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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Transportation Select Committee
Held November 21, 2012, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: **Directors:** F. Leonard (Chair), D. Fortin (V. Chair), M. Alto, J. Brownoff, L. Cross, C. Hamilton, G. Hill, L. Hundleby (for B. Desjardins), W. McIntyre, J. Mendum, W. Milne, G. Young (ex officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services; M. Misek-Evans, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; S. Santarossa, Corporate Officer; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Absent: L. Cross

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the delegation.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the minutes of the June 27, 2012, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

4. Presentations/Delegations

- a) David Langley, re item 6: spoke against receiving the study without a review as he felt that the real costs had been understated and the terms of reference had not been met. Speaking notes were received from the delegation and are on file in Legislative Services.

5. Report of the BC Transit Independent Review Panel and Provincial Government

R. Lapham spoke to the report and reviewed the following points:

- The BC Transit Independent Review Panel examined options for transit governance in the Capital Regional District (CRD), including an option for the CRD Board to assume the roles and responsibilities of the Commission
- The response from the Province indicated that if the CRD continued to work toward consensus, the option would be considered but that there was currently insufficient consensus amongst municipalities in the CRD to replace the current governance model.

The Committee discussed the option for an expanded commission appointed by local government, the unanimous vote by the CRD Board for taking over the roles and responsibilities of the Commission, and whether to reassert that position. The discussion included the following points:

- A change in governance model would better align transit and land use decisions.
- The CRD provides fair representation.
- Decision points are coming that involve transportation, not simply busses.
- The current transit authority is non-representative.
- Concepts of elected or appointed members and professional or political management roles need to be explored.
- There needs to be accountability to the community, with a good model for transportation and integration of transportation with land use

MOVED by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,

That the Transportation Select Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Capital Regional District Board assume the responsibility of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission to advocate for greater local government representation and authority over transit planning and operations in the region and to ensure greater consistency with the land use, development and transportation priorities identified in the Regional Growth Strategy.

The Committee discussed the need to provide the Province and the public with a more complete idea of a governance model with the CRD taking on the role of the transit authority, including a flow chart showing what the commission is now and what it would be with the CRD Board as the authority.

The Committee discussed the idea of area caucuses or advisory groups to address community needs.

MOVED by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,

That the main motion be referred to staff and postponed until the next meeting pending receipt of a staff report with more information on the principle of the Capital Regional District Board taking over authority for transit.

CARRIED

The Committee directed staff to provide information and graphics on the following topics:

- The current Victoria Regional Transit Authority governance model and roles of commissioners that would become CRD Director roles
- Victoria Regional Transit Authority organizational structure and how it interacts with the operation of BC Transit
- Illustration of the CRD Board as the transit authority outlining options such as:
 - The same governance structure only with CRD Board as authority
 - CRD Board as authority with options for sub-committee or advisory group structures
 - Regional representation and how selected
 - Cost issue

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Blackwell,
That the Transportation Select Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the BC Government Response to the BC Transit Independent Review Panel be received and used to inform the governance and funding sections of the Regional Transportation Plan.

CARRIED

6. Transit Governance and Funding

Chair Leonard introduced the report and summarized the recommendation.

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the Transportation Select Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:
1) That the Regional Transit Local Funding Options Final Report be received as information;
2) That the Guiding Principles for Funding Regional Transportation of the Mayors' Council be accepted as the basis for developing a similar document for the CRD; and
3) That staff be directed to prepare draft guiding principles for consideration by the Transportation Select Committee prior to being recommended for approval by the Capital Regional District Board.

CARRIED

7. New Business

- a) Capital Infrastructure Funding Projects Priorities

The Committee directed staff to provide a verbal update at the next meeting outlining the top infrastructure funding priorities.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Fortin, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:27 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

COMMITTEE CLERK