

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

Directors: D. Murdock (Chair), S. Goodmanson (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries (EP), B. Desjardins, C. Harder, D. Kobayashi, D. Thompson, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; P. Klassen, Acting General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; G. Tokgoz, Manager, Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest(s): M. Pearson, Ministry of Transportation and Transit; C. Mossey, BC Transit

Regrets: Director M. Tait

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

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Goodmanson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Brent,
That the agenda for the Transportation Committee meeting of February 26, 2025
be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0152](#) Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Kobayashi, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of November 20, 2024
be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Murdock noted that he was looking forward to listening to the presentations being brought to the committee today.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [25-0169](#) Presentation: Janelle Staite and Michael Pearson, Ministry of Transportation and Transit; Re. Capital Regional District Project and Planning Updates

M. Pearson presented the Capital Regional District Project and Planning Updates.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- clarification of which stakeholder(s) maintains project oversight
- future plans for the Galloping Goose Trail overpass at Tillicum Road
- the status of the Hwy 14 Open House
- future plans and the consultation process status for the Island Corridor

5.1.2. [25-0170](#) Presentation: Chelsea Mossey, BC Transit; Re. Transit Update

C. Mossey presented the BC Transit Update.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- improving service to rapidly growing communities
- methods available to transit users to provide feedback
- addressing the stop spacing and times that impact senior and student users
- the cost benefit of the electric fleet
- concerns of the off-peak Langford-Sooke service schedule
- the timeline to implement the local area transit plans
- engagement opportunities for transportation governance as a region

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0065](#) 2025 Transportation Committee Terms of Reference

P. Klassen presented Item 6.1. for information.

6.2. [24-1208](#) Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project Update - November 2024

G. Tokgoz presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the desired outcome of upgrades where the Province owns the land
- the timeline and detour planning of the Selkirk trestle closure
- clarification of the project expenditures

6.3. [25-0071](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions

J. Douillard spoke to Item 6.3.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
The Traffic Safety Commission recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board advocate to the Province for improved interregional bus service in recognition that affordable transit and its frequency play a role in traffic safety.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding model for, and role of BC Transit in, interregional service.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the main motion be amended to add the wording "between the Capital Regional District and Cowichan Valley Regional District" after the wording "interregional bus service".

CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the intent of the motion.

MOVED by Alternate Director Bateman, **SECONDED** by Director Caradonna,
That the main motion be amended to add the wording "and apply the Province's enhanced funding model for this and other regional routes that have significant unmet public transit travel demands, all," before the words "in recognition that".

DEFEATED

Opposed: Bateman, Brent, Brice, Caradonna, De Vries, Desjardins, Goodmanson, Harder, Kobayashi, McNeil-Smith, Murdock, Thompson

Discussion ensued regarding the Province's enhanced funding model.

MOVED by Director Caradonna, **SECONDED** by Director Brice,
That the main motion be amended to add the wording "and funding" after the wording "improved interregional bus service".

CARRIED

The question was called on the main motion as amended:

The Traffic Safety Commission recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board advocate to the Province for improved interregional bus service and funding between the Capital Regional District and Cowichan Valley Regional District in recognition that affordable transit and its frequency play a role in traffic safety.

CARRIED

Motion Arising

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,

That this motion be forwarded to the Cowichan Valley Regional District Board and request their support.

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Harder,

That the February 26, 2025 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:42 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER