

This organized gathering would also provide an opportunity for event volunteers to collect data and open the idea to the community for rethinking the use of the space.

The Ministry of Transportation is requiring evidence of community support prior to granting the road closure permit. Consideration of re-routing the bus loop for that route and time period is also needed.

3.3 Valerie Perkins re: Bus Shuttle Service to Saturday Market

Ms. Perkins represents the Saturday Market Farm and Food Vendors Group and presented several ideas to consider as proactive ways to manage the congestion in the downtown core during the summer on Saturday Market days.

Specifically they are asking the Transportation Commission to consider a Park & Ride service from the Islands Trust offices to the downtown core and support for closing the road in front of Centennial Park on Summer Saturdays to expand space for the farm and food vendors.

3.4 Harold Swierenga re: Ferry Advisory Committee

Mr. Swierenga has been participating on the Ferry Advisory Committee for many years representing the Salt Spring Island residents. The committee members review and provide input on proposed changes to routes, schedules and ferry class assignments.

Fulford Ferry Terminal Upgrade

- Project continues with the completion of land acquisition.
- Next steps are environmental and cultural consultations, design work and permits.
- Construction is anticipated to start in 2019 and be completed by the 2020 summer season.
- All work will be done on BC Ferry property
- Concept is to have the loading lanes below town sight line on filled shoreline, provide pick up and drop off area for foot passengers and BC transit use.

Changes for next year

- Vesuvius route will see less car deck space however will have a higher weight limit

4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

4.1 Director McIntyre briefly reported on:

- Waste Management-follow up meeting with local stakeholders regarding composting
- Recent meeting with Salt Spring Island Watershed Authority reviewed a study of mapped water tables
- Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee has contracted with Wayne Lee as the project manager.
- Regional Housing Trust Fund contributed \$510,000 towards the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) Croftonbrook project

- Salt Spring Island/Southern Gulf Islands Integrated Service Review adopted by the Board; includes further investigation into passenger ferry linking islands

4.2 Chair Williams briefly reported on:

Attended a recent Chamber event hosting the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Minister toured the island on a local transit bus and spoke with many residents

4.3 Commissioner Cote briefly reported on:

Mr. Cote has been working towards getting an international point of entry designation for Ganges Harbour. Currently the nearest Canadian Boarder Service Agency (CBSA) is in Sidney. CBSA's main criteria is enough traffic volume to warrant a facility and Salt Spring does qualify. Having the service available on Salt Spring would allow boaters and float plane visitors to come directly to the island from the US. The main barrier is now finding a location for the service as it must be stand alone dock and away from domestic flight services.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Motion presented for consideration:

Very short notice was given to the Chamber regarding a date for the Ministry of Transportation to visit the Island. A request was considered by the Chair and Director to allow the local bus service to be used to transport Minister Stone on a tour of the island.

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission ratifies the Special Transit Service Request from March 28, 2017 to transport the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure on a tour of Salt Spring Island.

CARRIED

Commissioner Wright, Marten and Barrett Opposed

5.2 Bus pull out changes to accommodate additional bus

With the new bus coming and expanding services, consideration needs to be given to where and how to accommodate a main bus stop / transfer station.

Temporary solution is to extend the no parking along the current location in front of the Visitors Centre.

Long term plans will need to consider bus design elements, space needs and function for independent arrival and departures.

Potential locations:

- Jackson Ave adjacent to ArtSpring and across from Peace Park
- Seaview Ave adjacent to sewage treatment plant
- North of the Visitor Centre and adjacent to Rotary Park
- South of Park Drive on Lower Ganges Road

Update on request for bus pull out at Arnell Way and Fulford Ganges Road. BC Transit Staff are working with MoTI to see if this qualifies for a Minor Betterment Application process.

5.3 BC Transit Monthly Revenue Report – received for information

5.4 Status Update on North Ganges Transportation Plan

Drainage plans for corner of Rainbow Rd and Lower Ganges

- Outfall pipe will need a SRoW over the Farmer's Institute (FI) property
- Initial response from FI was positive as the plans would keep the open view corridor on the property and eventually connect with the boardwalk project
- FI will present request for SRoW to their members in May
- Commissioner Simpson requests consideration be given to increase the drain intake and pipe dimensions to mitigate flooding.

Relocation of Mailboxes

- Staff will be meeting with Canada Post to negotiate relocation of mailboxes in favour of pathway alignment.

Intersection Upper/Lower Ganges Road

- Staff will be seeking ways to remove topographical constraints to alleviate the delays and congestion at intersections along Lower Ganges road with left turn accelerator lanes.

6. New Business

6.1 Request for letter of support re: "We are Salt Spring" project

Greg Klassen is continuing to seek funding for his art project which was previous proposed for Canada 150 Celebrations. He is requesting another letter of support for a grant from Canada Council for the Arts.

MOVED by Commissioner Martens, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Simpson,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission provide a letter of support for the "We are Salt Spring" project proposed by Greg Klassen.

CARRIED

6.2 Proposal by Mr. Bob MacKie to close a portion of the Fulford Ganges Road for Saturday Market.

MOVED by Commissioner Wright, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Martens
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission provides endorsement of the road closure for the Bike to Work Week event on June 3, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm in front of Centennial Park.

Motion was withdrawn

Discussion points

- Traffic engineering study for safety
- Adding congestion to an already congested area without community consultation
- Would need to petition the businesses affected to determine support

- MoTI will consider support area road closure if there is full support of the CRD, Islands Trust, Businesses and the community
- The request is too short notice and without proper community consultation

7. Next Meeting:

May 29, 2017 at 4:30 pm at Portlock Park

8. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Simpson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,
That the meeting adjourn at 6:40 pm

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER