

Preface to the Greenwoods Eldercare Society Constitution & Bylaws: 2015

A serious upgrade of the constitution and bylaws of GES is needed. These were written in a time when BC ferries had connections between Salt Spring and the other Southern Gulf Islands, connections that allowed for ease of travel. That no longer exists, making it close to impossible for those from the other Southern Gulf Islands to reside at Greenwoods with family and friend support, to easily have visitors or for participation of Southern Gulf Islanders on the GES board. We had a board member up until a year ago when the travel and transfer through Swartz Bay with a crack of dawn start for a two hour meeting, arriving back home at 5:30, became too much.

The GES board was about to begin conversations with the other Southern Gulf Islands with regard to changes when the BC government tabled a new BC Societies Act in the legislature. The SS Foundation called a meeting of local non profits and brought in an expert on the proposed changes. All the non profits were advised to wait for the new legislation to pass so that valuable time and energy were not wasted. Minor changes but no rewrites.

As such, major changes are on hold until the legislation passes at which time conversations will begin with the other Southern Gulf Islands Health Committees. Perhaps by the time it passes there will be a form of technology that will allow us to have video meetings. At this point, however, there is not sufficient privacy in the connections to be able to utilize the current links but hopefully that will come in the future.
