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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission
Held February 26, 2018 SSI Public Library, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **CRD Director:** Wayne McIntyre
 Commission Members: Robin Williams, Shellie Barrett, Dal Brickenden
 Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Electoral Area; Chris
 Davidson, Manager Engineering; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
 Absent: Nigel Denyer, Rod Martens

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 3:55 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Brickenden, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of February 26, 2018 be
amended and approved by removing the delegation by Scott Simmons under item 3.2
and replacing it with Myna Lee Johnstone.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of January 29, 2018

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brickenden,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Minutes of January 29, 2018 be
amended and approved by adding to Item 5.1., bullet number one, "regional" in front of
transit linkage.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 David Phillips-Bus Service to Fort Street

Mr. Phillips requested restoring transit service to the Fort Street Area as soon as possible.

- It will be a long time before road repair on Walker's Hook is completed
- Service was provided for and is needed by working class islanders
- School District 64 buses are currently doing 3 point turns at Fort Street
- Investigation of route timing

3.2 Myna Lee Johnstone

Ms. Johnstone had two points she wanted to express to the Commission.

1- Feels that transit riders are under-informed by the SSI Transportation Commission.
Recommends Commission Chair submit monthly articles to the Driftwood and post
on the exchange; and recommends a Commissioner be a regular user of the transit
service

2- Ganges Hill- recommends that no bus pullout be contemplated in the area of Drake Road and Fulford Ganges Road during road improvement designs for Ganges Hill. Encourages a bus stop be designated in the parking spaces in front of businesses prior to the intersection of Seaview and Fulford Ganges Road. This location would be safer for pedestrians then crossing at the intersection and waiting on the side of the road. Consider a park n ride location to balance out the loss of parking spaces.

4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

4.1 Director McIntyre briefly reported on:

- Attended meeting for the CRD Emergency Services Telecommunications Corporation. All service calls for the electoral areas and the CRD regional District go through a call centre in Langford.
- Recycling Depot-CRD subsidy for rural recycling centres to end in 2019; new three year extension approved by CRD Board.
- Ganges Harbour Walk Steering Meeting-Recent meeting, currently investigating the infrastructure and environmental impacts only.
- Islands Pathways AGM-congratulations on 30 years.
- Bike Park-community confusion, tree removal is minimal, current work is on surveying area for dangerous trees and identifying trees that can be features of the design. Once design is complete there will be additional community consultation.
- Attended a second workshop with staff on the update of the PARC Strategic Plan. Community stakeholders also participated in a second workshop. Once draft plan in place, additional community consultation will be welcomed.
- Lady Minto Hospital Foundation- looking for ways to leverage funding from several sources such as Island Health and the CRD.

4.2 Commissioner Brickended briefly reported on Island Bus Shelters working group and provided a written report at the table.

- Considering ways to approach Design Build that will allow for input by the artistic community
- Considering economies of scale; design several at once and build out over a 2 to 5 year period
- Shelters to be “public art” with the potential to be an attraction such as the Chemainus murals
- No advertisements on the exterior of the shelters; potential for free WiFi

4.3 Chair Williams briefly reported on plans for a tenth year celebration of the SSI Transit Service in May 2018.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 North Ganges Transportation Plan-Project Designs

- Draft design plans were posted in the meeting room for review
- Frontage of the Anglican Church property is still under negotiations
- Tender for construction will be released four weeks after designs are finalized

5.2 Fulford Ganges Road Closure

The Transportation Commission has listened to various delegations by groups whom are for and against the concept of closing a section of Fulford Ganges Road during the summer months for the expansion of the Saturday Market.

MOVED by Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission does not recommend the closure of Fulford-Ganges Road fronting Centennial Park for the purpose of expanding the Saturday Market.

CARRIED

5.3 Parking

The Transportation Commission discussed recent events and the implications on parking authority, planning and management for the Ganges Village Downtown Core.

- Capital Regional District has the authority to establish a new tax service for the construction, maintenance and regulation of parking spaces, areas and facilities.
- Funding is in the five year capital plan for a parking study
- Consideration of a three hour parking limit in the downtown core; parking on Ministry of Transportation Lands is limited to a maximum of three days
- OCP needs clear plan for Ganges Village and how it relates to public infrastructure

MOVED by Commissioner Williams, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brickenden,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission is providing the following feedback for consideration by the Local Islands Trust Committee:

1. Commission members require more than four days' notice to provide input on important development referrals;
2. The Commissioners do not see the necessity of forming an interagency Parking Task Force at this time;
3. The Commissioners suggest that Islands Trust continue to develop a plan for the Ganges Village downtown area with an emphasis on parking and financial requirements for the Transportation Commission to consider.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 SSI Community Transit- Monthly Revenue

Received for information noting that revenue is up over last year.

6.2 BC Transit's response to proposed transit detours to accommodate the Walker's Hook Road Situation

- BC Transit provided a detailed response in writing.
- The Motor Vehicle Act is cited as the safety concern.
- BC Transit is not willing to pull a three point turn in an intersection.
- Some modification to the intersection of Fort Street, Walker's Hook and Grantville Street may allow for a safe turnaround.
- BC Transit will be consulting with the Ministry of Transportation to consider the possibilities.

- Chair Williams's requests that staff investigate options that provide transportation assistance in special cases with BC Transit similar to the "taxi saver" program.

7. Next Meeting: March 26, 2018 at 4 PM in the SSI Library

8. Adjournment

MOVED By Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Brickenden,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:10 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER