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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
GANGES HARBOUR WALK PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE  
Held February 20, 2018, Creekside Meeting Rm, 108 121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring  
Island, BC**

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**Present:**

**Committee Members:** Matt Steffich, Peter Grove, Wayne McIntyre, Robin Williams, Chris Acheson, Gregg Dow.

**Staff:** Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area; Dan Ovington, Parks and Recreation Manager; Tracey Shaver, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Wayne Lee P.Eng, Project Manager

Chair Steffich called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by P. Grove, **SECONDED** by G.Dow,  
That the Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee agenda of February 20, 2018  
be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2. Adoption of Minutes of June 6, 2017**

**MOVED** by P. Grove, **SECONDED** by W. McIntyre,  
That the Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee minutes of June 6, 2017 be  
approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Director and Chair Reports**

- 3.1** Chair Matt Steffich outlined his objectives for today's meeting:
1. "Reset" starting point of project by determining what progress has been made.
  2. Define a unified communications plan.
  3. Obtain direction from the Provincial Government on foreshore lease issues.

**4. Outstanding Business**

**4.1 Phase 1 Engineering and Structural Assessments – Status Update**

Senior Manager Karla Campbell provided a status update on the assessment process that the Capital Regional District is undertaking on the existing boardwalk structure.

- Agreements for the right to enter private foreshore properties and conduct investigative work have been secured.
- Four contracts have been awarded to assess the geotechnical, structural, archeological, and marine ecological aspects of the existing boardwalk.
- Project Manager will summarize reports once contracted work is complete and it is anticipated that the information will be presented to the Committee in June if not before.

- The \$150,000 Community Works funding is to be used for assessment purposes only, there is no funding in place for the construction phases of this project.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Statutory Right of Way Tenure and Rezoning- Update**

Trustee Peter Grove provided an outline of the process Islands Trust has been working on regarding rezoning and investigation of foreshore lease renewals.

The Committee discussed:

- Islands Trust public information meeting in November regarding proposed C7 zoning.
- Islands Trust staff provided mock up designs of potential shoreline development for discussion purposes only.
- Strong community showing and input received; resulted in support for community boardwalk without development.
- Islands Trust staff reviewing status of development permits already in place under current C1 zoning.
- A member of the public suggested that the foreshore riparian rights are over extended and should be further investigated.
- Islands Trust staff have requested that the province consult with Islands Trust regarding the renewal or replacement of tenure areas adjacent to properties in line with the proposed boardwalk.
- Considering the potential to negotiate an altered or replaced foreshore lease in the interest of the community, based on the OCP.
- The province is unlikely to comment on foreshore lease options without an application to obtain the foreshore lease being submitted.
- Islands Trust staff are preparing a report for the March Local Trust Committee meeting to outline options for next steps.

The Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee discussed potential ideas to move the boardwalk project forward should negotiations with the upland property owners fail.

The following next steps were established:

- Chair Steffich to prepare a project status summary on behalf of the Committee which the CRD will release to the public.
- Draft minutes from this meeting will be placed on CRD Website for public distribution as soon as possible.
- Improve internal communications with project status updates.

### **5.2 Consultation with First Nations**

The Committee established that consultation with First Nations is a vital component of the harbour walk project and that both the CRD and Islands Trust have professional staff to assist with the communication and negotiating process.

**5.3 North Ganges Transportation Management Plan Update (NGTMP)**

Committee member Robin Williams reported on a Transportation Commission project which has a potential impact on the Harbour Walk project. The NGTMP is being completed in phases. The current phase is the upland portion of Lower Ganges Road from the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges to Rainbow Road and around the corner to Windsor Plywood. Anticipated to be completed this year.

Preliminary designs for the phase on the harbour side of the road are completed, but have been on hold pending the outcome of revitalizing the boardwalk. The Transportation Commission anticipates asking the community through referendum which phase of the NGTMP should be completed next. The choice will be between a harbour side pathway/bike lane and improvements to Ganges Hill.

The Transportation Commission would like to integrate their roadside design with whatever comes out of the harbour walk project.

**6. Motion to Close the meeting**

**MOVED** by P. Grove, **SECONDED** by G. Dow,

That the Ganges Harbour Walk Project Steering Committee move into a Closed 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 Committee closed the meeting at 11:18 am.

The Committee returned from the closed meeting without report at 11:40 am.

**7. Rise and Report-** no report

**8. Next Meeting will be at the call of the Chair**

**9. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by P. Grove, **SECONDED** by R. Williams,

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 pm.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIR**

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**SENIOR MANAGER**