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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission  
Held Monday March 11, 2019, in the Public Library 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island,  
BC**

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**Present:** **CRD Director:** Gary Holman  
**Commission Members:** Francine Carlin, Holly MacDonald (attended via telephone), Janice Harkley, Darryl Martin, Randy Cunningham, Jason Griffin  
**Staff:** Karla Campbell, Senior Manager; Michelle Goss Baxter, Recording Secretary.  
**Absent:**  
**Participants:** Li Read, President, SSI Chamber, Laura Patrick, Islands Trust

Chair Carlin called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Harkley,  
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Agenda of March  
11, 2019 be approved with the addition of item 5.4 Rural Dividend Grant  
Application and 5.5 CRD Budget.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of January 14, 2019**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Martin, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Griffin,  
That the Salt Spring Island Economic Development Commission Minutes of January  
14, 2019 be amended as follows:

- Item 4.5 point 3 change "DMMO" to MRDT
- Item 4.6 point 1 change "has tag" to "hash tag"
- Item 5.3 clarify comments
- Item 6.5 point 5 change "tool kit" to "small business emergency kit"

**3. Delegation/Presentation – None Registered**

**4. Director, Chair and Commissioner and Advisory Member Reports**

**4.1 Director Holman reported:**

- Provided a summary of the Town Hall meeting to debrief the community on the December Storm Event
  - The meeting was well attended
  - The POD system was helpful for those PODs that were activated

- Communications issues came up frequently as a concern
- Provided a summary of the Climate Action Workshop
- Provided a summary of the Harbour Walk Steering Committee meeting with the Marina owner
- Updated the Commission about a proposal for a new CREST tower at the Legion

**MOVED** by Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner MacDonald that the Salt Spring Island Community Economic Development Commission contact the Emergency Services Coordinator to seek advice on how the Commission might engage Salt Spring Island businesses in Emergency Preparedness.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Chair Carlin reported:**

- Provided an update on the BC Rural Islands Economic Summit
  - Will be held November 7 & 8 2019 at the Harbour House Hotel
  - Bowen Island, Denman Island, and the Southern Gulf Islands are attending
  - Seeking additional funding partners
- Attended the Transportation Commission meeting on February 25, 2019
- Awarded the Green Projects to EPI

**4.3 Commissioner Cunningham reported:**

- Attended a presentation by the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance
  - Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands have been designated by the Federal Government as a Foreign Trade Zone
  - Addresses taxation and duties for companies that produce goods in our Island region utilizing materials/goods imported and the finished product is exported
- Visited Destination BC to discuss the status of our MRDT application
  - The application has moved forward to the Ministry of Finance
  - We are expecting a green light in April
  - Cabinet approval in June/July
  - A letter in place in August
  - Funds by November
  - We will be held to our 5 year plan
- Updated the Commission regarding work he is doing for the SGITP
  - Researching insurance for meetings
  - Developing a work plan

**Commissioner MacDonald reported:**

- The creation of a Green Learning Lab will focus on the creation of products or services that seek to Reduce, Reuse, or Recycle

**4.4 Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership Society - Update**

- Commissioner Cunningham reported in item 4.3

**4.5 Communication and Digital Media Report**

- Report attached

**4.6 Islands Trust Update - Laura Patrick**

- Islands Trust provided a letter of support for the BC Rural Islands Economic Summit
- Islands Trust Council meets this week
- Islands Trust conducted a survey. Results determined that island residents are concerned with three issues; climate change, water, and housing
- There will be a public meeting on Friday, March 15 at the Harbour House Hotel from 2:30 – 5:45 PM
- There will be a meeting with Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance on April 2, 2019 to identify projects that meet the mandate of SSIWPA
- The regular Islands Trust meeting is March 26, 2019 at Harbour House Hotel

**4.7 Chamber of Commerce Update – Li Read**

- Li Read will be replacing Jeremy Milsom as the Chamber of Commerce representative to the Community Economic Development Commission meetings
- The Chamber of Commerce has a new Executive Director as of February 4, 2019
- Provided a summary of concerns the Chamber has regarding Ganges Village including vandalism, broken glass, and dog issues
  - The Chamber will report back to the Community Economic Development Commission as they investigate and come up with next steps
- Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Harkley will work with the Chamber to find solutions to security issues in and around the Ganges core. Part of this work will be to research what other communities do for crime prevention

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1 Red Tape Reduction – Civic Portal Project - Update**

- The project is on hold due to the complexity of the design

**5.2 CRD-EA – Community Futures**

- No status update at this time

**5.3 Awarded Green Business Projects to EcoPlan International**

- Establishing deliverables

- Several meetings will be planned
- Commissioner MacDonald will be going to the #BCTech Summit

#### **5.4 Rural Dividend Grant Application**

- An application has been submitted. No decisions have been made yet

#### **5.5 CRD Budget**

- Scheduled to be approved on March 20, 2019

Additional Item 5.6 added to Agenda

#### **5.6 Saturday Market Shuttle Service**

- Commissioner Carlin attended the Transportation Commission meeting as a delegate
- A Work BC grant may be available for Shuttle Service
- Li Read will bring herself up to speed and email Commissioner Carlin with suggestions
- Commissioner Carlin will organize a meeting between the CEDC, Chamber of Commerce, and other relevant groups regarding a Saturday Market Shuttle Service
- Commissioner Griffin offered to be a part of the group that works on the Saturday Market Shuttle Service project

### **6. New Business**

#### **6.1 Discussion: Climate Change Lense – A holistic vision for social and economic transformation.**

- We need to look at climate change through an economic and a social lens
- A Climate Action Plan needs to involve all aspects of Salt Spring Island
- All projects need to be looked at through “People, Profit, Planet”
- We need to help people understand that working with climate change does not reduce the economy
- Director Holman suggested that the Community Economic Development Commission have a liaison to the Climate Action Group
  - Commissioner Griffin volunteered to be a liaison to the Climate Action Group

### **7. Next Meeting May 13, 2019 at 4 pm SSI Public Library**

### **8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** By Commissioner Cunningham, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Martin,  
That the meeting adjourn at 6:00 pm

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**