

4. Delegation/Presentation

4.1 Julian Wake

Mr. Wake provided the commission with descriptive information regarding a pedestrian crossing area he would like to see improved. The intersection of McPhillips and Jackson Avenues has poor site lines, speeding traffic and blind corners. There are no sidewalks and often pedestrians are forced into the traffic lane at that corner.

The Commission provided Mr. Wake with information on an upcoming presentation by Partners Creating Pathways regarding accessibility in Ganges area which will likely address his concerns at this intersection.

5. Director, Chair and Commissioner Reports

5.1 Director Holman briefly reported:

- CRD Board to consider preliminary budgets on October 30, 2019
- Public Meeting by Community Alliance tonight at 7pm - Topic Ganges Safety; Alternative process needs 10% of voters to vote against and there is 30 days to return ballots

5.2 **Chair Baker** reported that she is involved with the ASK Salt Spring program being run by the Community Alliance group. Many questions relate to Transportation and she will provide a report next meeting.

5.3 **Commissioner Johnstone** reported on her ongoing efforts to gather signatures on a petition to lower the speed limit in and around Ganges. She is requesting that the commission provide her with a motion to support the cause.

6. Outstanding Business

6.1 Salt Spring Island Transportation Priority Outcomes 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Leitcher, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Barrett,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission defer decisions on priorities until after the presentation by Partners Creating Pathways on Ganges accessibility which is scheduled for the November 25, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

6.2 North Ganges Transportation Plan

- Detailed drawings complete
- Waiting on archeological permit
- One Statutory Right of Way still being negotiated
- Ready to tender; standard timeline for bid process
- Bids will determine if there are any budget constraints
- Targeting spring construction should all of the above be completed

6.3 Letter of Agreement between Ministry of Transportation and Islands Trust

- Reported by Commissioner Baker that the "agreement" letter was made with an NDP government.
- Suggestion to move ahead with the agreement as is.

- Province to provide bike lanes as road upgrades are made; 1.2 m wide as stated in agreement
- Community to provide pathways
- CRD staff provided the Ministry with the requested upgrades for Ganges Hill; The Ministry will complete designs and cost estimates which will allow for further negotiations.
- Director Holman investigating Bike BC grant opportunities, however the 1.2 m bike lanes may not meet the dike BC design standards to be eligible for grants.

6.4 Booth Canal – Vesuvius Pathway Project

- Work on first phase moving forward
- Permit to construct has been obtained
- PCP design changes have been incorporated
- Park maintenance staff to construct pathway; moving towards this model in future

6.5 Ganges Hill

Discussion took place under item 6.3

6.6 Free Bus Service During Election

The Commission requests to be notified as to the number of riders who participated.

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leitcher,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission retroactively supports the use of the SSI Transit Service as a free shuttle during the 2019 Federal Election Voting Day.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 2020 Operating Budget and Capital Expenditure Plan

- Preliminary budgets approved by end of October; actual numbers presented after year end complete and any changes adjusted. Final budget approval in March
- BC Transit and CRD are on different budget cycles so there is a lag in billing
- Transit budget year is April to March; CRD Budget year January to December
- This budget includes the expanded transit services that do not need an additional bus
- Need to start planning for future transit service; current funding gaps filled by operating reserves
- Need to increase Transit requisition (by referendum) or consider cutting service

Commissioner Johnstone left the room from 4:35 pm to 4:40 pm

- Capital plans reviewed
- Amendments to 5 year Capital Plan; better reflect funding sources and phased projects

MOVED by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherrin,
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommend that the Electoral Area Services Committee approve the 2020 operating and capital budget amended and

recommend that the 2019 actual surplus or deficit be balanced on the 2019 transfers to the capital reserve funds; and

That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommend that the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend that the Capital Regional District Board approve the 2020 operating and capital budget and the five year financial plan for the Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service as amended.

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting: November 25, 2019 3 pm in the Public Library

9. Adjournment

MOVED By Commissioner Barrett, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Johnstone,
That the meeting adjourn at 5:03 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER