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

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 1:00pm

Held by Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

SGI CESC Commissioners: Paul Brent, Director, Chair (Saturna), Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Deb Goldman (Mayne), Rob Fenton (Pender)

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

Regrets: Richard Piskor, Treasurer (Pender), Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna)

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 Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel to accept the agenda of June 27, 2023 as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2023.

MOVED by Commissioner Fenton, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Goldman to accept the minutes of May 16, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Financial Report

The Financial Report was received for information by the Commission.

5. Rural Housing Program – Justine Starke

There is a request for a \$10,000 contribution from the Commission towards entering into a contract with Urban Matters develop the feasibility of the scope of the rural housing framework. Confirmation from Rural Housing has been received that the CRD can move forward with this work. The SGIs will be the pilot project for the rural housing program.

MOTION that the Commission allocate \$10,000 to support the feasibility study of the rural housing program. **MOVED** by Chair Brent, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Hoebel.

CARRIED

6. SGI Liaisons Update – Justine Starke, Liaisons

Melody Pender (Pender) – The SGI Community Resource Centre has launched the visitor experience strategic planning survey. It is undergoing final updates and will be distributed online as well as at booths at community events.

Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne) – Tour des Iles and Campbell Bay Music Festival were both



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busy weekends for Mayne. The Community Bus service helped to support local retailers by moving people around the island. Improved participation from Mayne Islanders in the Tour des Iles would help the event run more smoothly on Mayne Island.

Deb Goldman (Mayne) – The Community Bus is also being used by Mayne Island Assisted Living to take people into Sidney for appointments and activities. Mayne Island Housing has received final approval on the rezoning application.

7. Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership – Justine Starke

The current contract between the Commission and the Tourism Partnership is ending soon and will need to be renegotiated. The Commission will be invited to attend a presentation about the future of the Tourism Partnership at a later date.

8. Old Business

The final report for Housing NOW will be presented to the Commission by the end of July.

9. New Business – None discussed.

10. Next proposed regular meeting July 18th, 2023

July 18th, 2023 meeting date approved by consensus.

11. Meeting Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Hoebel, ***SECONDED*** by Commissioner Fenton that the meeting by adjourned at 1:36pm.

CARRIED