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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
Held October 16, 2012 in the Portlock Park Meeting Room, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**PRESENT: Commission Members:**

Donald McLennan – Chair; John Wakefield – Vice Chair; Wayne McIntyre, CRD Director; Andrew Haigh; Harold Swierenga; Jean Taylor; Kees Visser

**Excused:** Nomi Lyonns

**Staff:** Kees Ruurs, CRD Senior Manager

Sarah Shugar, Recording Secretary

**Delegation:** Jean Gelwicks, Partners Creating Pathways

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by D. McLennan, **SECONDED** by J. Taylor,

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of:

Item 6.2 Letter – Climate Action Council Chair

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

D. McLennan noted the following amendment:

Item 3.1 should read: The variance to the standard lane width to allow for a paved shoulder along the road approaching the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal has been approved.

**MOVED** by D. McLennan, **SECONDED** by H. Swierenga,

That the minutes of the October 2, 2012 Regular Meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. Presentations / Delegations**

3.1 Jean Gelwicks, Partners Creating Pathways

J. Gelwicks provided the Partners Creating Pathways 2012 Project Follow Up Report. She thanked the Commission for being one of the main supporters of Partners Creating Pathways 2012. She noted that the pathway network is now called the Ganges Pathway Network and is no longer referred to as the Ganges Urban Pathway Project. She highlighted the following items from the report:

- The successful completion of a pathway along Lower Ganges Road from Sharp Road to Booth Canal Road that includes a bridge across Bogie Creek.
- Donations in the first year were approximately \$2,500 and donations in the second year were over \$13,000. This year they

received more donations of materials and time as well as more financial donations.

- The 2013 Project is a planned pathway along Rainbow Road from Atkins Road to the Rainbow Road Pool – they have the design and permits in place.
- In a survey of 50 users of the pathway, the greatest number of users were pedestrians who were using the pathway for transportation and exercise. The pathway users expressed that they love the pathways and would like to have pathways all over the island.
- Island Pathways leverages SSITC/CRD annual funding support by a 3 to 1 ratio.
- Partners Creating Pathways is a partnership including PARC, SSITC, Trail and Nature Club and Island Pathways.

The CRD Director and the Chair thanked Ms. Gelwicks for the presentation and congratulated her on the success of the project. J. Gelwicks left the meeting at 4:30 pm.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Chair Report**

The Chair provided a project status report. He highlighted the following items:

- The SS Transit ridership count is moving toward 100,000 users.
- The SSITC Sidewalks/Pathways Working Group had their first meeting. He thanked Mr. Ruurs for assigning Ralf Waters, CRD Engineer to the group.
- The SSITC is in active consultation with CRD headquarters on the web site for engaging the community on the matter of bus shelter design.
- BC Ferries has offered to meet with interested parties on SSI regarding the Fulford Masterplan.

The report was received for information.

##### **4.2 CRD Director Report**

W. McIntyre verbally reported the following items:

- The Community Economic Development Commission in the process of designing roundtable meetings for key activities on SSI. One of the key activities is Ganges Village. There is a consultant involved and the CED is hoping to have these roundtables scheduled in November 2012.
- In the Driftwood it was announced that the proposed governance study for SSI has been approved. The three elected officials, CAO of Islands Trust and CEO of CRD are engaged in the meetings. This will be a 14 step process. The goal is to provide the community with the information necessary to make a decision.

- There has been a St. Mary Watershed Working Group established that includes CRD staff, VIHA, Islands Trust and other stakeholders. The purpose is to get traction to address the source issues. The next steps include: to further research some of the watershed group models that exist – particularly the Nanaimo District and to explore the Islands Trust Mandate with regards to this issue. The group has good representation from senior staff of the stakeholders but there does not seem to be anyone who is taking responsibility for the health of the lake.
- The CRD has been looking at potentially taking over the role of Victoria transit. At the Transportation Select Committee the Mayor of North Vancouver presented some of the challenges that their District is experiencing. At the BC Municipalities Conference, Mr. Bennett expressed tremendous concern for infrastructure collapse in BC and the impact on taxpayers.

It was agreed that Mr. McIntyre would circulate a document regarding funding options for transportation initiatives.

**4.3 CRD Senior Manager EA**

**4.3.1 Project Report**

Mr. Ruurs provided the Project Status Report up to October 10, 2012. The report was received for information.

**4.4 Financial Reports**

The SSI Transit Monthly Revenue Report for Operating Period ending September 30, 2012 was received for information.

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The Capital Funds Report at September 30, 2012 was received for information.

The BC Transit Custom / Paratransit Monthly Statistical Summary Report was received for information.

D. McLennan advised that C. Perrins is doing a super job with these reports.

**5. Old Business**

**5.1 Case for Funding Transportation**

D. McLennan presented a Power Point presentation titled, “The Case for Transportation”. Following the presentation, the SSITC reached Consensus on the following recommendations for 2013:

- SSITC recommended the completion NGTP Phase Two: \$300,000 multi-use pathway in the school district (\$100,000

SSITC Taxpayer Requisition; \$100,000 Gas Tax Funds; \$100,000 Ministry of Transportation)

- SSITC recommended to support Partners Creating Pathways by funding \$15,000 towards the Rainbow Road project for which CRD has already obtained a MOT permit and competitive bids

Director McIntyre thanked the Chair for the presentation and noted that he would take the recommendations under consideration. He verbally expressed support for Phase Two of the NGTP.

- 5.2 Whims Road Pathway Maintenance  
It was generally agreed to table this item.

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- 5.3 Bus Shelter Design – Engaging the Community  
It was generally agreed to table this item.

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- 5.4 Ganges Sidewalks  
It was generally agreed to table this item.

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- 5.5 Road Maintenance on SSI  
It was generally agreed to table this item.

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**6. New Business**

- 6.1 Referral Islands Trust – 151 Rainbow Road  
A referral request for a rezoning application from R6 to C2 at 151 Rainbow Road was received for consideration.  
A Summary of the referral was provided.  
It was generally agreed to provide the following feedback to Islands Trust regarding the 151 Rainbow Road rezoning application:

- The referral is of particular interest to the SSITC because of the transportation implications.
- The NGTP prioritizes the construction of a sidewalk on the south side of Rainbow when adjacent properties are rezoned for commercial uses.
- The OCP calls for sidewalks to be provided with any new commercial development.
- There are three recent precedents for re-zoning applicants to make payments-in-lieu to the CRD for the construction of an eventual pathway/sidewalk on Rainbow Road.
- The SSITC is on record as to the priority to be given to the construction of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in the school district on one sides of Rainbow Road.
- MOT has advised CRD that ideally, it would like to see an overview plan for Ganges taking drainage issues into account

rather than be presented with applications for individual sidewalk segments.

- The SSITC has formed a Ganges Pathway/Sidewalk Working Group whose goal is:
  - To formulate a view on which areas might benefit most from sidewalk installation or improvement;
  - To develop a concept overview plan with an order of first priorities for consideration by the SSITC, Island Pathways, CRD, the Islands Trust and MOT.
- It may be reasonable to assume that Rainbow Road is likely to be a high priority based on the funding available and the time limit on that funding

It was generally agreed to post the J. Anderson report referring to the Rainbow Road pathways on the web site.

6.2 Letter – Climate Action Council

It was generally agreed to table this item.

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**7. Correspondence and Information Items**

There were no items for consideration at this time.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled on November 20, 2012.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by W. McIntyre, **SECONDED** by H. Swierenga,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 6:05 pm.

**CARRIED**