

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), J. Loveday (Vice Chair) (EP), S. Brice, B. Desjardins, F. Haynes (1:32 pm) (EP), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), B. Isitt (1:33 pm) (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, R. Mersereau, L. Seaton, M. Tait (EP), N. Taylor

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Regrets: Directors D. Howe, R. Martin, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the agenda for the February 24, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

4. Special Meeting Matters

4.1. [21-146](#) Traffic Safety Commission Motion

Director Haynes spoke to Item 4.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:
- the timeliness of this project

- the province's role in this project
- consideration of the various municipalities' strategic priorities

MOVED by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
The Traffic Safety Commission recommends the Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District Board write a letter to municipalities who have not agreed to participate in the 40 km/h default speed pilot project to rethink their position, and to thank those councils that have already chosen to participate.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the motion be amended to replace the words "...agreed to participate" with the words "confirmed participation..."
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Haynes,
That the motion be further amended to replace the words "the 40 km/h default speed pilot..." and replace with the words "a default speed reduction pilot..."
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Haynes, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
The Traffic Safety Commission recommends the Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District Board write a letter to municipalities who have not confirmed participation in a default speed reduction pilot project to rethink their position, and to thank those councils that have already chosen to participate.
DEFEATED
OPPOSED: Brent, Brice, Desjardins, Haynes, Isitt, Loveday, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Taylor

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:
That the Capital Regional District advise municipalities in the region that the Traffic Safety Commission is supportive of participation in a default reduced speed pilot.
CARRIED

4.2. [20-787](#)

Transportation Gap Summary

K. Lorette spoke to Item 4.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- supporting alternative methods of transportation to lower our GHG emissions
- the need for focus in order to move forward with our priorities

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the Board express its support for Union of BC Municipalities Resolution B143 - Shifting Investment to Low-Emission Transportation which passed at the 2019 convention, and request that staff consider the commitment in the Pan-Canadian framework on clean growth and climate change, to shift investments "from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation" in their work.
DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Brent, Brice, Desjardins, Haynes, Loveday, McNeil-Smith, Mersereau, Screech, Seaton, Tait

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the Capital Regional District Board receive this report for information.
CARRIED

4.3. [21-031](#)

Letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Ministers (Director Taylor)

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the need to look at the whole before focusing on the details
- timing being imperative to our success

MOVED by Director Taylor, **SECONDED** by Director Loveday,
That the Board write to Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure:
a) Applauding their government's commitment to fund free transit for children up to and including age 12 as an example of how we can build a better future through fighting climate change;
b) Expressing the CRD's eagerness to work with them to improve transit and other low-carbon transportation on the South Island to meet the aspirations of the South Island Transportation Strategy;
c) Noting that following through on the aspiration of the South Island Transportation Strategy to "to fundamentally shift how people move around South Vancouver Island" will be necessary to meet the CRD's goal of a 61% reduction in GHG emissions from 2007 levels by 2038, and that the CRD does not consider failure to meet this goal to be an option given the seriousness of the climate emergency; and
d) Communicating the CRD's willingness to collaborate with Minister Fleming and Minister Ma in the identification, planning and development of key transit projects in this region.

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That part d) of the motion be amended to replace the word "transit..." with the word "transportation...".
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That part b) of the motion be amended by adding the words "including rail" after the words "...low-carbon transportation".
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That this item be postponed until after transportation priorities have been established.
CARRIED

4.4. [21-096](#)

Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Taylor,
That the following minutes be received for information:
a) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - October 10, 2019
b) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - November 14, 2019

- c) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - December 12, 2019
 - d) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - January 9, 2020
 - e) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - February 13, 2020
 - f) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - March 12, 2020
 - g) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - July 9, 2020
 - h) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - August 13, 2020
 - i) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - September 10, 2020
 - j) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - October 8, 2020
 - k) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - December 10, 2020
 - l) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - January 12, 2021
- CARRIED**

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the February 24, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at
2:53 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder