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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission
Held July 27, 2015, Public Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring**

Present: **Director:** Wayne McIntyre
Commission Members: Robin Williams (Chair), Rod Martens, Nigel Denyer,
Scott Simmons, Ross Simpson, Gregg Dow (4:48 via telephone), Seth Wright
Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Erin Jory, Recording Secretary

Chair Williams welcomed Seth Wright to the commission and called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of July 27, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 22, 2015

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission minutes of June 22, 2015 be amended by removing Keith Wahlstrom as being present at the meeting, and approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

3.1. David Grayson – Ganges Harbour Properties

Mr. Grayson requested financial support from the Commission for improvements to the property he co-owns and manages on Fulford-Ganges Road (“Gasoline Alley”) for the installation of a sidewalk and landscaping along the road right of way.

3.2. Harold Swierenga re: BC Ferries Update

- Salt Spring Island will benefit from new ships, currently under construction, in late 2016 and early 2017.
- Integration of Route 5 and Route 5(a) into Route 9 and Route 9(a) will provide additional direct sailings from Long Harbour and fewer stops on non-direct sailings. A computer model created at Simon Fraser University, utilizing purely objective criteria, was instrumental in these decisions.
- Overpass connection at Swartz Bay: BC Ferries is committed to looking into guaranteed boarding for passengers travelling through Swartz Bay between Tsawwassen, Salt Spring Island the Outer Gulf Islands.
- Fulford terminal upgrade: Initially three phases contemplated, with completion by 2030. Delays in the first phase resulted in accelerating phase three to within the next few years. Involves purchase of private residence, and fill in slope on existing land owned by BC Ferries. Proposed diagram presented. BC Ferries confirmed that construction to commence in 2018 for completion by the summer of 2019.
- BC Ferries Public Meeting schedule on August 24, 2015 at the Harbour House.

3.3. Kathy Scarfo, Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI) re: Manson Road

- Jim Heath introduced as operations manager, commenced January 13, 2014.
- Kathy Scarfo formerly chaired Salt Spring Transportation Commission, BC Ferries Advisory Committee, and Coast Wide Committee for Isabella Road ferry proposal (as an extension of the Fulford terminal).
- Reviewed the report Public Access to Manson Road and Adjacent Infill Foreshore dated June 10, 2015 (and recommendations); noted that public access is in HASSI's charter.
- Challenge is recognizing existing needs of HASSI to conduct operations. Keep HASSI's needs and ability to access water and dock, and conduct public safety concerns, are addressed.
- HASSI initiated mediated stakeholder meetings to accommodate a plaza concept on Manson Road; report thwarted this process with recommendations to only address public access.
- Requesting that HASSI's needs be recognized, as the issue is one of vehicular traffic, not only pedestrian traffic.
- HASSI holds lease over land.

4. Reports

4.1. Director

- Attended several governance committee meetings; drafted key elements of Community Engagement Plan. Cost of governance study completed by September 30, 2015. The entire study completed by March 31, 2016.
- CRD Transportation Select Committee:
 - Regional initiative, Salt Spring to remain as is.
 - Transportation bylaw for Salt Spring is flexible.
 - CRD Transportation Committee will include water and trail transportation; water will also reference ferries and regional will also involve trails.
- Ganges Sewer: referendum approved with 90% in favour to fund \$3.9 million over twenty years. Average resident living within the Ganges sewer area will pay approximately an additional \$179. If grant is received, total cost will be reduced by two-thirds.
- Kraft Project Play Program: Salt Spring Island Tennis Association made a successful bid for one of four \$25,000 prizes. Unlimited voting for \$250,000 grand prize starts on August 17, 2015.

4.2. Chair

Spoke with Todd Stone of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at a recent event and extended invitation to visit Salt Spring in the near future.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1. Nancy Kreig – Canada 150 Design Concept re: Peck's Cove

- Presentation of proposed design concept for active transportation hub at Peck's Cove, connected to Harbours End Pathway into Rotary Park, including overlook and views to harbour, and pathway to proposed seawalk. Bike parking, information map for pedestrian/bike pathways, exterior lift, seating area and beverage cart proposed.

- Features will include storytelling, interpretive panels depicting Cyrus Peck, displaying Victoria Cross, Salish Sea and tidal pool information, as well as school art project, with seasonal and drought resistant plants and no lawn.
- Public consultation can be conducted once funding is obtained.
- First Nations will be included in concept.
- Land surveys required, engineer and marine biologist consulted.
- Staff provided amended Capital Plan for reference:
 - Gas tax funds available for Rainbow Road (\$475,000);
 - Refer to Lower Ganges Road as either upland side or harbour side;
 - Preliminary costing for harbour side pathway is \$840,000 (with 35% towards engineering).

Commissioner Dow left the meeting at 5:34 pm.

5.2. Rainbow Road-Update –Commissioner Simpson

Phillip Grange, Richard Shead, and Commissioner Simpson attended site, and agreed on a two-metre wide path with stabilized shoulders within Ministry of Transportation right of way. Prevent disturbance of tree root systems in front of high school. Agreed to return to Polaris Surveyors, ask for copies of electronic .pdf forms and ask for additional survey of trees (approximately \$2000 to \$3000). Acquire survey plans for Lower Ganges Road.

5.3. Electric Vehicle Group-Request to support electric vehicle network on Salt Spring Island

General discussion with suggestions that Tesla is giving away free chargers and outlet could be made exclusive with adapters for electric bicycles.. No motion made in support of request.

5.4. Bus Shelter Update

- Total cost for the bus shelter in front of Country Grocer is \$19,500.
- Future bus shelters will be budget-minded, not art-minded.
- Put on agenda for next meeting.
- BC Transit website shows basic shelters are \$5,700 before site preparation.

6. New Business

6.1. Uber Cars

Commissioner Simmons explained Uber concept; generally agreed that Commission Simmons speak with BC Transit operator and bring back information to next meeting.

6.2. BC Transit Annual Performance

No discussion.

7. Next Meeting: September 28, 2015, 4-6 pm, Salt Spring Public Library

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER