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

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 1:00pm**

**Held by Zoom Video Conference**

**MINUTES**

**SGI CESC Commissioners:** Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Richard Piskor, Treasurer (Pender), Deb Goldman (Mayne), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna), Rob Fenton (Pender)

**Staff:** Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Liaison; Melody Pender – Recorder/Pender Liaison; SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)

**Regrets:** Katie Dentry, Liaison (Saturna); Janey Rowland, Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre Society (Pender)

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

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Hoebel, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zimmerman to accept the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Zimmerman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Piskor to accept the minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Financial Report**

Surplus funds of \$4890 from the previous fiscal year are being carried forward to the 2023 fiscal year.

**5. SGI Liaisons Update – Justine Starke/Liaisons**

**Emma Davis (Galiano)** – Focusing on Parks projects this month.

**Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)** – Grant application has been submitted to work on the Miner’s Bay dock decking and other dock infrastructure on Mayne, in collaboration with other community members.

**6. Community Chats in March**

March meetings will be held on all four islands. Adam Olsen and CRD officers will be in attendance on each island and Islands Trust trustees will also be on Mayne. The goal of these meetings is to get different levels of government working together to prioritize projects and collectively engage with a broader community audience.



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**7. Housing Now Update**

A brief update was circulated. A comprehensive update will be provided at the next meeting.

**8. Old Business - Staff Report By Law Enforcement Practices**

The Commission was disappointed in the staff recommendation and has requested further consideration and review of the enforcement policies to include more exemptions. There was a brief discussion about housing strategy, zoning and permits. The Commission is in agreement that housing is a priority, and that radical changes and innovative strategies are needed immediately to begin to address the housing crisis on the SGIs.

**9. New Business - Premier Announcement for Growing Communities**

One billion dollars surplus from government budget will be distributed to small communities. Chair Brent is expecting the SGIs to qualify for a significant amount of funding from this new source.

**10. Next proposed regular meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting date approved by consensus.

**11. Meeting Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Zimmerman that the meeting by adjourned at 2:00pm.

**CARRIED**