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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Transportation Select Committee
Held February 27, 2013 in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: D. Fortin (Chair), M. Alto, D. Blackwell, J. Brownoff, , B. Desjardins, C. Hamilton, G. Hill (11:38 am), F. Leonard, M. Loveless (for L. Cross), W. McIntyre, G. Young, A. Bryson (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; M. Misek-Evans, Acting General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; S. Norton, Deputy Corporate Officer (recorder)

Also present: Directors: V. Derman, J. Ranns, L. Wergeland; M. Rubinstein and B. Hollingworth, IBI Group; E. Pinkerton, BC Transit; L. Timmerman, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Absent: Director W. Milne

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am

1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Fortin suggested that item 5 be considered after item 6.

MOVED by Director Blackwell, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the minutes of the November 21, 2012 meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks – None.

4. Presentations/Delegations – None.

5. Motion Referred from the November 21, 2012, Transportation Select Committee Meeting re Transit Commission Authority

Considered after item 6.

6. Transit Governance Review Report (PPS/2013-03)

M. Misek-Evans introduced the staff report noting the intention is to refer the options for review and comment to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Director Hill entered the meeting at 11:38 am

Using a slide presentation, M. Rubenstein reviewed:

- Project objective
- Existing transit governance structure
- Five transit governance change objectives
- Three alternative governance options
- Features common to all options
- Option 1: CRD Board to Replace Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC)
- Option 2: CRD Regional Transit Commission
- Option 3: CRD Regional Transit Committee
- Assessment Summary of Options 1-3, Status Quo, Expanded VRTC (per Independent Review Panel)

Discussion ensued on how the options would affect the existing Salt Spring Island (SSI) transit service and the proposed transit service for the Southern Gulf Islands (SGI), given their land use planning is carried out by the Islands Trust and they are under a different gas tax funding pool. R. Lapham advised that the scheduling and planning for the current SSI system is carried out by BC Transit, with CRD staff providing review which could be considered as a value-added service. The inclusion of the SSI service and proposed SGI service into a fully regional transit system would require further study.

In response to questions, M. Rubenstein advised that BC Transit staff had been contacted at the beginning of the study to provide information; however, the assessment of all the options was carried out by the IBI Group. Staff was requested to ensure that the referral to BC Transit included staff as well as the Commission.

The following issues were raised as part of the discussion:

- The need to have a mechanism to measure performance of the new system.
- How local land use planning decisions could be taken into account as part of transit planning, as well as the greater role of transportation planning.
- Whether additional CRD staff would be needed, e.g. a re-allocation between BC Transit and the CRD.
- Whether all provincial funding currently provided to BC Transit will carry forward to the CRD, e.g. provincial subsidy, fuel tax.
- When municipal council input would be sought, e.g. after these referrals.

The staff recommendation was changed to include referral to the Access Transportation Advisory Committee and BC Transit as well as a deadline to report back.

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Leonard,

- 1) That Report No. PPS/RP 2013-03, titled 'Transit Governance Review Report', be received; and
- 2) That the governance models for transit be referred to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, Access Transportation Advisory Committee, BC Transit and the Minister's office of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for review and comment, with follow-up to Committee at its next meeting.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director McIntyre, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That staff investigate the impact of the transit governance models on the existing and
future transit services for Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands.

CARRIED

**7. Motion Referred from the November 21, 2012, Transportation Select Committee
Meeting re Transit Commission Authority**

It was decided to leave consideration of the motion postponed until the referrals under item
6 were received.

8. New Business – None.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Hamilton,
That the meeting be adjourned at 12:29 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER