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

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 1:00pm**

**Held by Zoom Video Conference**

**MINUTES**

**SGI CESC Commissioners:** Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Marcus Farmer (Mayne), Rob Fenton (Pender), Barbara Johnstone (Pender)

**Staff:** Justine Starke – Manager, SGI Service Delivery, Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna)

**Guest:** Ed Andrusiak – Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society

**Regrets:** Marcus Farmer (Mayne), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

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

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Fenton to accept the Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2024**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the minutes from May 21, 2024 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Financial Report – Paul Brent**

The Financial Report was shared for information.

**5. Southern Gulf Islands Liaisons Update – Liaisons**

**Emma Davis (Galiano)** – Working with the Capital Regional District on the Rural Housing Program and the Ready, Set, Roll Program for active transportation to school. The Galiano activity centre summer program for childcare for ages 5-12 is seeking staff.

**Katie Dentry (Saturna)** – Roads are getting paved on Saturna, tree limbing for the hydro lines is happening, lines are being painted on the roads, sides of the roads still need to be cleared to improve sightlines. Tourism is in full swing for the summer. A new Italian restaurant has opened, and the vineyard is busy. Saturna has hired a new teaching team for the next school year and the daycare is being developed. Staffing for the daycare is still needed.

**Melody Pender (Pender)** – Also very busy on Pender with tourists and lines have been painted on the roads as well.



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**6. DRAFT Bylaw – Justine Starke**

A draft bylaw has been proposed to revise the powers of the CESC, allowing for more flexibility with funding initiatives and promotion of services. Funding cannot be allocated directly to businesses, but economic development promotional work can be completed by the CESC to support them indirectly. Justine to seek further clarification on specifics and will report back to the Commission.

**7. Rural Housing Program Engagement – Justine Starke**

The CRD has acquired the Thuthiqut Hulelum' property on Galiano for a proposed 20-unit affordable housing complex. The CRD has also developed a rural housing to provide information on rural housing. A meeting will be held in September for the SGI housing sector to discuss the rural housing program in more detail. The CRD is seeking interested property owners for the proposed accessory dwelling incentive program.

**8. Old/New Business**

The Food Resilience Alliance report was shared with the Commission for information and the additional statement of work is under review; to be discussed at the next meeting.

**9. Next Regular Meeting – TBC, proposed date September 10, 2024.**

**10. Meeting Adjourned**

***MOVED*** by Commissioner Hoebel, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Fenton that the meeting be adjourned at 1:55pm.

**CARRIED**