

**SALT SPRING TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
Notice of Meeting on **TUESDAY, November 20, 2012 at 4:00 PM**  
Portable Meeting Room, 145 Vesuvius Bay Rd, Salt Spring Island, BC

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**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Adoption of Minutes of October 16, 2012
3. Presentations/Delegations  
None
4. Reports
  - 4.1 Chair Report
  - 4.2 CRD Director Verbal Report
  - 4.3 CRD Senior Manager EA- Project Report Attached
  - 4.4 Financial Reports
  - 4.5 SSITC Budget for 2013- Verbal report
  - 4.6
5. Old Business
  - 5.1 Whims Road Pathway Maintenance
  - 5.2 Electric Charging Stations
  - 5.3 151 Rainbow Road- see project report (Item 1.9)
  - 5.4 Speed Limits-Verbal report from Working Group – Kees Visser
  - 5.5
6. New Business
  - 6.1 Invitation to meet with BCF Dave Hendry
  - 6.2 NGTP Phase II
  - 6.3 SSITC Meeting Dates for 2013
  - 6.2
7. Correspondence/Information
  - 7.1 E-mail-Bus Shelters
  - 7.2
8. Motion to Move in Camera in Accordance with the Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1):
  - (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality
9. Adjournment



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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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**DRAFT**

**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.
- Partners Creating Pathways is a partnership including PARC, SSITC, Trail and Nature Club and Island Pathways.

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.

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 Funding Transportation. Following the presentation, there was a discussion with the following highlighted items:

- 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
- SSITC recommended a referendum to increase SSITC requisition by approximately \$400,000 in order to fund Phases Three to Five of the NGTP

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.

**ITEM TABLED**

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

**ITEM TABLED**

- 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 both 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 multi-use 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**

Project	Comments	Budget (B) Donations (D) Actual (A)
<i>ITALICS - new information</i>		
<b>1. TRANSPORTATION</b>		
1.1 Partners Creating Pathways	<b><i>Project completed</i></b>	
1.2 Hereford Merchants Sign Request	Discussed with MoT and IT. Obtained sign standards and provided those to merchant representative. Merchants developing sign design. Staff will submit application. MoT to replace curbs that were damaged after design has been received. <b><i>Meeting held with merchants. Budget provided to them for installation costs and flower containers. Await their final design.</i></b>	
1.3 Ganges Hill/Regional Trail	Plans for the use of \$50,000 from Regional Parks for Ganges Hill cycling lanes have been discussed with the CRD Manager of Park Planning and Joshua F. It has been determined that a feasibility study and detailed design drawings can be prepared for that amount. As a result the project will be 'shovel' ready in case a cycling grant becomes available.	\$50,000 (B)
1.4 Parking in Fulford	Letter reviewed from Fulford resident asking for assistance from SSITC for the parking issue in Fulford. Chair and Manager met with Mr. Alan Goldin. Report to Commission on previous agenda. <b><i>Awaiting information from CRD Victoria Re: legalities of parking enforcement on Salt Spring Island</i></b>	
1.5 Commission Handbook	The SSITC Handbook will be updated to reflect the new SSI Admin structure and new protocol.	
1.6 CIPP Grant Program	A new grant program for BC Government funding for bicycle lanes has been announced. CRD has submitted an application for phase 1 of the NGTP under this program.	
1.7. N.G.T.P. 1 <sup>st</sup> Phase	On August 8 <sup>th</sup> the CRD Board approved the contract in the amount of +/- \$1.2 million for the development of bike lanes and pedestrian pathways along appr. 1 km of Lower Ganges Road. <b><i>Landscape contract completed. Notice to proceed with main contract to be issued 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> week of November.</i></b>	
1.8. 127 Rainbow Road	Mr. and Mrs. Todd have agreed to a similar amount as was set for 125 Rainbow Road to be put in a CRD reserve fund for when a pathway is developed in front of their property. This is in relation to their rezoning application to the Trust. <b><i>Funds provided to CRD and put in Reserve fund.</i></b>	
1.9. 151 Rainbow Road	<b><i>Islands trust has been advised of recommendation by the Transportation Commission via letter. Recommendation was to require funds for trail work similar to 125 and 127 Rainbow.</i></b>	
1.10. Rainbow path completion / grant Application	<b><i>A timeline has been established to develop the pathway along the southern side of Rainbow Road. 2013 grant application for drainage study as well as completion of study. 2014: in house design of pathway. 2015 construction of pathway</i></b>	
1.11. CRD Strategic Plan	<b><i>In October the new Strategic Plan for CRD 2012-2014 has been published. Available on the CRD website</i></b>	

Project	Comments	Budget (B) Donations (D) Actual (A)
<i>ITALICS - new information</i>		
1.12. CRD / SSITC website	<i>In October information was provided to CRD I.T. regarding the updating of the website</i>	
1.13. SSI Foundation Survey	<i>Earlier this year the SSI Foundation released the results of its community. Needs survey. The survey identifies as the highest community needs: Housing, Community Health services, Poverty, Agriculture and food supply and Children's Youth and Family services. Transportation came tenth on the list which was considerably lower than the 2008 survey which means that the general population considers that Transportation issues are being addressed</i>	

2. TRANSIT		
2.1 Painting of red marks for Vesuvius Ferry Parking Area	The Manager has arranged for BC Ferries to paint red lines/marks at the Vesuvius Ferry Parking area for the BC Transit Bus. <b>MoTI informed us that the painting will occur when a hill stabilization project is completed this fall.</b>	
2.2 Park N Ride Fulford Inn	The matter has been put on a back burner until real estate matters have been settled.	

Abbreviations:

CRD	Capital Regional District	RoW	Right-of-Way
MoT	Ministry of Transportation (Provincial)	SROW	Statutory Right-of-Way



**SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Operating Period ending October 31, 2012**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4**

**SSI TRANSIT**

	<b>2012 Y-T-D</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
<b>Sources of Income</b>		
Transit Passes	129,568	132,000
Requisition	82,000	82,000
Other	212	550
	<u>211,780</u>	<u>214,550</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
BC Transit	134,094	177,040
Maintenance	0	4,520
Advertising	0	4,500
CRD Allocations	13,028	15,420
General Administration	2,926	6,420
	<u>150,048</u>	<u>207,900</u>
Transfer to Capital Reserve	<u>5,542</u>	<u>6,650</u>
Total Expenses	<u>155,590</u>	<u>214,550</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>56,190</u>	<u>0</u>

**SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**Operating Period ending October 31, 2012**

**SSI TRANSPORTATION**

	<b>2012 Y-T-D</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>
<b>Sources of Income</b>		
Requisition	146,250	146,250
Other	233	620
	<u>146,483</u>	<u>146,870</u>
 <b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries - SSI Electoral Area Staff	3,529	0
Engineering	22,961	45,960
General Administration	17,800	16,550
CRD Allocations	7,222	19,850
	<u>51,512</u>	<u>82,360</u>
 <b>Transfer to Reserve Funds</b>		
NGVTMP	59,510	49,510
Pathways	15,000	15,000
	<u>74,510</u>	<u>64,510</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>126,022</u>	<u>146,870</u>
 Surplus/(Deficit)	 <u>20,461</u>	 <u>0</u>

## Tracey Shaver

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**From:** Kees Ruurs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 3:54 PM  
**To:** Tracey Shaver  
**Subject:** FW: Managers's Report - SSITC budget for 2013

Can you include this email in the TC package please.  
Thanks  
Kees

Just a quick update on the budget, although nothing is final yet until March 2013.

It appears that there might be a slight surplus (as of Oct. 31) for the 2012 expenditures by the end of the year..

The main problem with the SSI Transportation budget is that we are already at or near the top of the maximum allowable requisition. The requisition is (directed by the Establishment Bylaw) based in assessed value of the properties on Salt Spring. Those values have gone down last year and may again go down this year. If that is the case then we can't increase the budget. The new assessed values will become available in January and that will determine what the bottom line of the SSITC 2013 budget can look like.

The first draft of the 2013 budget was prepared in Victoria in September when I was not around. After a brief discussion with Wayne about it I have directed that the following changes be made:

- Increase the overall budget by 2% to follow the direction of the CRD Finance Committee. (that amounts only to an increase of about \$3,000.-)
- The budgeted travel expenses (at \$2,020) be cut in half, saving \$1,000.-
- We need to add salary for office staff (since it was not budgeted for it in 2012) in the amount of \$4,000.-
- We need to increase the amount for pathway maintenance from the budgeted amount of 3,370 to 3,500 due to the requirement to maintain the new pathway constructed this year.
- Include \$15,000.- for contribution to pathway development
- The transfer to Capital Reserve Fund is at approximately \$70,000.-. That is not enough for the second phase of the NGTP. However:
  - o Wayne has agreed to dedicate \$100,000.- from gas tax for the second phase
  - o The first phase is budgeted at \$1,548,165 and is expected to come in well under budget. The difference between the budgeted amount and final cost can be added to the second phase for the project. CRD staff will approach MoTI in March/April for their contribution of \$100,000.-.
- No final decision on a referendum but don't hold your breath. There are too many unknowns at this stage and let's get those 2 phases completed by the end of 2013 so we have something to show for the money.

**From:** Kees Ruurs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 4:04 PM  
**To:** Tracey Shaver  
**Subject:** FW: SSITC meeting 20nov12 - Whims Rd pathway

Please use this email exchange as the 'staff report' for this item on the agenda.

Thanks  
Kees

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On 7-Aug-12, at 9:09 PM, Jean Gelwicks wrote:

There is a little pathway from Whims road to Fernwood Rd. on North End Road. It was put in by MOT at the time, so I am told. Island Pathways paid to have the broom taken off of it a couple years back but we had nothing to do with it and can not afford to keep doing this. I think this is perhaps a question for the Commission. Who should keep up this little pathway? Lots of kids use it going to school. Thanks.

Jean

On 12/08/11 2:43 PM, Donald & Judy McLennan wrote:

Hi Jean

Is the pathway on MoT ROW?  
PARC and the SSITC usually divide responsibility for trails/pathways depending on whether they are located on MoT ROW?

Donald

On 20-Aug-12, at 2:11 PM, Jean Gelwicks wrote:

Yes, it is on MOT right of way. Jean

**From:** Donald & Judy McLennan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2012 5:19 PM  
**To:** Kees Ruurs  
**Cc:** Lorraine Brewster; SSI Transportation Commission  
**Subject:** Re: Whims Rd pathway

Kees

The e-mail string below is self-explanatory.  
If the Whims pathway is on MoT ROW, then perhaps it falls to the SSITC to make a recommendation to CRD as to its potential for further upkeep.  
Do you know the pathway in question?  
Should we bring the matter to the SSITC in September?

Donald

**From:** Kees Ruurs <kruurs@crd.bc.ca>  
**Date:** August 21, 2012 8:00:44 AM PDT (CA)  
**To:** Donald & Judy McLennan  
**Subject:** RE: Whims Rd pathway

Hi Donald,

Yes, I believe that pathway is on MoT RoW. Since it is/was MoT responsibility PARC never did anything with it. However I think your idea is a good one to bring it to the attention of the SSITC and suggest that CRD maintain it. Be aware that if that is accepted it will bring with it a cost for maintenance, just as PARC is charging the Transportation budget for the upkeep of the existing pathways.

September meeting might be a good time to bring it up since budget will be discussed.

Thank you

Kees

## **SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

### **STAFF REPORT TO SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> , 2012**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5.2**

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**Subject: Electric Charging Stations.**

#### **Purpose**

To advise the SSI Transportation Commission (SSITC) of the status of the electric charging station program and recommend a response to the request from Climate Action Salt Spring. (CAC)

#### **Background**

At a meeting on November 8, 2011 Director Hendren advised the Commission that the Provincial Government had announced a grant program to support electric vehicles in BC and plug-in facilities for them.

On March 13, 2012 Commissioner Nomi Lyonns was nominated to liaison between the SSITC and the CAC.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the chair of the SSITC directed a letter to Ms. Elizabeth White, coordinator of the CAC expressing support for the installation of one or more EV charging stations in Ganges by talking advantage of the BC Government funding opportunity.

On June 26 the Executive Director of ArtSpring forwarded a letter to the CAC that they supported the installation of 2 charging stations in the parking lot at ArtSpring. On October 22 2012 permission was given by the landlord (Capital Regional District) for the installation of 2 charging stations.

In its letter of June 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 ArtSpring stated that they understood that the costs of installation and labour needed to connect to the building would be borne by the CAC.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 a letter was received by the CAC from the Fraser Basin Council (the agency administering the grant program for the BC Government). The letter announced the award of a grant to CAC for 75% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$4,000.- per station under certain conditions. The deadline for all the paperwork to be in place was August 20<sup>th</sup>, the letter from the landlord did not get sent until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. That deadline has been extended till November 30<sup>th</sup>.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 CAC wrote to the SSITC that it is looking for commitments from community partners to assist with the project. Total capital costs are estimated to be no greater than \$16,000 plus in-kind donations estimated at \$3,200.-.

The CAC asked the SSITC to possibly support:

- 1) Providing public endorsement for the project and becoming an official partner
- 2) Providing a grant towards capital costs (local target \$8,800.-)
- 3) Holding liability insurance or supporting liability insurance payments for five years
- 4) Providing funds to cover ArtSpring's annual utility costs associated with use of the charging station and after a trial period of free use, collecting parking fees
- 5) Owning the charging stations

The item was put on the agenda of the SSITC meeting of October 16<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting the item was tabled.

The SSITC chair posed a number of questions to the CAC. In response to the questions it was learned that:

\*The CAC is hoping that the SSITC can provide public endorsement and partnership without specific funding commitment.

\* CAC is not in a position to sign the Contribution Agreement with the Fraser Basin Council unless the financial backing for the project is in place. (CRD will forward the application for funding to the Fraser Basin Council anyway prior to the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> deadline)

Throughout the Capital Regional District as many as 40 stations are being applied for. However none of these is financially supported by CRD (except for in-kind electrical inspections). All stations are either supported by a municipality or private organization or harbor authority. The liability insurance is being held by these municipalities and others and so are the responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the stations.

In further discussions with CRD staff involved in the program it has been learned that the application for the station at ArtSpring will be submitted with a note that \$8,000.- still needs to be fundraised. CRD staff does not expect that the application will be approved based on the fact that the funding is not in place.

### **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that:

- 1) the SSITC recommends to the Director that CAC be advised that CRD SSI supports, in principal, the application for funding to the Fraser Basin Council for a double charging station on Salt Spring Island.
- 2) the SSITC recommends to the Director that consideration be given to funding support in the 2013 budget in case another provincial grant program becomes available in 2013.
- 3) the SSITC recommends to the Director that SSI CRD staff explore other option with CRD staff responsible for the program to be able to respond more timely to future requests for support.



Kees Ruurs  
Senior Manager CRD  
Salt Spring Island

In effort to coordinate staff resources and provide accurate financial reports, the following dates are proposed for the 2013 regular public monthly meetings.

Please confirm start time and length of meetings

## Calendar for year 2013 (Canada)

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**From:** Donald McLennan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012 3:43 PM  
**To:** Tracey Shaver  
**Subject:** SSITC meeting 20nov12 - agenda package

Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
Agenda November 20, 2012  
Item 7.1

Please include this exchange under correspondence in the agenda package.  
Thank you.

Donald

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 10, 2012 1:07 PM  
**To:** SSI Transportation Commission  
**Subject:** bus stops..

Think it is a great idea having bus stops but first you might consider making the main busstop downtown able to hold a lot more people...it is the main pickup for the most passengers and to have enough room for two people is crazy..with our weather in the winter time, you go wait for the bus and stand out in the weather while a couple get to stay out of the rain.....I don't mind even paying higher taxes for a bus service on ssi. Have talked to many others and they feel the same way.

Dennis Andrews

**From:** Donald McLennan [REDACTED]  
**Date:** November 11, 2012 10:15:58 AM PST (CA)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** SSI Transportation Commission <ssitc@crd.bc.ca>, Myrna Moore <myrna\_moore@bctransit.com>, Kees Ruurs <kruurs@crd.bc.ca>, Wayne McIntyre <directorssi@crd.bc.ca>, John Wakefield [REDACTED], Ineke de Jong <sstransit@telus.net>  
**Subject:** Re: bus shelters

Dear Dennis

I wish to thank you for your message below. Your expression of willingness to consider paying higher taxes to support our community bus system is a welcome sentiment. I am glad to hear that you believe many others feel the same way. While no transit-related tax increase is contemplated in the short term, there is no question that such an increase will have to be contemplated in the longer term if the public wants to see SS Transit expand and as replacement buses are required.

The Transportation Commission welcomes all enquiries regarding our award-winning bus system on Salt Spring.

SS Transit, its operator Ineke de Jong and its loyal stable of friendly drivers are doing an exceptionally fine job of building ridership and building loyalty as a first class transportation system. Salt Springers are rightly proud of this ever-building success story for the following reasons:

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- Salt Spring Transit received an award from the Canadian Urban Transit Association for outstanding performance and exceptional service. To achieve this in its first year of operation is rare and noteworthy
- passenger volumes have shown exponential growth since the launch of the service
- BC Transit characterizes SS Transit as the most “productive” small bus system in the entire province; in other words, SS Transit has the best ridership per capita in BC for small bus systems

In fact, SS Transit has been so successful, we now find that requests for new service are outstripping our ability to fund them.

Last summer, with the needed and much appreciated support of BC Transit and the CRD, a huge service expansion was introduced including:

- Sunday service
- Holiday service
- additional trips to meet ferries in Fulford and Vesuvius
- extra service to Fernwood

Here is a summary of annual ridership numbers:

- 2009 - 56,760
- 2010 - 63,396
- 2011 - 81,787
- 2012 - estimated further 15 to 20% increase

You may be right that the shelter at the Visitor Centre is now too small for the increasing traffic. We will certainly take this into account as we plan for the building of two new shelters at Crofton and Lower Ganges Road in the year ahead. Building shelters and expanding the system are always a matter of funding which is of course where our collective tax dollars figure into the picture.

Thank you once again for your very supportive message.  
With kind regards.

Donald McLennan, Chair  
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