

SALTSPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Transportation Commission Meeting

Held April 10 2012 at 4:00 pm in the
Portlock Park Meeting Room

Attendance: Commissioner Donald McLennan - Chair
Commissioner Harold Swierenga
Commissioner Jean Taylor
Commissioner Kees Visser
Commissioner John Wakefield-Vice Chair
Wayne McIntyre, CRD Director

Staff: Kees Ruurs, Parks and Recreation Manager
Sarah Shugar, Recording Secretary

Excused: Commissioner Andrew Haigh
Commissioner Janice Harkley-Treasurer
Commissioner Nomi Lyonns

1. The chair called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Agenda Approval

MOVED by D. McLennan, SECONDED by H. Swierenga,
That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Wakefield advised that Item 7.2 be amended to only include the motion.

MOVED by J. Wakefield, SECONDED by J. Taylor,
That the minutes of March 13, 2012 Regular Minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Delegations / Presentations
There were no delegations at this time.

5. Rise and Report
There were no items for rise and report.

6. Reports

6.1 Verbal Updates

6.1.1 Chair Report

Commissioner McLennan circulated email updates to Commission.

6.1.2 CRD Manager Report

The Manager verbally reported that the new PARC Manager would be on staff tomorrow.

The Chair advised that the Commission tremendously appreciates the support provided by staff and the quality agenda package that was put together.

6.1.3 Report from CRD Director McIntyre

Director McIntyre provided a verbal report.

6.2 Financial Reports

6.2.1 Transit

The Operating Expense Report ending March 31, 2012 was received for information.

6.2.2 Transportation

The Operating Expense Report ending March 31, 2012 was received for information.

6.2.3 Capital Funds

The Capital Funds Report ending March 31, 2012 was received for information.

6.3 Continuing Projects Status

6.3.1 NGTP

The Chair provided a written update on the North Ganges Transportation Plan. He reported that there is a Public Open House scheduled on April 24, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

It was generally agreed to host an information table at the Earth Day Event scheduled on April 22, 2012 from 10:00 to 3:00pm.

6.3.2 Fernwood Bus Shelter

The Chair provided a written report on the Fernwood bus shelter.

It was generally agreed to host a public opening for the new bus shelter and that Commissioner Taylor would be in contact with the Ms. Verhagen.

6.3.3 Partners Creating Pathways – Booth Canal

The Chair provided written background information on the Booth Canal pathway for 2012.

6.4 Islands Trust Referrals

6.4.1 Island Trust Referral – Kings Lane

The Chair provided a report on the King's Lane re-zoning application.

The Chair advised that one item for consideration is the inclusion of bus parking facilities within the development.

MOVED by D. McLennan, SECONDED by H. Swierenga,
That Commission recommends to Islands Trust the approval of the re-zoning application for the Kings Lane development subject to the conditions outlined below:

WHEREAS

- the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) has received from the Islands Trust a Referral pertaining to a Rezoning Application SSRZ-2011.4 : 154-164 Kings Lane
- the BC Ministry of Transportation (MoT) was asked through the Trust referral process to comment on the sufficiency of the road and connections to accommodate the proposed rezoning and development
- the SSITC has been asked for advice and views on transportation implications pertaining to the development and on any potential pedestrian or traffic studies which might be needed
- the SSITC would be supportive of decreasing future dependence on cars reaching the site by developing "transit" and multi-use pathways
- SS Transit has an arrangement with the Kings Lane owner/Manager to park SS Transit buses on the property
- the SSI OCP calls for support for "strategies that cause the servicing needs of new development to be largely borne by the proponent rather than the community at large"
- local regulations require 85 parking spots for the full development; the proposal accommodates this requirement

- the current project design calls for gravel parking spots and travelways on the site with harder surface pathways linking the various buildings and parking areas
- the current project design envisages extensive pathways on the property as follows:
 - fronting the lot on private property along Kings Lane as per the Island Pathways Urban Pathway Network
 - linking all buildings on site
 - running along the southern boundary to link up with the Legion in the back of the property as per the Staff recommendation
- SS Transit services the Hospital and Greenwoods by running the Ganges local loop up Crofton and past Kings Lane
- the applicant commissioned a Traffic Impact Assessment to project the increase in traffic which might be generated by an eventual 30,000 sq ft medical centre
- the geography of Howell and Leisure Lane (narrow sinewy roads) are traffic calming by definition
- the North Ganges Transportation Plan makes allowance for a future left turn lane off Lower Ganges Road to Blain which would serve traffic heading for the medical centre

The Commission recommends :

- approval of the re-zoning application for the Kings Lane development subject to the conditions outlined below:
 - implementation of the current project design which envisages extensive pathways on the property as follows:
 - fronting the lot on private property along Kings Lane as per the Island Pathways Urban Pathway Network
 - linking all buildings on site
 - running along the southern boundary to link up with the Legion in the back of the property as per the Staff recommendation
 - implementation of the current project design which calls for gravel parking spots and travel ways on the site with harder surface pathways linking the various buildings and parking areas
 - implementation of the current project design which calls provision of 85 parking spots for the full development as per local regulations

Provision of parking facilities for a minimum of five SS Transit buses (with the provision of water and electrical services) as a community amenity

CARRIED

6.4.2 Islands Trust Referral – Beddis / Slegg

Commissioner Visser provided background information on the proposal. He brought forward the issue of the left hand turn from Beddis Road into Fulford Ganges Road. He asked to be on the record that the Slegg Development would be solely responsible for the increase in traffic and that he does not agree with the Bunt & Associates traffic projection study.

It was generally agreed to take no further action on this item at this time.

7. Old Business

7.1 BC Ferries Update

Commissioner Swierenga provided a verbal update on the Fulford Terminal upgrade project.

7.2 Speed Limits

It was generally agreed to table this item to the next meeting.
Item Tabled

7.3 Priority Projects

It was generally agreed to table this item to the next meeting.
Item Tabled

7.4 SSITC Membership

Commissioner Wakefield advised that it would be useful to have another Commissioner on the PARC Trails Advisory Committee. It was generally agreed that Commissioner Visser would be the SSITC Representative on the Committee.

8. New Business

8.1 Commission Handbook

It was generally agreed to table this item to the next meeting.
Item Tabled

8.2 Bus Fares

It was generally agreed to table this item to the next meeting.
Item Tabled

9. Tabled Items

There were no tabled items for consideration at this time.

10. Correspondence and Information Items

10.1 Incoming / Outgoing List

10.2 Driftwood Article – Funding Award

10.3 Driftwood Article – Editorial

All correspondence items were received for information.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on May 8, 2012, 4:00 to 6:00pm to be held in the PARC Meeting Room.

12. Adjourn

MOVED by D. McLennan, SECONDED by H. Swierenga,
That the meeting be adjourned at 6:06pm.

CARRIED