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Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Lori Foster <lfoster@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Francine Carlin
Subject: SS CEDC & SS Chamber Request for Delegation

Dear Lori,

The Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission and the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce are requesting a delegation to the December 1, 2020 Island's Trust Council Meeting. While Ganges Village Area PLanning is related to only one LTC – Salt Spring, the budget necessary to do this work must be approved by the Trust Council.

Please see attached.

Sincerely,

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GANGES VILLAGE AREA PLAN

**SSI-CEDC – SSI Chamber Delegation in
Support of Funding for a
Ganges Village Area Plan**

December 2020

1.

OVERVIEW

A integrated and comprehensive Ganges Village Area plan will help the Islands Trust maintain a balance between preserve, and protect while ensuring ongoing rural economic and social well-being in the context of the Trust Area.

This plan will benefit the community by providing:

1. A consistent point of reference against which to make decisions
2. The ability to make more informed decisions
3. More predictability regarding budgeting and planning
4. Potential to optimize resource use
5. Means to preserve community character
6. Capacity to produce sustainable economic development

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OVERVIEW

- There are many examples of villages, towns and cities that have demonstrated the value in town planning.
- As a community, we need to get ahead of our challenges, seek opportunities and manage risks.
- By engaging in a deep and meaningful assessment of the current situation in the Village of Ganges, and a thorough and robust planning process that reaches out to the island's citizens, energizes the LTC planning department and mobilizes partners, the island could collectively realize a vision.

2.

Community Consultation

- Community consultation is the foundation for achieving a sound plan that reflects the values of the community across all demographics
- Thorough community consultation educates, informs and insures buy-in
- Recommend a variety of engagement tools to obtain a full and transparent recommendations

4.

CRITICAL TURNING POINT

- Our community faces critical challenges for sustaining the culture of Ganges which is the core of our unique rural community
- Central to the sustainability of the Ganges village is the ability to create a livable community for residents now and into the future
- Climate change mitigation and housing management are essential to realizing a sustainable Ganges Village Area Plan

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