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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission
Held May 25, 2015, Public Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Robin Williams (Chair), Kevin Bell, Rod Martens, Nigel Denyer, Scott Simmons
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Erin Jory, Recording Secretary
Absent: Ross Simpson (Vice-Chair), Gregg Dow

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. Commissioner Simmons introduced himself as a new Commissioner and provided his background in community endeavours.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Simmons, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Bell,
That the agenda be approved by deleting Item 3.2 and moving Item 3.3 BC Transit reports in its place, and adding Item 3.3 Route 1 Fares.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of May 4, 2015

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,
That the minutes of May 4, 2015 are approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1. Jenny McClean

Ms. McClean made a verbal report on continued overloaded buses from Fulford as well as pass ups along the way, which cause expense and inconvenience for locals, and the need for more service/capacity on this route to alleviate overloads and schedule disruptions.

3.2. Myrna Moore and Bob Hall, BC Transit, re: BC Transit 2015-2016 Annual Operating Agreement and Budget and other related matters.

A general discussion took place, and Ms. Moore and Mr. Hall responded as follows:

- Increased ridership post-April causes pass-ups along routes. Picking up pass-ups to bring to Ganges is part of the process of Transit Service Review (i.e: growth of ridership).
- Salt Spring has four buses in fleet, two for peak times, and a third bus available on Saturday afternoons to accommodate Fulford Ferry overloads and additional passengers along the route. Solution is either larger capacity vehicle or additional vehicle.
- To order replacement buses BC Transit needs direction from CRD Board and then requires a nine-month turnaround.

3.3. Route 1 Fares

- Commission wants to improve cost per passenger. Create hop-on hop-off fare structure.
- Request that BC Transit report on how transfer policy works between routes - BC Transit will look at this.
- BC Transit works with three-year plan subject to provincial funding; in next budget, current three-year plan is to hold steady 2015-2016 Operating Budget. Ministry of Finance presently doing internal audit of BC Transit.
- Efficiencies considered: annual operating costs, current vehicles on the ground, higher cost for lower performing rides per hour (i.e. take away either nighttime or early morning run).

4. Reports

4.1. Director

- Transportation Select Committee to include marine transportation.
- May 6th meeting with BC Ferries/Senior Management- Fulford traffic diverted off road – bicycle/pedestrian path will be up to CRD Commissions and Salt Spring Island taxpayers for funding.
- Gave opening remarks at the BC Nature Conference held.
- Issued a Request for Proposals for the Salt Spring Island Governance Study for consultation in two parts: costing and community engagement.
- Permanent online dog licence system put in place.
- Attended strategic decision making process meeting for Salt Spring Watershed Protection Authority and developed strategies to present to the public.

4.2. Chair

- Components of bus shelter are on verge of completion; spoke to artist today about sandblasted moonsnail design, which is near completion.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1. South Salt Spring Seniors

Chair reported on meeting with group, and petition provided requesting following:

- rides by request (Handidart);
- Fulford parking;
- Chair will approach taxi owners to discuss options for point-to-point service in Handidart-style vehicle.

6. New Business

6.1. BC Transit Monthly Revenue Report

Report presented for consideration.

7. Motion to Close the Meeting

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Simmons,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission close the meeting 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.

The Commission closed the meeting at 5:34pm.
The Commission rose from the closed session at 5:59pm without report.

8. Next Meeting: June 22, 2015 4-6 pm, Salt Spring Public Library

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER