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

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00pm**

**Held by Zoom Video Conference**

**Present:**       **SGI CESC Commissioners:** David Howe (Director), Paul Brent, Chair (Saturna)  
Mike Hoebel, Vice Chair (Galiano), Richard Piskor, Treasurer (Pender), Deb  
Goldman (Mayne),  
**Staff:** Justine Starke, Manager, SGI Service Delivery; Melody Pender –  
Recorder/Liaison (Pender)  
SGI Liaisons: Emma Davis (Galiano), Katie Dentry (Saturna), Kat Ferneyhough (Mayne)  
**Guests:** Ed Andrusiak (Chair, Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre)

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**1. Territorial Acknowledgement/Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Brent provided the territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Commissioner Piskor asked to add item 4.1 Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre (SGICRC) umbrella agreement renewal as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 review

**MOVED** by consent to adopt the agenda as amended.

**3. Approval of Minutes** from February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**MOVED** by consent to adopt the minutes of February 15, 2022 as presented.

**4. Financial Report**

Commissioner Piskor reported that year to date only regular expenses have been paid and nothing yet in the way of program delivery. Report was received by the Commission.

**4.1. Review of SGICRC umbrella agreement.**

The umbrella agreement has a one-year renewable term which allows the CESC to utilize the SGICRC on a contract for service, subject to statement of works. The current agreement has an upper limit of \$50,000. Based on the current budget the agreement could be slightly increased to \$55,000 and again for a one-year term.

After commissioner discussion, the CESC requested to receive a report from the SGICRC on 2021 funding. A review of the CESC Strategic Review Worksheet was discussed. It was decided that the affordable housing is a priority initiative and a separate discussion is to be scheduled before the next regular meeting. It was also noted that budget line item Program Development has \$9,800 that is currently unallocated.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Goldman that the CESC renew the umbrella agreement with the



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Southern Gulf Island Community Resource Centre for another year to a maximum of \$50,000.

**MOVED** by Chair Brent to amend the maximum amount based on the current budget allocation to \$55,000.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Piskor to further amend to include the wording “subject to statements of work” and “ending March 31, 2023.”

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Goldman, **SECONDED** by Commission Piskor that the Southern Gulf Islands Community Economic Society Commission renew the umbrella agreement with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre for one year expiring March 31, 2023 to a maximum of \$55,000 subject to statements of work. **CARRIED**

**5. 2022 Project Planning**

Further discussion ensued and it was agreed that priorities would be given to Food and Agriculture and Affordable Housing. The 2022 budget includes in its allocation to SGICRC of \$3,440 for the Food Resilience Alliance and Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre is working on a statement of work for this funding. Commissioner Hoebel and Ed Andrusiak updated the Commission on a cost sharing model being advanced by Salt Spring Island Community Economic Sustainability Commission (SSI CESC) and the Salt Spring Island Ag Alliance (SSI AA), supplemented by a grant from Island Coastal Economic Trust. The commission could consider a similar approach.

Affordable housing was further discussed and several short-term solutions were mentioned such as modular housing, a seasonal billeting registry to match tenants with home owners, and potentially include partial work trade for rent and Chemainus Gardens were discussed. A meeting was set up to create a statement of work around coming up with short- and medium-term housing solutions.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Brent, Seconded by Commissioner Piskor that the CESC lists as its top priority the delivery of immediate/short- and medium-term solutions to the current housing crisis.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Piskor and seconded by Commissioner Hoebel that the CESC hold a special meeting to develop a statement of work to address the short and median solutions. **CARRIED**

**6. Housing: SGI Market Analysis** – Justine Starke introduced the report commissioned from Urban Matters for CESC’s feedback. The final report will be completed by the next meeting.

**7. SGI Liaisons Update** – Justine Starke/Liaisons

Saturna Island update – local businesses are gearing up for summer, the Saturna Winery will be opening up with a tasting room and Bistro after many years, lots of new faces on the islands and it looks like it will be a busy summer

Mayne Island update – a lot of new businesses opening up, a new coffee shop and food truck, businesses from the closed Root Cellar were able to locate and did not end up losing any businesses.

Galiano Island update – much the same on Galiano, Montague Marina is for sale, the Dr. has resigned and Galiano Health Care Society is doing a petition to support 24/7 ambulance coverage for the island and the island seems very supportive. There are also several long-term residents in rental housing are losing their housing and putting out a plea on social media. This is similar on every island.



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8. **Old Business** – none
9. **New Business** – none
10. Next proposed regular meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1pm
11. Commissioner Hoebel called for adjournment at 2:40pm