

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

Minutes of a Meeting held July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
at the Galiano Inn 134 Madrona Drive, Galiano Island, BC

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**Present:**     **Director:** David Howe, **Alternate Director:** Paul LeBlond

**Commission Members:** Brian Crumblehulme (Mayne Island), Priscilla Zimmerman (Saturna Island), George Harris (Galiano Island), Andrea Mills (Pender Island) June Klassen, SGI CESC Support, Melody Pender, Recorder

**Guests:**     Ed Andrusiak, Michael Hoebel and Larry Alexander

1. **Approval of Agenda** with Additions of Education Assessment update by Derek Masselink to 5 (b) Community Bus and Rural Development Fund discussion under New Business.  
**MOVED** by Andrea Mills, **SECONDED** by George Harris that agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

2. **Adoption of minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes.**  
**MOVED** by Brian Crumblehulme, seconded by Paul LeBlond that the minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

3. **Reports:**

a. **Director's Report:** no report.

b. **CESC Commissioners Reports:**

- i. Mayne Island: Brian Crumblehulme: Brian acts as liaison with Mayne Island Local trust Committee and with Island Trust Council.
  1. Brian attended an oil spill response session by Western Canada Marine Corp – nothing has changed, response time and equipment are still inadequate
  2. Brian and Derek attended a Tsartlip Band Gathering in Saanich and it was very impressive
    - a. They want to collaborate more and be more open, work together community to community.
    - b. Unanimous in opposition to increased tanker traffic and LNG
  3. Attended Community housing forum sponsored by Islands Trust in Cowichan Bay. Canada Mortgage & Housing Corp has doubled their budget with the new government so there is potential. Brian is part of the programs committee and have a high priority on reviewing policy and a large component of this is visionary.
  4. Mayne Island will be hosting a “vacation day” for the Victoria based Syrian Refugees on July 13<sup>th</sup>. They have 168 refugees and 10 translators attending!
- ii. Galiano Island: George Harris:
  1. Housing on Galiano: They are looking for a sponsoring agent for a housing project (rental program)
  2. Refugee Project approved. Expecting a family at any time.
- iii. Saturna Island: Priscilla Zimmerman:
  1. The Lamb BBQ just completed, it was lightly attended in comparison to other years but still did very well.
  2. Trying get real trails on Saturna. Parks Cda has promised to have onsite line in personnel on Saturna Island, that hasn't been the case for several years. Saturna

is wanting to reinstate the live in Personnel as the park is 5000 acres which is a lot to maintain and to keep a fire watch.

3. Kayak dock is up and running

iv. Pender Island: Andrea Mills/Melody Pender:

1. There was a fire safety meeting at the Pender Island fire hall with Chief Charlie Boyte for the Pender Island contractors of which approximately 20 contractors attended. Lots of discussion around how to keep the contractors working during high to extreme fire ratings. A few concerns were up:

- a. Noise bylaw – starting work before 7am. According to the bylaw there are exemptions which allow work to start before 7am for ***“weather conditions or fire hazards in forests, providing all reasonable measures have been taken”***
- b. Exempt equipment- generally the feeling was that there was equipment when properly used and modern poses little risk and they created a list to be reviewed
- c. Proper signage requested to let weekenders know they need a permit to do the work or to hire a FIRE SAFE CONTRACTOR who has gone through the training to do the work for them.
- d. Charlie has created special exemptions permits for the contractors for the high to extreme fire ratings and the contractors seemed to be content with this.
- e. Contractors were reminded that they were still liable if their work started a fire.

c. There was discussion on challenges the islands have in regards to moving forward with trails on the islands. June mentioned it wasn't her area of expertise but she is working with the departments as best she can. She would like to suggest to Regional Parks if they do not have time or resources for trail planning on the SGI's then perhaps they apply for the Rural Dividend fund and hire a consultant to do the parks and trail planning for the region. It would be for all regional trail design and alignment on all regional islands. It was then discussed the difference between community trails and regional trails. Community trails are funded by the community and less rigid standards (self-imposed) where regional trails have very rigid guidelines. June pointed out if a community trail crosses private property it will not transition into a regional trail without a statutory right of way.

Brian has a document, MOU between MOT and IT that sets out bike and greenway standards for the SGI's. Ed is pulling all the information together to be presented and discussed at further meetings.

4. **Presentations:** none

5. **Education Initiative:** Derek Masselink

- a. Derek discussed a change on how this initiative is going to gather information for the project. Initially they were to conduct a survey. After further thought and discussion with Aaron they decided a better and more efficient way would be to set up a registry identifying those kinds of opportunities that exist, the kinds of people interested in sharing their knowledge and then creating the projects for people to make bookings. The registry is a way to pull together interest and opportunity and then be a tool to use for booking those who want to participate. The cost is higher as it will be a digital back end as opposed to just a survey. June also mentioned this would also be tapping the Resource Inventory initiative.

**MOVED** by Brian Crumblehulme to amend the previous motion from \$10,000 to \$15,500.  
**SECONDED** by George Harris.

**CARRIED**

- b. **Social Finance Initiative:** Larry Alexander
  - i. Larry referred to his hand out the Economic Development Framework Draft and did an in-depth walk through with the group.
- c. Next steps as he sees it for Full Time Resident Strategy
  - i. Development - need a "Dream Team" of locals on each island (with supplemental talent)
  - ii. Marketing Product – with real objectives on how to reach real people
  - iii. Regulatory Fit – engagement strategy, working with Trusts etc. Need to show leadership and ensure you take control of what YOU want! Seize Control
  - iv. Reliable internet (infrastructure)
  - v. Transportation
    - Inter and intra
    - Pioneers in sharing economy
    - Boating and land uber.
    - You need someone else to finance it and you steer it and keep some equity for when it takes off.
  - ii. Part time strategy
    - This is your experiential learning, sabbaticals etc
    - This is a marketing exercise, an add on to #3 – how to tie it in
    - This encompasses ETGI and Derek's initiative.

**MOVED** by Brian Crumblehulme that we accept as presented the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Sustainability Commission Economic Development Framework Draft #2. **SECONDED** by George Harris

**CARRIED**

- 6. **Status of Integrated Services Review RFPs** – June has had no responses. However, she has found an Inter-Island Passenger Ferry study and contacted the consulting firm. They are interested and will let us know what they can do for us with the amount of money we can currently offer and also let us know what they can provide with more money. Their current study can be found on the website of Kitsap Transit. They also have a lot of experience with community bus systems as well. Dave also mentioned that Mill Bay may be interested and requested June to get ahold of them.

7. **ETGI update:** Ed Andrusiak

- a. Consultant team is up and running and they have rebuilt the teams on each island. Ed has attended meetings on most islands, just one more to attend on Saturna. The meetings have been more strategic and understanding what important objectives are to be achieved.
- b. Ed believes we need to build on new thinking to move people around

Ed is attending a meeting sponsored by Destination BC next week to start to develop a 10 year strategic tourism plan for the south islands (including Southern Gulf Islands). Next week is more of an information session and the planning starts in October.

8. **Tour Des Iles report:** George Harris

- a. A society was created Salish Sea Inter Island Transportation Society with Directors representing each island.
  - i. The event was again very successful. We sold over 300 memberships. Andrea was the Chairperson and kept things moving and kept everyone calm. Pender Island was the most organized and Melody was great at keeping us all organized.
  - ii. In 48 hours we are already meeting to debrief the 2016 TDI and start plans for 2017. We have the SSIITS Directors, coordinators and Captains attending to get a good start on what needs to happen for next year.
  - iii. Andrea is excited about the long term planning and the events potential.

9. New Business:

- a. Rural Development Fund: The next intake is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. If we are planning to submit an application we will need to put together a proposal to be approved by the board in October. A reminder that applicants are required to have audited financial statements.
- b. Community Bus: Andrea brought us up to date on Galiano and Pender's pilot bus project. They are unable to go through Mayne Island Bus Society so they proposing to go through Salish Sea Inter Island Transportation Society. We have a meeting to discuss it on Thursday.

10. Adjournment at 11:15am by Paul LeBlond

11. Next Meeting: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 8:30am Galiano Inn