

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT:

Directors: D. Murdock (Chair), S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries, B. Desjardins, R. Fawcett (for P. Brent), L. Szpak, M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, M. Wagner (for S. Goodmanson) (EP), R. Windsor (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

STAFF: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Jones, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services; K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning and Transportation; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; D. Ovington, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration; G. Tokgoz, Manager, Transportation; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Senior Committee Clerk; J. Ives, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests: Director Holman; L. Megenbir, Manager, Service Planning, BC Transit; L. Timmermans, Director, Project Delivery, BC Transit; E. Wren, Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit

Regrets: Directors P. Brent, S. Goodmanson, D. Kobayashi

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Szpak provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That Director Holman be permitted to participate in the January 28, 2026 meeting
of the Transportation Committee.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Desjardins,
That the agenda for the Transportation Committee meeting of January 28, 2026
be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

- 3.1. [26-0123](#) Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meetings of June 25, 2025 and October 22, 2025
- MOVED** by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meetings of June 25, 2025 and October 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

- 5.1.1. [26-0048](#) Presentation: Elise Wren and Levi Megenbir, BC Transit Re: Victoria Regional Transit Plan Update

E. Wren and L. Megenbir presented Item 5.1.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the potential for creating a Transportation Commission
- investments in route 95 RapidBus line and potential future alignment with higher-order transit
- suggested avenues for further transit advocacy, including to the Province of British Columbia and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities

- 5.1.2. [26-0074](#) Presentation: Levi Timmermans, BC Transit Re: Saanich Transit Centre

L. Timmermans presented Item 5.1.2.

5.2. Delegations

- 5.2.1. **26-0130** Delegation - Nathan Bird, Victoria Transit Riders Union, Re: Agenda Item 6.2: Fare Free Youth Transit, Resolution for AVICC/UBCM

N. Bird spoke to Item 6.2.

- 5.2.2. **26-0129** Delegation - Robin Jenkinson, Island Pathways, Re: Agenda Item 6.4: Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study Findings and Next Steps

R. Jenkinson spoke to Item 6.4.

- 5.2.3. **26-0131** Delegation - Nathan Davidowicz, Resident of Vancouver, Re: Agenda Item 6.2: Fare Free Youth Transit, Resolution for AVICC/UBCM

N. Davidowicz spoke to Item 6.2.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [26-0094](#) 2026 Transportation Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [26-0045](#) Fare Free Youth Transit, Resolution for AVICC/UBCM

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.2.

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the following resolution be submitted to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities:**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia's Get on Board! program provides fare-free transit for children aged 12 and under, and youth older than 12 face cost barriers that limit access to education, employment, and community services and to establish lifelong, sustainable travel habits;

AND WHEREAS the immediate expansion of fare-free transit to all youth aged 13 to 18 may present fiscal challenges for the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia implement a phased expansion of the fare-free youth transit program by increasing eligibility by one year at a time until fare-free transit is available to youth aged 13 through 18.

CARRIED

Opposed: Brice, Desjardins, Tait, Windsor

6.3. [26-0046](#) Regional Transportation Service Implementation Update and 2026 Work Plan

K. Lorette presented Item 6.3. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the governance structure of the Regional Transportation Service and the potential for creating a delegated Transportation Commission under the CRD
- aligning transportation planning between various agencies and stakeholders

6.4. [25-1253](#) Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study Findings and Next Steps

K. Lorette and M. MacIntyre spoke to Item 6.4.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- governance implications of designating CRD Gulf Islands trails as active transportation trails
- desire to review trail designation guidelines during the update of the Regional Transportation Plan
- staff capacity to undertake trail planning and design
- stakeholder engagement during the trail design phase
- distinctions between planned transportation trails and existing regional park trails connected to natural assets

Motion Arising:

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That staff report back on the implications of the CRD Gulf Island trails being
considered as regional trails under the Regional Transportation Service, during
the update of the Regional Transportation Plan.**

Motion to Table:

**MOVED by Director Caradonna, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That Item 6.4. be tabled until the Transportation Committee rises from the closed
session.
CARRIED**

9.1. [26-0122](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Caradonna
That the meeting be closed for intergovernmental negotiations in accordance
with Section 90(2)(b) of the Community Charter.
CARRIED**

The Transportation Committee moved to the closed session at 3:29 pm.
The Transportation Committee rose from the closed session at 3:40 pm without
report.

6.4. [25-1253](#) Salt Spring Island Regional Trail Feasibility Study Findings and Next Steps

Director Tait left the meeting at 3:40 pm.

The question was called on the motion arising:

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That staff report back on the implications of the CRD Gulf Island trails being
considered as regional trails under the Regional Transportation Service, during
the update of the Regional Transportation Plan.
CARRIED**

6.5. [25-1240](#) Motion with Notice: Fulford-Ganges to Vesuvius multi use pathway Advocacy (B. Webster)

Committee discussion ensued on the referred motion with notice being more appropriate as a Regional Parks matter.

The Transportation Committee's consensus (without objection) was to report back to the CRD Board with no recommendation.

6.6. [26-0047](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information only:

- a) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of October 14, 2025
- b) Regional Transportation Working Group minutes of September 16, 2025

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Motion to Close the Meeting

9.1. [26-0122](#) Motion to Close the Meeting

This item was considered during Item 6.4.

10. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director de Vries,
That the January 28, 2026 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:09 pm.
CARRIED

Chair

Recorder