation Change to include the Unincorporated Electoral Areas of Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca – CRD-Capital Regional District, in the Islands Coastal Economic Trust Territory.