Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission
Held September 24, 2018 SSI Public Library, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC

Present:  
CRD Director: Wayne McIntyre  
Commission Members: Robin Williams, Shellie Barrett, Dal Brickenden, Rhonan Heitzmann  
Staff: Dan Ovington, Acting Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary.

Absent:

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm with a brief self-introduction from recently appointed Commissioner Heitzmann.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Barrett, SECONDED by Commissioner Heitzmann, That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of September 24, 2018 be amended and approved by adding a delegation under item 3.2 Island Pathways.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes of June 25, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Barrett, SECONDED by Commissioner Brickenden, That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Minutes of June 25, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Delegation/Presentation

3.1 Krumbach Bus Shelters- Robin Williams

Chair Williams briefly described his recent trip to Austria and a small town with unique bus stops obtained through a global contest. Due to equipment failure, pictures of the shelters were unavailable at the meeting.

Chair Williams is proposing establishment of a twin city with the association being our unique transit system and their unique bus shelters.

Item to be brought forward to next meeting.

3.2 Island Pathways

Mr. McLennan presented information on plans to complete an interpretive signage project along the Ganges Village Pathway Network.
• Funding source Heritage BC Grant
• Metal stands designed and fabricated locally
• Proposed locations: Okano Creek on Atkins Rd, graveyard along Lower Ganges Rd, Framer’s Institute for Brittencourt Museum, estuary area along Fulford Ganges Rd

4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

4.1 Director McIntyre briefly reported on the following:
• Bike Park opening
• SSI Water Protection Alliance strategic planning
• Grant in Aid award to marine search and rescue for beacons
• Destination Marketing and Management Organization approved for Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands- implement a hotel tax to support marketing of the islands in the off season.
• Ganges Sewer project; on time and budget
• Library Board meetings
• Town hall housing meeting with Adam Olson
• CRD supports 2019 budgets
• Presentation on the use of biochar for reforestation

4.2 Commissioner Brickenden briefly reported on bus shelter project:
• No new submissions over the summer
• Several designs already exist
• Considering merits of opening competition to off island for potential collaboration with architecture firms or schools
• Holding off for input from new CRD director

4.3 Chair Williams briefly discussed the following:
• Items for follow up with CRD CAO; letter to Commission and Regional Parks
• Parking study underway
• Meeting with MoTI – roadlines unfortunate and will be fixed, interested in coordinating Ganges Hill and Drake Road intersection improvement projects, repair costs for Walkers Hook and Isabella Point Road over 2 million.
• Myrna Lee Johnston recommended for approval to the CRD Board for appointment to the Commission

Commissioner Heitzmann questioned road work priorities in relation to the top of Dukes road. To be brought forward to next meeting.

5. Outstanding Business

5.1 Drake Road Priority Improvements and Emergency Access

This item relates to a delegation request from Dragonfly Commons to improve Drake Road. The Chair advised that MoTI will be coordinating with CRD on intersection improvements and any potential works relating to development. Consideration should be given to coordination with any expansion of Ganges Sewer in the Drake Road area.
5.2 IWAV Croftonbrook Housing Project-Request for Route 1 Expansion

This item relates to several delegations and or presentations requesting the extension of Route 1 to provide service for senior residents in anticipation that the proposed affordable housing and the end of Corbett Road is developed.

- CRD staff have requested that BC Transit consider this request when making adjustments to Route 1.
- Route 1 already provides service to an area densely populated by seniors and is the lowest performing.
- The Chair advised that service review and growth planning will take place later this year.
- IWAV has requested that the service change be coordinated to start in the fall of 2019.

5.3 Walkers Hook Route Ridership

Staff queried BC Transit to see if the changes made early this year to accommodate the road closure around Walkers Hook had an impact on ridership. Transit staff responded that the route continues to see a lower ridership of about 4 to 5 per day.

5.4 NGTP Status Update

- Archeological work being completed with permits anticipated to be in place by end of October.
- Construction tender to be released in November for an early 2019 start.

5.5 Booth Canal to Vesuvius Bay Road Pathway Status Update

- Engineering design RFP will be reviewed next week.
- Preliminary budget has engineering technician in place.

6. New Business

6.1 Islands Trust Referral-Bylaw 510 & 511 re: 155 Rainbow Road

- Rezoning will increase value of property
- OCP identifies sidewalks as amenities
- Previous properties along Rainbow Rd have contributed to fund for future development of sidewalks.

MOVED by Commissioner Heitzmann, SECONDED by Director McIntyre, That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommends approval of bylaw 510 and 511 subject to the condition that the property owner provide a sum of money to the Capital Regional District equivalent to the cost of a sidewalk fronting both properties to be held in trust until such time that the community can develop the area.

CARRIED
6.2 BC Transit Monthly Revenue Report
Up $5,000 to date over last year; report received for information.

6.3 Interpretive Signage – Island Pathways Project
Commission is in support of project.

MOVED by Commissioner Brickenden, SECONDED by Commissioner Heitzmann,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission is in support of the Island
Pathways Heritage BC Interpretive Sign program and the placement of kiosks on
Ministry of Transportation lands pending permit approval.

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting: October 29, 2018 at 4:10 pm at the Library

8. Adjournment

MOVED By Director McIntyre, SECONDED by Commissioner Brickenden,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:12 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

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SENIOR MANAGER