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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Transportation Select Committee
Held Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: B. Desjardins (Chair), L. Seaton (Vice Chair), M. Alto, C. Day (11:43, for C. Hamilton) V. Derman (11:40), B. Isitt, W. McIntyre, D. Screech, C. Stock (11:49, for A. Finall), G. Young, N. Jensen (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; S. Bagh, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; N. More, Committee Clerk (recorder)

Also Present: Dr. Judith Sayers, Chair, and Ken McRae, Director, Island Corridor Foundation Board; Graham Bruce, Chief Executive Officer, Island Corridor Foundation

Absent: Director J. Brownoff

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Alto, **SECONDED** by Director Screech,
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the minutes of the June 25, 2014, meeting be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks: There were none.

Director Derman entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 1) Presentation: Island Corridor Foundation – Graham Bruce

Alternate Director Day entered the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

J. Sayers remarked that this not-for-profit, joint venture between First Nations and regional districts could set best practices for rail corridors across the country, and several initiatives for self-funding along the corridor were awaiting the implementation of the venture.

Alternate Director Stock entered the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

G. Bruce and K. McCrae presented information on the current status of the rail service plans and funding, and answered questions from the Committee on the following points:

- Infrastructure plan and business case with governments awaiting sign-off
- cycle tourism part of the plan

- marketing the corridor will include active participation by the train service company
- comparisons of moving freight by train versus truck can be provided
- potential for commuter rail, with municipality or regional district to initiate as proponent, including responsibility for capital costs and liability
- maintenance costs on the crossings keep the rail line from being decommissioned

5. Transportation Select Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette provided an overview of the report. The Committee indicated that they would like the Terms of Reference altered to reflect a role in ferry and train advocacy under the Purpose section. The Committee also discussed the connection between transportation and the Regional Sustainability Strategy, and the TransCanada and Experience the Gulf Islands trails, and the need for information to flow between the Transportation Select and the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services committees.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director McIntyre,
That the change in the terms of reference be referred to the Governance Committee.¹

CARRIED

6. Capital Regional District Transportation Service Update

K. Lorette provided highlights of the report and J. Hicks spoke to the PowerPoint presentation. The Committee discussed the recognition that decisions on transportation affect land use, accessibility, and the stages of research on the feasibility of an established transportation service administered by the CRD.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

Staff clarified for the Committee that possible governance types have been studied and the final recommendation will come forward at a future date.

7. Victoria Regional Transit Commission – Capital Regional District Working Relationship Update

K. Lorette provided highlights of the report. On the motion, the Committee sought clarification on the dispute resolution mechanism and discussed aspects of service of BC Transit.

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Alto,
That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. New Business: There was no new business.

¹ Subsequently, it was determined that the proposed change could be brought forward to the March meeting of the Capital Regional District Board for approval.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Derman, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the meeting be adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER