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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
Held June 24, 2019, SSI Public Library, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC**

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**Present:** **CRD Director:** Gary Holman  
**Commission Members:** Gary Lehman, Shellie Barrett, Myna Lee Johnston,  
**Staff:** Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Electoral Area; Dan Ovington, Manager, Parks and Recreation; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary  
**Absent:** Rhonan Heitzmann  
**Participants:** John Hicks, CRD Senior Transportation Planner; Myrna Moore, BC Transit Senior Manager, Government Relations; Seth Wright BC Transit Planner

Director Holman assumed the position of Chair and Commissioner Hopp has resigned.  
Director Holman called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Lehman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of June 24, 2019 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of April 29, 2019**

Several items from minutes were reviewed for update.

- Item 3.2: Staff will report back with a recommendation on a recent delegation request for the Transportation Commission to obtain SRoW for Whims Road pathway and provide maintenance.
- Item 4.1: Commissioner Johnston continues to obtain petition signatures for reduced speeds.
- Item 5.2: Director Holman investigating the ability of the CRD to receive unsolicited designs for a bus shelter
- Item 6.2: Staff provided a written response to correspondence requesting crosswalk at Jackson and McPhillips Ave
- Item 6.5: Saturday Shuttle Service being operated by Country Grocer. Pick up and drop off space in front of Centennial Park. Service is slowly being recognized.
- Tour de Iles- Southern Gulf Islands are conducting a feasibility study towards an Outer Island Transportation Commission which could in compass water taxi service between the islands.

**MOVED** by Director Johnson, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Minutes of April 29, 2019 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Delegation/Presentation**

**3.1 Presentation - BC Transit –Transit Planning 101**

Transit Staff provided an overview of the structure, funding and service models for BC Transit. Salt Spring Island Transit performance statistics were reviewed and the

Commission had the opportunity to discuss issues in preparation for planning future service expansion.

- Expansion suggestions were developed in 2015 through public consultation process
- Review of route maps; Transit staff to confirm use of Robinson Road
- Too late in planning process to add additional bus to local fleet for next year
- Any planned expansion of services are dependent on Provincial funding agreements
- BC Transit is investing in larger format electric buses as this is where the technology is currently focused; not yet appropriate for rural areas
- Option for a flexible Ganges local shuttle and rural transit trip windows discussed; working well in other BC Transit service areas. Described as a call in service which deviates from regular route to pick up and drop off less mobile patrons. Potential use for new residents at end of Corbett Road once housing is constructed and would require an additional bus to provide the service.
- SSI Transit Service continues to be a leader in operating recovery at 35.56% compared to average range of 20%.
- Deadline for 2020 expansion agreements is August 30, 2019; three year plans revisited annually.
- Invitation extended to Island Pathways and local bus service operator to participate in strategic planning session on July 29, 2019

**MOVED** Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lehman,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission requests that three proposed expansion initiatives be further examined for budgetary impacts on the transportation requisition and be brought back for discussion at the Strategic Priority Setting session on July 29, 2019.

Expansion options in no particular order are identified below and do not require purchase of an additional vehicle:

- 2020/21 no expansion
- 2021/22 starting in June-560 hours to introduce service to Beddis and Cusheon Lake Road
- 2021/22 starting in June-290 hours to provide early service on Sunday and Holidays

**CARRIED**

**4. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports –No reports**

**5. Outstanding Business**

**5.1 BC Transit - Development Referral Response - 132 Corbett Road- discussion deferred from March 2019 meeting**

**MOVED** Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Johnston,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission has no recommendation at this time for a service extension of route 1 to the end of Corbett Road.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Letter Dated June 4, 2019 re: Application to close and acquire land in a public road adjacent to 105 Lower Ganges Road**

- Received for information

**5.3 North Ganges Transportation Plan - Status Update**

- Waiting for approval of the Archeological Alteration Permit; sometime between mid July and early August
- Tendering packages to be ready for fall release

**5.4 Pathway - Booth Canal to Vesuvius Bay Road - Status Update**

- Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure reviewing detailed designs
- Cost projections exceeding budget; sections of pathway require extensive retaining walls and drainage work
- Partners Creating Pathway seeking ways to reduce scope of project to the simpler sections

**6. New Business**

**6.4 BC Transit Monthly Revenue Report (May)**

- Revenue continues increase over previous years

**7. Motion to Close the meeting**

**MOVED** Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Johnston,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Close the meeting in accordance with the *Community Charter Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1): (e)* the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

**CARRIED**

The Commission closed the meeting at 4:45 pm.

The Commission returned from the closed meeting without report at 4:55 pm.

**8. Rise and Report -none**

**9. Next Meeting:** September 30, 2019 at 3 pm in SSI Public Library

**Special Meeting:** Strategic Planning Session on July 29, 2019 at 3 Pm in the SSI Public Library

**10. Adjournment**

**MOVED** Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lehman,  
That the meeting adjourn at 4:57 pm.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR

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SENIOR MANAGER