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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
Held February 27, 2017, Portlock Park Meeting Room, 145 Vesuvius Bay Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC**

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

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Denyer, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of February 27, 2017 be amended and approved with the following changes: Presentation by Harold Swierenga to be rescheduled, two new delegations to be listed as item 3.1 Helen Hinchliff, item 3.2 Jenny McClean and the addition of Item 6.5 Harbour End Kiosk.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of January 23, 2017**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Simpson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cote,  
That the minutes of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting of January 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

New Commissioner Bill Cote briefly introduced himself highlighting his background.

**3. Delegation/Presentation**

**3.1 Helen Hinchliff**

Ms. Hinchliff provided information on her experiences around the Ganges Core area relating to uneven and hazardous payment conditions. Her concern is for loss of mobility from falls and their potential impact on the health system. The Commission provided feedback on some recent efforts to address several known areas and the major challenges involved in fixing them.

**3.2 Jenny McClean**

Ms. McClean presented her opinion on why a family pass is needed for Salt Spring Transit and requested the Commission consider a trial run of a family fare to see if it is needed.

#### 4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

##### 4.1 Director McIntyre briefly reported on the following:

- CRD grant in aid approved for the SSI Historical Society to improve storage conditions for their items in the library.
- Drake Road Affordable Housing- Hydrology study to be conducted to seek alternative water source for project due to NSSWD moratorium on connecting to their system.
- Inter-island water transportation study to be conducted to establish viability of using existing infrastructure to improve the linkage of communities.
- CRD Governance Committee is seeking enhanced web streaming of meetings to increase quality, access and transparency.
- Electoral Area Service Committee is recommending to the CRD Board to allow approval of electronic participation in meetings under specific guidelines.
- Regional Parks holding an open house meeting here on March 9<sup>th</sup> regarding Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan.

##### 4.2 Chair Williams

- Spoke about reviewing the Dragonfly housing project on Drake Road
- Attended Harbour Authority (HASSI) open house
- Transportation Commission has an opportunity to coordinate the efforts of PARC's Centennial Master Plan, work being done by David Grayson (owner of gasoline alley property) and MoTI to improve traffic flow and mobility issues along Fulford Ganges Road.

#### 5. Outstanding Business

##### 5.1 BC Transit Fare Structure Review-Family Pass

The Commission briefly discussed transit fares of various systems who include a family pass fare structure.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Denyer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wright,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission request BC Transit to implement a Family Pass trial offer to be reviewed at the end of one year with the following fare structure:

One (1) adult over 19 years of age can bring along four (4) children under the age of 12 for free subject to available seating space. The fare is available for parents and guardians with a valid monthly, day or BC Bus pass, but does not apply to cash fares or tickets.

**DEFEATED**

Upon further discussion the following amended motion was passed.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Simpson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Wright,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission request BC Transit to implement a Family Pass trial offer to be reviewed at the end of six months with the following fare structure:

One (1) adult over 19 years of age can bring along Two (2) children under the age of 12 for free subject to available seating space. The fare is available for parents and guardians with a valid monthly, day or BC Bus pass, but does not apply to cash fares or tickets.

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 NGTP: Crosswalks at Upper Ganges Road**

Staff displayed three engineering drawings with crosswalk options added by hand to help visualize the connections to pathways along the high side and harbour side of Lower Ganges Road.

After consideration of the crosswalk options and difficulties associated with each, the Commission requested that staff work with JE Anderson and Ministry of Transportation to seek permission for a mid-block crosswalk. This crosswalk would be located between Park Drive and Upper Ganges and connect into the south end of Pecks Cove Park property. This option would effectively provide traffic calming while linking the safe pathway system on the upper side of Lower Ganges Road back to the harbour side and all the way to Long Harbour Road.

## **5.3 Correspondence-Weston re: Route Extention**

Staff provide respond regarding BC Transit's response.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 Transit:** Brief review of transit issues

- a. New service changes- fare changes, extra bus service on Saturdays between Ganges and Fulford.
- b. Storm Service Notification- Email notification option
- c. Bus Pullout at Fulford Ganges Road- request to add a safe bus pullout area

**MOVED** by Commissioner Williams, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Cote,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission request staff to work with BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation towards the establishment of a bus pull out along Fulford Ganges Road on the upper side across from Arnell Road.

**CARRIED**

- d. Special Transit Service Request Process- notification of procedure.
- e. Revenue Report-reviewed for information

### **6.2 Traffic Calming – Ganges Village**

Traffic calming ideas from other areas of the world were discussed. Any trial uses of road paint to visually narrow the car lanes would need to be supported by the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*.

### **6.3 Scooter Brochure**

Island Pathways developed a brochure with safety tips and mapped routes for scooters and mobility challenged individuals.

**6.4 Regional Parks-Gulf Islands Regional Trails Plan**

CRD Regional Parks will be hosting an open house on March 9, 2017 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm at Artspring. The event is to provide background information and seek input from the community on proposed trail routes and prioritize routes.

**6.5 Harbour End Kiosk**

Commissioner Denyer requested information on the maintenance of the solar light system and the power consumption. Commissioner Denyer volunteered to evaluate the BC Hydro billing information to determine the net metering.

**7. Next Meeting- March 27, 2017 at 4:30 pm in the Portlock Park Meeting Room**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED** By Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Williams,  
That the meeting adjourn at 6:00 pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**