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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission  
Held January 25, 2021, CRD Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island,  
BC **\*\*electronic meeting****

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**Present:**

**In Person:** Director Holman, Gayle Baker, Karla Campbell, Tracey Shaver  
**Electronic Participation:** Gary Lehman, Myna Lee Johnstone, Peter Meyer,  
Mitchell Sherrin, Maxine Leichter, Allen Xu  
**Electronic Guests:** Elizabeth Nolan from the Driftwood publication and various  
members of the public

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order**

Territorial Acknowledgement was provided by Commissioner Baker and the meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

**2. ELECTRONIC MEETING RESOLUTION**

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer,  
That this resolution applies to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) for  
the meeting being held on January 25, 2021, and that in-person attendance of the public is  
prohibited by Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

That the SSITC is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in  
respect of the open meeting by the following means:

- a. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available  
on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the  
notices provided in respect of the meeting,
- b. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the  
meeting,
- c. By offering the ability to attend the electronic meeting by invitation.

**CARRIED**

**3. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer**

- Gayle Baker was nominated by Director Holman for position of Chair. Calling three times  
for additional nominations and hearing none, Gayle Baker accepted the position of  
Chair.
- Peter Meyer was nominated by Commissioner Baker for position of Vice-Chair. Calling  
three times for additional nominations and hearing none, Peter Meyer accepted the  
position of Vice-Chair.
- Maxine Leichter was nominated by Commissioner Meyer for position of Treasurer.  
Calling three times for additional nominations and hearing none, Maxine Leichter  
accepted the position of Treasurer.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of January 25, 2021 be approved and amended by deferring item 9.1 Lighting to the February 22, 2021 meeting and adjustment of the order of the agenda by moving item 8.6 Martin Ogilvie's request for Return of Sidewalk Funds to item 8.3.

**CARRIED**

**5. Adoption of Minutes of October 29, 2020 and November 24, 2020**

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve and amend the October 29, 2020 minutes by changing the wording in item 6.3 third bullet to "share with staff the jurisdictional mapping" and removing the reference to "designation" in item 6.2 second bullet.

**CARRIED**

- Director Holman requested a note be included with the minutes from November 24, 2020 that the minutes may not have captured the entire discussion and that further discussions will continue with planning transportation priorities.

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve and amend the minutes from November 24, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**6. Delegation/Presentations**

**Ministry of Transportation (MoTI) re Ganges Hill Repaving Project**

- Don Legault, Operations Manager, Vancouver Island District joined the meeting electronically to provide information and answer Commissioner questions about the Ganges Hill repaving Project
- Currently project is at 50% design and the scope of work contains
  - Length of work is from Seaview to Cranberry
  - 6.5 metres each direction which includes a 1.5 metre additional paved multi-purpose lane and a .5 metre gravel shoulder on each side of the road.
  - Realignment work for Beddis intersection
  - 28 different properties to negotiate with for small sections of land to accommodate road widening
  - 59 power poles to deal with
  - Additional survey work
  - Project likely delayed 1 to 2 years
- New consultant to be hired to provide alternative ideas to reduce the scope and amount of property needed.
- Once designs are complete the Ministry will begin negotiating with property owners to determine land acquisition arrangements
- Suggested allowing pinch points to merge between pedestrian pathway and bike lanes to accommodate both.
- Combination of complicating factors for this section of road (1.6 km)
  - SRoW is not a consistent width in places
  - Actual road alignment may not be in the centre as expected
  - Power poles installed in right of way where additional paving will go
  - Drainage and slopes
- Spaces where there are open ditches already included in design and are to be filled on uphill side to allow road widening

- Consider lowering speed limits to improve safety
  - MoTI has speed zones and different road classifications throughout the Province
    - Major rural roads - (sample would be Fulford Ganges Road)
    - Residential
    - School and playground Zones with different days of week and hours for reduced speed enforcement
    - Every road is 80 km unless marked differently
  - MoTI working on cleaning up some signage on Salt Spring
- The Commission mentioned a possible provincial pilot project on speed limit reductions

## **7. Report of the Director and Commissioners**

- No Directors Report
- Chair Baker briefly reported
  - Deferred petition for car stops in Ganges Transportation Plan to February meeting
  - Will report back to commission regarding lighting in town and RCMP concerns

## **8. Outstanding Business**

### **8.1. Bus Shelter Procurement**

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission receive the draft of the Request for Expressions of Interest for Public Art-Inspired Bus Shelters for information and defer discussion to the next meeting to be held on February 22, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**Item Deferred to February 22, 2021**

### **8.2. Project Updates:**

- North Ganges Transportation Project, Phase 2
  - Detailed final report available soon; need to develop a snow removal protocol and level of service requirements
- Booth Canal-Vesuvius Pathway
  - Work has begun
  - Public controversy over tree removal; staff working closely with contractor and arborist to limit the number of trees removed.
  - Unique section of project with tight right of ways, cemetery, sloped block walls, water mains, work safe concerns and drainage.
  - Hand digging in places to limit disturbance to trees and buried utilities
  - Extension to complete works will be requested to safe guard provincial grant
  - Suggested a rural standard be established for future pathways
- Ganges Hill
  - MoTI staff incorporated many of the Transportation Commission's requests into the repaving plan
  - Suggested that staff continue to work with MoTI to coordinate
    - Wider intersection at Seaview to participate a wider turning radius for large trucks and eventual connection to Ganges Bypass (currently not included)
    - Continue to push for MoTI final designs and determine needs for inclusion of pedestrian pathway

- Blain and Crofton
  - Reflectors for pedestrian safety installed
- Fulford Hill
  - Director Holman sits on the Ferry Advisory Board and suggested an interagency working group to address pedestrian and cyclist safety (BC Ferries, CRD Staff/Director, MoTI, Fulford Water Commission)
  - Bus and emergency vehicles need priority to get to terminal
  - Suggestion to install EV charging stations at terminals or at least have charger available on ship

**8.3. Martin Ogilvie's Request for Return of Sidewalk Funds** (previously deferred)

Brief discussion points:

- Rezoning benefitted property owner
- Pathway work completed does not prevent cars from parking on SRoW
- Curb requested to keep pedestrians separate and safe
- Works completed address drainage issues for property owner
- Funding held from development can only be used for original purpose
- Potential future need to revisit plans for pathway along south side of Rainbow Rd (School District and corner lot)
- Suggestion to enter into mediation
- Add pathway section into strategic planning process

**MOVED** by Commissioner Leichter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lehman,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission request staff return half of the monies held by the Capital Regional District for eventual pathway work in front of 125 Rainbow Road to Mr. Martin Ogilvie.

**CARRIED**  
**Opposed Commissioner Sherrin**

**8.4. Transportation Priorities**

- Draft Transportation & Transit Priorities  
Director Holman identified his priorities
  1. Ganges Hill Pedestrian Pathway
  2. Support for Island Pathway Projects
  3. Ganges Village Traffic Planning
  4. BC Transit Review-Community Consultation
- Advocacy Strategic Priorities-Opportunity based

**8.5. Ganges Village Transportation Study**

- Staff will bring forward terms of reference to outline project scope and establish commission objectives.

**8.6. Lower Ganges Road and Rainbow Road Intersection and Sidewalk on South Side of Rainbow Road**

- previously deferred
- suggested that topic be included in Ganges Village Traffic Plan

**9. New Business**

**9.1. Lighting**

**Item Deferred to February 22, 2021**

**9.2. Speed Boards**

- Staff to bring forward outline of process required by MoTI to determine level of service and placement of speed boards
- ICBC supportive of initiative as traffic calming and could be potential funding source in April

**10. Correspondence:**

Email: January 19, 2021 re: Parking in Ganges

**Item deferred to February 22, 2021**

**11. Next Meeting: Monday February 22, 2021 at 1PM**

\*location and participation format TBD under the Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

**12. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Director Holman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer,  
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:37pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**