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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission
Held January 23, 2017, Portlock Park Meeting Room, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC**

Present: **CRD Director:** Wayne McIntyre
 Commission Members: Robin Williams, Ross Simpson, Nigel Denyer, Seth Wright, Rod Martens, Shellie Barrett
 Staff: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Electoral Area; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.
 Absent: Bill Cote
 Guest: Ineke de Jong

Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with an introduction from the newest member of the Commission, Shellie Barrett.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Karla Campbell called for nominations for the Chair. Director McIntyre nominated Robin Williams and Commissioner Simpson seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Commissioner Williams accepted the position of Chair for the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission with unanimous vote.

Chair Williams then called for nominations for the Vice Chair Position. Chair Williams nominated Ross Simpson and Director McIntyre seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Commissioner Simpson accepted the position of Vice Chair with unanimous vote.

Chair Williams continued to lead the remainder of the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Denyer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett ,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of January 23,
2017 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes of November 28, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Simpson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Minutes of January 23, 2017
be approved.

CARRIED

4. Delegation/Presentation

4.1 No registered delegations

5. Director and Chair Reports

5.1 Director McIntyre briefly reported on the following:

- CRD has been given the right to occupy the small portion of Manson Rd leading to the harbour by the Ministry of Transportation.
- Director McIntyre participates on the following CRD Committees as well several local commissions and special interest groups; Electoral Area Service, Environmental Services, Governance, Hospitals and Housing, Transportation, CREST, Capital Regional Housing Corporation Board, Emergency Management, Ferry Advisory, Regional Housing Trust Fund.
- CRD Affordable housing project on Drake Road: investigations into alternative water source going forward with development of terms of reference for release of a Request for Proposal. Community Regional Housing Corporation has listed this project as a priority for funding.

5.2 Chair Williams briefly reported on:

- Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee-seeking public member and confirmation of a volunteer project manager.
- State of Hawaii has innovative traffic management ideas-more information to come.
- Harbour Authority to have an Open House on January 28, 2017 from 2-4pm at Lions Hall.

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 BC Transit – Fare Structure Review

- Ineke de Jong was invited to join the discussion as the operator of the local bus system.
- Discussion on the merits of raising or lowering the various proposed rates and bus passes.
- Effect of rate changes considered in relation to the service delivery for the bus drivers.

MOVED by Commissioner Wright, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommends that
BC Transit lower the price of the (10) tickets to \$20.00.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Wright, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Martens,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommends that
BC Transit lower the price of the Day Pass to \$4.50.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Simpson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,

That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommends that BC Transit Staff be directed to implement a new service to allow the purchase of Day Passes on the Salt Spring Island buses.

CARRIED

6.2 North Ganges Transportation Management Plan-Verbal Update

- JE Anderson has been contracted to prepare civil engineering works:
 - update the previous JE Anderson designs along Lower Ganges Road from Upper Ganges to Rainbow and around to Kanaka Road to install a sidewalk and cycling lane.
 - Prepare designs for intersection improvements at Lower and Upper Ganges Road; include a left turn refuge/accelerator lane from Upper Ganges heading south; cross walks and pedestrian refuge areas to move pedestrians from the east side of Lower Ganges Road to the west side where sidewalks will be located; and to tie in to previously constructed works uphill of the intersection.
 - JE Anderson will provide a presentation to the commission once the designs are complete.

7. New Business

7.1 Transit Advertising

- BC Transit has approached the Transportation Commission to see if there is any interest in subsidizing the local transit system with revenue generated by BC Transit advertising program.
- Staff to investigate details of the advertising program and report back for further consideration.

7.2 Salt Spring Island Support for establishment of a CRD Transportation Service

Director McIntyre provided background information on the suggested transportation model the regional district is considering.

- SSI is not part of the CRD Regional Growth Strategy because we are under the jurisdiction of Islands Trust.
- SSI has a separate pedestrian and cycling master plan.
- SSI will remain in control of the successful local transit service.
- Continue efforts to enhance the links between all the islands with water transportation initiatives.

- Director McIntyre will not support any budget increases without a benefit to Salt Spring.

8. Next meeting

February 27, 2017 at Portlock Park Meeting Room at 4:30 pm.

9. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Denyer,
That the meeting adjourn at 6:10 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER