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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Held January 24, 2022

**** Electronic Meeting via Zoom****

Director: Gary Holman

Commissioners: Gayle Baker, Gary Lehman, Aubrey Smith, Peter Meyer, and Maxine Leichter

Staff: Karla Campbell, SSI Senior Manager, Dean Olafson, SSI Manager of Engineering, and Shayla Burnham, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Myna Lee Johnstone

1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided by Commissioner Smith and the meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.

2. Limited Space Meeting Resolution

MOVED by Commissioner Leichter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker, that this resolution applies to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission for the meeting being held on January 24, 2022, and that the attendance of the public at the place of the meeting will be limited in accordance with the applicable requirements or recommendations under the Public Health Act, despite the best efforts of the Commission because:

- a. The available meeting facilities cannot accommodate more than (43) people in person, including members of the Commission and staff, and
- b. There are no other facilities presently available that will allow physical attendance of the Commission and the public in sufficient numbers; and

That the Commission 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.

Due to ongoing concerns related to COVID-19 and at the request of the Commission, the meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

CARRIED

3. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer

MOVED by Commissioner Smith, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission re-elect Gayle Baker as Chair of the Transportation Commission.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission re-elect Peter Meyer as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Commission.

CARRIED

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission re-elect Maxine Leichter as Treasurer of the Transportation Commission.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve the agenda of January 24, 2022 as amended by moving item 7 Report of the Director and Commissioners to item 6 and moving the original item 6 Delegations/Presentations down to item 7.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes of November 29, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve the minutes of November 29, 2021 as amended by updating Leihman to Lehman, updating item 7.1.3 Bus Shelter, bullet two, to read: The Commission expressed support for the next bus shelter location, “after the one slated for construction at the Mobrae Avenue and Vesuvius Bay Road”, to be near the Horel Road West and Fulford-Ganges Road intersection. To update item 4 Items Arising From the Minutes, bullet one, to read: to bring forward a “Ganges Hill” design, and to update item 7.1.2 Booth Canal Safety Concern Solutions, resolution, to include: Hidden Intersection sign “on the road” at the crest of the hill. Lastly, updating item 7.1.3 to replace the word “funding” with “their students building”.

CARRIED

6. Delegations/Presentations

6.1 Mike Pearson, District Manager, Transportation, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re: Fulford-Ganges Repaving

- Resurfacing and widening to accommodate shoulders between Seaview Road to Cranberry Road.
- Detailed design and engineering underway.
- Roughly 8000 vehicles per day along the roadway.
- Seeking feedback from the Commission on two shoulder widening options.
- Option 1:
 - Wider shoulder on one side of the road (1.8m)
 - Minimum shoulders on the other side of road (0.6m)
- Option 2:
 - Wider shoulder on both sides of the road (1.2m)
- The Commission asked about the potential of a 1.8m bike lane and MoTI confirmed this option was unfeasible due to restrictive space.
- MoTI intends on retaining ditches along the roadway.
- Shoulders to be used by both cyclists and pedestrians.

- No additional pavement markings for pedestrians and cyclists aside from a white fog line.
- Option 2 would better accommodate cyclists speeding while travelling downhill with additional space for pedestrians.
- A separated pathway was not within MOTI's mandate. The Transportation Commission may consider this as a future project.
- The Commission expressed support in continuing to advocate for wider shoulders.
- MOTI completed a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) for the project.
- The Commission requested signs be installed directing pedestrians to walk against the direction of traffic and MoTI to update the Commission on the request at a future meeting.
- "The Commission asked if MoTI considered micro grooving and MoTI confirmed they had not.
- The Commission asked if MoTI considered rumble strips and MoTI noted they are not typically applied in residential areas due to noise concerns.
- Community support was expressed for prioritizing pedestrian and cyclist safety near the bottom of the hill between Beddis Road and Embe Bakery.
- It was asked if the popularity of the electric bike was taken into consideration during the planning process and MoTI confirmed it was not.
- It was asked if vehicle lane width could be reduced and MoTI confirmed that due to the high volume of traffic it was not an option.
- It was asked if a culvert could be installed in the ditches to allow a pedestrian pathway on top and MoTI confirmed CRD would need to assume responsibility for maintenance of the culvert. It was not included in the scope of work.
- MoTI requested Commission feedback as soon as possible.
- MoTI confirmed repaving to Fulford Harbour is in the long term plan.

6.2 Jennifer McClean re: Ganges Village Planning Task Force Update

- Next meeting on February 17, 2022 from 10am – 12pm in the basement of the Baptist Church pursuant to the Covid-19 Provincial Health Orders.
- 2022 meetings every 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Spoke to photos taken on November 15, 2022 along Ganges hill which show the impacts of climate change, following the storm surge.

7. Report of the Director and Commissioners

Director Holman briefly reported:

- Sent a summary of CRD projects and initiatives to the Ganges Village Planning Task Force and Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Trustees.
- Director Holman forwarded the CRD projects and initiatives summary to the Transportation Commission for information.
- Reiterated the importance of interagency involvement, specifically CRD involvement, in the Ganges Village area planning process.
- Clarified that the Ganges Hill Repaving was a MoTI project, not CRD project.

Chair Baker briefly reported:

- Provided an overview of the meeting process and allotted time for delegations.

8. Outstanding Business

8.1 Project Updates

8.1.1 Booth Canal Safety Concern Solutions and Recommended Signage

- Concern expressed regarding road debris collecting against barriers.
- MoTI to wait for a staff request to decide on the barriers.
- MoTI noted that due to the new pathway constructed the barrier removal would put pedestrians at risk if a vehicle went off the roadway.
- MoTI confirmed an increase to road sweeping in the area was a possibility to reduce debris.
- Reflective Channelizer Post maintenance in the area to be completed by staff.
- Options regarding relocation of barriers to be presented to the Commission for consideration.

8.1.2 2020/2021 Annual Performance Summary

- Received for information.

8.1.3 BC Transit Maintenance of Buses

- SSI bus repairs to be scheduled at the Cowichan Valley maintenance facility by the end of the month.

8.1.4 Ticket Sales in Fulford

- Staff confirmed ticket sales for Fulford vendors underway.

8.1.5 Mobrae Avenue and West Horel Intersection Bus Shelter

- The Commission noted that the insurance issues for Mobrae Avenue had been dealt with and staff to contact the bus shelter group for an update.
- Staff walked the West Horel location several weeks ago and a survey is forthcoming.

8.1.6 Merchant Mews

- Draft contract under review.

8.1.7 Progress on Alternative Vesuvius Bay Road Signage

- Staff confirmed MoTI installing signs through ICBC grant funding.

8.1.8 Speed Reader Boards

- Staff report forthcoming.
- Staff confirmed the Capital Plan would need to be revised.

8.1.9 Progress on Owner Outreach for Possible Pathway on Harbour Side of Lower Ganges Road

- No outreach with property owners until a project has been added to the Capital Plan.

8.1.10 Whims Road

- Whims Road pathway in the Capital Plan for 2024.

8.1.11 Snow Removal Plan

- Staff report forthcoming.
- The Commission asked if snow removal for sidewalks will be included and staff confirmed only for CRD owned pathways and bus shelters.

8.1.12 Active Transportation Study Next Steps

- Staff report forthcoming for inclusion in the February 2022 agenda.

8.1.13 Salt Spring Island Community Transit Monthly Revenue Report

- Received for information.

9. New Business

9.1 Overnight Parking in Ganges

- MoTI confirmed no current wording in the *Transportation Act* regarding parking enforcement for the RCMP unless a vehicle has been abandoned for 72 hours.
- No current CRD parking bylaw authority established.
- The Commission requested the issue be forwarded to the Ganges Village Planning Consultant for comment.
- The Commission noted the lack of appropriate parking signage in Ganges.

MOVED by Commissioner Meyer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Baker, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission declared that due to time constraints placed upon the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting by Capital Regional District staff, the remaining issues on the agenda are to be deferred until the next meeting, and remain a priority for the Commission.

CARRIED

9.2 Transportation Commission Reports to Salt Spring Exchange and Driftwood – deferred

9.3 Advocacy Priorities

9.3.1 Discussion of Process Including Follow Through Responsibility – deferred

9.3.2 Progress on Recommended Safety Priorities From November 29, 2021 Meeting – deferred

9.3.3 30 km/hr Ganges Speed Limit

- MoTI request under consideration.

9.3.4 Request Regarding North End Road and Cusheon Lake Road Safety Concerns – deferred

10. Correspondence - None

11. Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022

12. Adjournment

MOVED by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:01 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER