

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

SUBJECT Bylaw No. 4444, "Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021."

ISSUE SUMMARY

To advance Bylaw No. 4444, to amend the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission (CESC) Bylaw No. 3803 to add up to four (4) commissioners, increasing the number of commissioners from five (5) to a maximum of nine (9).

BACKGROUND

At the April 20, 2021 meeting of the CESC, the following motion was carried:

That the CESC requests the Electoral Area Director request the CRD board amend the bylaw to allow for the appointment of four additional commissioners, who would be commissioners at large.

At the May 12, 2021 meeting of the Capital Regional District Board, the following motion was carried:

That staff be directed to report back with amendments to Bylaw 3803, the "Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012" to increase the number of commissioners from five (5) to nine (9), with the additional members considered commissioners at large to represent the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area as a whole, and to enable the commissioners at large to be appointed for one (1) or two (2) year terms.

The CESC, established in 2011 through Bylaw No. 3803, provides an economic development service for the Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area, advising on the economic prosperity, social equity, and environmental quality of the EA. The CESC is an advisory commission comprised of the Electoral Area Director (or Alternate), and one member appointed to represent each of Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna Islands.

The Commission has indicated an interest in broadening the diversity of its membership to bring a greater range of perspectives to its work. More voices around the table would deepen the understanding of the region's economic sustainability and increase the accountability of the Commissions' deliberations.

In accordance with the CESC request and Board direction, Bylaw No. 4444 has been drafted to increase Commission membership from five (5) to a maximum of nine (9) commissioners, with up to four (4) additional members as "commissioners at large." The commissioners at large would represent a regional perspective in addition to the Regional Director and the existing four members that are appointed to represent each of the islands.

The Commission also requested flexibility in the term of the appointments to enable those with specific expertise to be appointed to support a special project for a shorter term. Bylaw No. 4444 enables commission appointments to be made for up to two years, with a maximum of three terms. The actual term of each new commissioner would be specified at the time of appointment.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1:

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4444, “Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021” be introduced and read a first, second, and third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 4444, “Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021” be adopted.

Alternative 2:

That the Electoral Areas Committee request staff report back with additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

This request supports CRD Board priorities and the corporate plan priorities for Advocacy, Governance & Accountability.

The addition of commissioners at large will broaden the diversity of voices and allow different perspectives to inform the work of the CESC. Flexibility in the term of appointments will allow individuals with specific expertise to be appointment for shorter terms to serve special projects.

Administratively, this request will increase the number of appointments that require advertising and tracking, but does not represent a significant increase in work load.

CONCLUSION

Bylaw No. 4444 amends the CESC Establishing Bylaw 3803 to increase the number of commissioners from five (5) to nine (9). An increase in the number of commissioners will bring a greater range of perspectives and broaden the diversity of deliberations of the CESC, thus improving governance of the economic development service in the SGI EA.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

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2. That Bylaw No. 4444, “Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021” be adopted.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: Bylaw 4444, “Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2012, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2021”