

SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS SHARED BUSINESS SERVICES SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society is the Southern Gulf Islands Shared Business Services Society.
2. The purposes of the society are to:
 - (a) To facilitate producers across Galiano, Mayne, Pender, Saturna, and Salt Spring Islands (the “rural islands”) to access services and resources needed to grow and sustain business operations, including sharing cost and expense of production, distribution, and marketing of rural islands’ produced products on economies of scale, on-and-off islands; accessing and creating a shared labour and skills pool for community benefit; and accessing and coordinating business skills training to improve the rural islands’ economic and entrepreneurial ecosystem;
 - (b) To foster professional and social connections, as well as networking and mentorship opportunities, between emerging and experienced rural island entrepreneurs, as well as potential and current employees, contractors, and other sources of labour, to support them on their career paths;
 - (c) To share educational, professional development and other practical resources and approaches, including the cost and expense of same, that can enhance entrepreneurial and labour engagement on the rural islands;
 - (d) To encourage the rural islands to develop, promote, and support the growth and sustainability of an entrepreneurial ecosystem across the rural islands;
 - (e) To encourage the rural islands to become locations for demonstration, testing, and implementation of green and clean technology solutions that support sustainable rural islands’ economic resilience;
 - (f) To educate and advocate for furthering education, professional development and tools for professional advancement of its members and others seeking to advance entrepreneurship in the rural islands;
 - (g) To engage in initiatives that will support the economic recovery, growth, and sustainability of the rural islands;
 - (h) To undertake further work for the community benefit and the advancement of community economic development across the rural islands; and
 - (i) To raise funds and accept donations, grants, and bequests to carry out its activities.