



Report to Regional District of Nanaimo from Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce

Period: June 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018
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Overview

June and July were the first 2 full months for Julie Sperber in the CEDO position. She attended the BCEDA conference and IEDC workshop June 10-14 in Kelowna BC

Activities

- Initiatives
 - Draft Operational Plan
 - Apply to Rural Dividend Fund, Project Development stream, for (re)zoning feasibility study
 - Develop steps and supports to create quality local jobs and efficiencies in business
 - Ex. 1 Admin/logistics for tradespeople with centralized location
 - Ex. 2 Social enterprise for Agricultural Coop: gourmet local food production
- Community Profile
 - RFP for Visual Identity (hire August 1st)
 - Support local campaign development (survey, story-telling, challenges)
 - Apply to ICET for community profile website funding
 - Connect with both Mudge and Decourcy email and social media groups.
 - Attend Island Trust meeting on Mudge and meet/greet with Mudge residents
- Partnerships
 - Help connect Canada Summer Jobs opportunities with students
 - Host luncheon with People for a Healthy Community for summer student employees and MP Sheila Malcomson
 - Meetings within the farm, marine, hospitality, service, artist and trades groups on the island
 - Further meetings with community organizations: GIRO, GAC, Co-op Network, Agi Co-op
 - Research for partners, funding opportunities and models for business/community development
- Education
 - Developing Fall/Winter workshops/events programming
 - Ex. Community Futures Export Navigator
 - Pilot mentorship program for business plan development

Project 08-2018 (Economic Development Services \$29,925)

Opening balance June 1, 2018:	\$20,732.41
Closing balance July 31, 2018:	\$11,572.61
Balance remaining:	\$11,572.61

Progress:

Reallocation of expenses for brand/web development.

Project 02-2018 (Regional District Service Agreement FY 2018/2019 \$65,000)

Opening balance June 1, 2018:	\$11,424.74
Closing balance July 31, 2018:	\$21,906.89
Balance remaining:	\$43,093.11

Progress:

CEDO salary and expenses.

Project 03-2018 (Rural Dividend Fund (RDF))

Opening balance June 1, 2018:	\$95,000.00
Closing balance July 31, 2018:	\$93,798.84
Balance remaining:	\$93,798.84

Progress:

\$1201.16 expense for electronics at Visitor Info Centre.