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SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Notice of Meeting on **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 1:00 pm**

** Electronic Meeting Notice**
To receive an invitation to the electronic meeting please contact Tracey Shaver at 250 538 4304 or tshaver@crd.bc.ca no later than 10 am on February 22, 2021.

Gary Holman	Gayle Baker	Mitchell Sherrin	Gary Lehman
Myna Lee Johnstone	Maxine Leichter	Peter Meyer	Aubrey Smith

(r) Regrets

AGENDA

1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order

2. ELECTRONIC MEETING RESOLUTION

That this resolution applies to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) for the meeting being held on February 22, 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 listen to the electronic meeting by invitation.

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10. Next Meeting: Monday March 29, 2021 at 1PM

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

11. Adjournment

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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

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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
        - Collector 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.

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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

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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

DRAFT for REVIEW (as amended at October 29, 2020 Transportation Meeting)

Art Inspired Design Build Bus Shelter Guidelines

An outline for receiving an unsolicited proposal to build and install a public art inspired bus shelter and a passenger landing pad for a fixed price on concept plans submitted by an artist/fabricator (the "proponent").
The objective of an art inspired bus shelter is to reflect Salt Spring Island's rural nature, art-driven charm and unique community character.

1. Pre-Qualification/Conceptual Plan Submission:
   A proponent will assemble qualified professionals to assist in the development of a unique design structure and present as a delegation to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) a project concept plan and performance specifications to design, fabricate, and install a public art inspired bus shelter as well as to design and construct a passenger landing pad, if necessary, where the bus shelter is to be installed.
   Documentation should include:
   - Proponent/team qualifications and references
   - Experience on similar projects (or in fabrication or public art design)
   - Conceptual design sketch and specifications
   - A high-level budget estimate inclusive of all costs

2. Project Plan and Proposal Submission:
   Upon acceptance and preliminary approval of the SSITC, the proponent must submit a proposal to the CRD including the following:
   - A list with tasks of project deliverables
   - A breakdown of the total maximum costs to complete the design and construction.
   - Sufficient information necessary to award a contract.

3. Review and Contract Award:
   The Salt Spring Island Engineer will review the proposal, and subject to that review, request approval to direct award a contract for a design build bus shelter and, possibly, a passenger landing pad.

4. Contract Specifications:
   The contract assigns the proponent(s) prime contractor responsibility and delivery of the following work:
   - All professional design fees and services (civil, structural, electrical, etc.), site preparation and works, off-site works, utilities, fabrication, construction activities, labour, materials, equipment, travel, mobilization and demobilization, supplies, traffic control, installation, and incidentals necessary to complete the project.
   - Contract will include CRD insurance requirements (general liability, WorkSafeBC).

- May include performance bond, labour and material bond, and warranty. With exception of the warranty, bonding may not be required should the proponent agree to be paid upon completion of the project.

5. Bus Shelter Requirements:
The proponent will submit a complete design build package to the SSI Engineer for review and approval and must include the following:
- Engineering designs (with engineering seal and signature), construction drawings, and detailed specifications that meet Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure permit requirements to allow a shelter on the highway right of way and any other relevant specifications and requirements; and meet BC Transit Infrastructure Design Summary (March 2018) and BC Transit Infrastructure Design Guidelines (November 2010) for building bus stops and shelters and passenger landing pads; and incorporate the following:
- Roof to protect users from the elements
- Windows or open sides taking into account the safety of users and the need for bus drivers to see passengers
- Minimum of 4 person bench
- Take future maintenance costs into account
- Provision for transit information
- No provision for advertising
- SS Transit bus stop sign
- Site plans. Images, site preparation passenger landing pad, support of base pads, and other information required to submit an application for permit for works on the right of way and license of occupation.

6. The Design, fabrication, and installation must comply with all CRD bylaws, and BC Building Code, particularly with respect to accessibility and safety issues.

7. After Review by the SSI Engineer, if required, proponent will provide additional information or changes to the plans and specifications as long as they do not significantly change the scope of work.

8. The proponent will be responsible for obtaining a building permit, on behalf of the CRD, prior to commencement of any construction work; and all other applicable permits for installing works within the provincial right of way.

9. The CRD will own the designs and structure at the completion of the warranty period. The CRD will acknowledge the artist/proponent on any subsequent uses of the design as the designer in a visible location in the shelter.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PUBLIC ART-INSPIRED BUS SHELTERS

Expressions of Interest ("Applications") should be addressed and delivered to the Contact Person by the closing time of **_____ 2021 at 3 p.m. PST** ("Closing Time").

NOTES

1. The Applicant must satisfy itself as to the full requirements of this RFEOI.
2. All queries related to this RFEOI should be submitted in writing to the attention of:

Allen Xu, Manager Engineering
Salt Spring Island Administration
250-538-4305 / axu@crd.bc.ca
108 121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T6

3. Applicants should submit two (2) printed copies of the Application and one electronic copy on a memory stick or by confirmed e-mail to the contact person above, delivered by hand, post, or courier to the CRD's Salt Spring Island Office. It is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST business days and closed Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
4. At its discretion, CRD may accept applications submitted after the Closing Time.
5. This is a non-standard procurement process, permitted under the CRD Procurement Policy, Appendix A, ss. 8, 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.1.9.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Background

In June 2015, CRD previously completed an art-inspired bus shelter, the "Moon Snail". Qualified proponents are sought to pitch high-level conceptual designs for one or more design-build public art-inspired bus shelters on Salt Spring Island. Shelter concepts should reflect Salt Spring Island's rural nature, art-driven charm and unique community character while meeting all relevant design, regulatory, and safety standards.

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (the "Commission"), an advisory body overseeing the Salt Spring Island Transportation Service, will be a key stakeholder in this project.

If selected, a formal proposal will be requested. Completed proposals will be reviewed by the Commission and CRD staff. If selected, a negotiated design-build contract will issue, conditional on BC Transit approval.

2. Key Dates and Timeframes

Applicants should note the following key dates and timeframes:

Event	Dates
Last day for inquiries	, 2021
Deadline for submissions of Expressions of Interest	, 2021
CRD and SSI Transportation Commission Review of Expressions of Interest	2021
Invitations Issued for SSI Transportation Commission Pitch Session	2021
Pitch Session (online or in-person)	, 2021

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Selection of Proponent(s) for Further Proposal	2021
Development of Further Proposal [4 weeks]	2021
Review by CRD Engineer, SSI TC [4 weeks]	2021
Decision on Proposal	2021
Contract for design-build award and negotiations – not more than 4 weeks	2021
BC Transit Approval	TBD
Construction	As negotiated

3. Evaluation Criteria

CRD is looking for a third party to design and build a public art-inspired bus shelter. This may include construction of a concrete pad, depending on the interest and quoted price. It is intended that the shelter and/or pad be provided at a fixed price.

The CRD will consider the following non-exhaustive criteria throughout the process:

a. Best value (total combination of price, social benefit, sustainability, and other related factors);
b. Quality of pitch;
c. Qualifications and experience;
d. References, if applicable;
e. Estimated total costs for design and installation;
f. WorkSafeBC history, if applicable;
g. Likelihood of achieving and/or exceeding the project goals and the project requirements;
h. Whether or more Applicants collaborating might produce a better proposal.

Preference may be given to the following:

a. Proponent team that is comprised of one or more Salt Spring Island local designers, qualified professionals, or contractors;
b. A proposal that creates community benefit (e.g. local employment, trades training, artistic employment, purchases from on-island suppliers);
c. A proposal that minimizes financial risk or liability as part of the construction process;
d. A proposal that minimizes maintenance efforts and costs or maintenance free over the service life of the shelter(s); and
e. A proposal that indicates, if the artists or designer is not an employee, that the artist or designer is intended to be compensated for use of their work and confirms this as part of the application package.

It is anticipated the successful applicant will be the general contractor for the project, will obtain necessary permits and approvals, and act as prime contractor. Price estimates should reflect these responsibilities.

4. RFEOI Process

a. Stage 1: Submissions of Expressions of Interest/Conceptual Plan

Proponent assemble a team and high-level concept for this RFEOI submission.

All designs must contain the following elements:

- roof to protect users from the elements;
- windows or open sides taking into account the safety of users and the need for bus drivers to see passengers;

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- minimum _____-person bench;
- take future maintenance costs into account;
- provision for transit information;
- no provision for advertising;
- Transit bus stop sign.

RFEOI submissions should contain:

1. A conceptual design sketch and specifications;
2. A high-level budget estimate, inclusive of all costs;
3. Proponent/Team qualifications and references;
4. Experience on similar projects (or in fabrication or public art design);

The design shall comply with all applicable laws, including CRD bylaws, BC Building Code, and applicable standards relating to accessibility and safety; the BC Transit Infrastructure Design Summary (March 2018); BC Transit Infrastructure Design Guidelines (November 2010) for bus stops, shelters, and passenger landing pads; and specifications for Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to permit a shelter within its right of way.

b. Stage 2: Presentation to Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission

Short-listed Applicants will be invited to present to the Commission. Applicants whose Applications are preferred by the Commission may be invited to develop detailed proposals.

If selected, Applicants will submit a proposal to CRD including the following:

- A list with tasks of project deliverables
- A breakdown of the total maximum costs to complete the design and construction.
- Sufficient information necessary to award a contract.

c. Stage 3: Development and Submission of Detailed Proposals

With one or more preferred Applicants, the CRD may negotiate (in sequence, or in any combination) a design-build contract. CRD may provide further details or discuss these proposals with preferred Applicants, to ensure they comply with applicable laws and the requirements of this project.

d. Stage 4: Award of Contract

One or more preferred Applicants, if any, will be selected to deliver a shelter design, concrete pad if applicable, and enter into a binding agreement for that purpose.

Prior to construction, engineering designs (with engineer's seal and signature), construction drawings and detailed specifications will be required. Designs will vest in the CRD, as will the structure, and designs may be used for one or more bus shelters.

5. Collaboration by one or more Applicants

At any time during evaluation, if CRD believes that collaboration of one or more applicants may produce better value for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, it may ask one or more Applicants to explore the possibility of collaborating with another to deliver one or more bus shelters. In this eventuality, the CRD may provide a reasonable period of time for the Applicants to submit updated proposals.

6. CRD Under No Obligation to Award Project

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Notwithstanding anything in this RFEOI to the contrary, including the submission of Applicants by Applicants, the evaluation of such applications, recommendations by the Commission, or additional discussions or negotiations which occur, the CRD is under no obligation whatsoever to award the project to any Applicant.

7. CRD's Use of Applications

(a) An Application, once submitted, becomes property of CRD and the CRD is under no obligation to return it to the Applicant. Subject to s. 9(b), all right, title and interest in the Application, including any proposed ideas and solutions, are transferred to the CRD and the CRD shall be free to use the Application without restriction or compensation. The Applicant confirms *Copyright Act* (Canada) moral rights have been waived in relation to CRD's use of the proposals for the purposes intended under this RFEOI.

(b) Despite s. 9(a), all intellectual property rights in and to any patents, copyright, trade-marks and trade secrets owned by or licensed to the Applicant prior to its submission of the Application ("pre-existing intellectual property") remain the property of the Applicant. If incorporated into the Applicant, the Applicant grants CRD a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to this pre-existing intellectual property for the purpose of evaluating proposals and records management. This includes a right to store and distribute electronically.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS RFEOI

8. RFEOI Documents

a) Schedule A – BC Transit Bus Shelter Guidelines
b) Schedule B – Letter of Application
c) Schedule C – Format for Applications
    a. Proposed Design
    b. Project Team, qualifications, and references
    c. Experience on similar projects (or in fabrication or public art design)
    d. High-level budget estimate inclusive of all costs
        i. Provisional: concrete pad fabrication
        ii. Provisional: cost of more than one shelter
d) Schedule D – Pro-Forma Contract (for review only, negotiation after pitch)
    a. NOTE: Review CRD Insurance Requirements (Construction and Warranty Bonding, if any, to be negotiated based on design and price)
e) Schedule E – Bus Shelter Requirements (for Information Only - selected proposals, second stage)

NO DUTY OR OBLIGATION ASSUMED BY CRD

9. No Claim Against CRD

CRD will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, damages, or liabilities incurred or alleged to be incurred by the Applicant and by submitting an Application or participating in this process each Applicant shall be deemed to have agreed that it has no claim whatsoever.

10. Reservation of Complete Control of Process

The CRD retains complete control over this process. The CRD is not obligated to review, consider or evaluate Applications in accordance with the procedures set out in this RFEOI, and it may continue, interrupt, cease, or modify its review, evaluation or negotiation process for any or all Applications at

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any time without further explanation or notification to any Applicant. The CRD is under no obligation whatsoever to award the project(s) to any Applicant.

This is not a tender.

11. Information Disclaimer

The CRD is not liable or responsible for any verbal or written information, or any advice, or any errors or omissions which may be contained in the RFEOI or documents disclosed or otherwise provided to the Applicant pursuant to this RFEOI.

The Applicant shall conduct its own independent investigations and interpretations and shall not rely on the CRD with respect to information, advice, or documentation provided by CRD.

The CRD makes no representation, warranty, or undertaking with respect to this RFEOI and the CRD shall not be liable or responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information in this RFEOI or for any other written or oral information made available to any Applicant.

12. No Legal Obligation Assumed by CRD

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that despite any other term of this RFEOI, the CRD assumes no legal duty or obligation in respect of this RFEOI or any of the processes described herein. The CRD will only have legal obligations to the successful Applicant(s) if the CRD determines that a project agreement is necessary and if the CRD and the successful Applicant enter into such project agreement. Until such time, all Applicants are entitled to withdraw their Application at any time.

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SSI Transportation and Transit 2021 – 2025 Priorities

Future Priorities:	• Parking management (abandoned vehicles)
Areas Advocacy:	• Intersections (Beddis, Cranberry, Seaview) • ICBC Partnerships • Salish Sea Trail • Education Program (Pedestrian, Motor and Cyclist) • Crosswalks

Planning Priorities

2021

Capital Projects:

- Bus Shelter
- Ganges Hill: Prelim Design for separated pedestrian pathway on non-harbourside
- Merchant Mews pathway designs
- Whims to Fernwood Road pathway licence of occupation and condition assessment
- NGTP: Designs for active transportation infrastructure Harbourside UGR/LGR to LGR/Rainbow Road Intersection
- MoTI: Fulford-Ganges Hill repaving project - design phase
- Ganges Village Transportation Plan

Advocacy:

- BC Transit Expansion: Transit Review
- MoTI: Speed limits
- MoTI: Road markings/Safety Features
- BC Ferries: Fulford Terminal upgrade
- BC Transit: Electric Buses: Work with BC Transit in transitioning SSI fleet to electric buses
- Islands Trust: Ganges Village Planning

2022

- Merchant Mews pathway construction
- Swanson Road pathway designs

2023:

2024:

2025:

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A PETITION TO THE SSI TRANSPORATION COMMISSION

INCORPORATE CAR STOPS IN THE GANGES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Background: Ganges formerly had an informal car stop for hitchhikers in front of Embe Bakery. Destination hand signs were available which eliminated un-necessary vehicle stops. By action of the RCMP, MOTI and the Chair of the Transportation Commission public notice was issued that the car stop was illegal. No public input prior to the decision was taken. Two reasons were given:
1. Hitchhiking is illegal.
2. The location was not safe for vehicle stops even though there was space to come off the paved roadway.
The Transportation Commission Chair told the public outcry that upon the future improvements of Fulford Ganges Rd, a car stop would be included.

Today: The time is here that the Transportation Commission is designing improvements to Fulford- Ganges Rd from Ganges to Churchill or beyond. A car-stop was promised, a car stop is needed and a car stop must be included to replace the one taken away.

The law: The simple act of hitchhiking itself is legal in B.C. One may stand on the shoulder of most roads to solicit a ride. Freeways (Schedule One Highways) are the exception.

The justification: Hitchhiking is a rural answer for people without the resources to own a car or ride BC Transit. Furthermore; BC Transit, while wonderful to have on our island, is an infrequent service due to volume, resources and only being able to service main roads. Hitchhiking is a form of ride sharing which reduces vehicle pollution in this time of climate emergency.

The solution: The Fulford Ganges improvement design must have a car stop with a safe visible location for the hitchhikers to stand and the cars to stop without blocking traffic. This could be located anywhere between McPhillips Ave and Embe bakery.

A similar need: As the Transportation Commission designs the harbour side of Lower Ganges Road leading away from the intersection of Purvis Lane and Lower Ganges to Park Drive, the existing car stop is needed to protect vehicles and hitchhikers from accidents. In fact, it could even be enhanced.

January, 2021

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Business Development

Government of Canada Funding Announcement

February 11, 2021

Hello Local Government Partners,

Yesterday, the Government of Canada announced on-going sustainable funding for public transportation across the country. BC Transit is pleased with this announcement as it places a long-term importance on public transportation as an essential service for communities of all sizes.

While we still have to work with the Government of Canada and the Province of BC on funding details, we see the announcement as a great opportunity for our organization, our communities, and our partners to advance public transportation initiatives. It is also important as it brings certainty to BC Transit about on-going funding availability.

Our organization has ambitious goals including to create a zero-emission fleet by 2040, improve services, and build transit infrastructure that is critical to our success. Access to this consistent funding will help us achieve these goals and demonstrate to our customers and communities why we are their best transportation solution.

We appreciate the support we have already received from the Government of Canada and Province of BC, which includes infrastructure funding since 2016 and Safe Restart Funding to support us with our response to COVID-19. The Safe Restart Funding is supporting BC Transit and our local government partners to cover extra expenses for the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures, losses at the farebox due to ridership, and lower than expected gas tax revenue in Victoria. Funding for BC Transit infrastructure projects includes the 10 battery electric buses coming to Victoria in 2022, new buses in communities across the province, bus exchanges, bus priority lanes, and new maintenance and operations facilities.

We look forward to share more details with you as we continue to work out the details and celebrate when we have more project announcements and milestones.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to public transportation in communities across the province.

If you have questions, please speak with your Government Relations Manager.

BC Transit

Karla Campbell

From: Jesse Guy <jguy@sd64.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Karla Campbell
Cc: Dan Ovington
Subject: Safe Pedestrian Pathway south side of Rainbow road

Good morning Karla,

I wanted to express my appreciation for the Safe Pathways work that has been completed in the last year in Ganges by CRD. The pathway that commences from the intersection of Rainbow Road and Fulford Ganges Road and proceeds on the north side up Rainbow Road to the high school is a significant improvement and increases student safety. The intersection of Ranbow Road and Fulford Ganges road would often flood from rain or snow melt before the roadwork, and during this recent snow and ensuing warm days it has remained safe and passable.

If there is additional funds available it would be greatly appreciated if the Salt Spring CRD board would consider upgrading the side of the road to a pathway on the south side of Rainbow Road, at least from the main intersection (Fulford Ganges and Rainbow Road) to the crosswalk at Rainbow Road and Kanaka Road. This section was also identified during the Ganges walkabout for the Ready Set Role Program. Students (and regular pedestrians) use both sides of Rainbow Road when they are walking to and from Ganges or to and from the student water taxi.

Thank you,

Jesse Guy

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