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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Held March 29, 2021, CRD Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC **\*\*electronic meeting****

**Present:**

**In Person:** Karla Campbell, Robin Soles

**Electronic Participation:** Director Holman, Gayle Baker, Gary Lehman, Myna Lee Johnstone, Peter Meyer, Mitchell Sherrin, Maxine Leichter

**Electronic Guests:** Various members of the public.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order**

Territorial Acknowledgement was provided by Commissioner Sherrin and the meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

**2. ELECTRONIC MEETING RESOLUTION**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherrin, That this resolution applies to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) for the meeting being held on February 22, 2021, and that in-person attendance of the public is prohibited by Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

That the SSITC is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability in respect of the open meeting by the following means:

- a. By making the meeting agenda, as well as the other relevant documents, available on the CRD website, and directing interested persons to the website by means of the notices provided in respect of the meeting,
- b. By making the minutes of the meeting available on the CRD website following the meeting,
- c. By offering the ability to attend and listen to the electronic meeting by invitation.

**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Leichter, That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission agenda of March 29, 2021 be approved and amended by moving item 8.1 to 5.2, item 7.2 to 5.3, and adding new item 8.1 Flag Stops at Ganges Crosswalks.

**CARRIED**

**4. Adoption of Minutes of February 22, 2021**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Lehman, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve and amend the February 22, 2021 minutes by removing the wording in item 7.4 first bullet from "trail project" onwards.

**CARRIED**

**5. Delegation/Presentations**

**5.1 Ericka Amador – BC Transit Service Design Standards and Performance Guidelines**

- Service Design Standards and Performance Engagement Survey available for commissioners.
- Survey will launch for public on April 6, 2021.
- Public will be notified by Driftwood ads, in-bus pamphlets, Facebook ads, and mail-outs. Salt Spring Exchange ad to be looked into.
- Paper surveys will be available at the Salt Spring CRD office.
- Ferry/bus connections continue to be worked on.

**5.2 BC Transit – Annual Performance Summary**

Received.

**5.3 Bus Shelter Location**

- More data to be collected from bus drivers regarding routes and direction of riders.
- Possible locations include Central, Cusheon Lake, Blackburn Lake, and Horel Road.

**ITEM TABLED**

**6. Report of the Director and Commissioners**

- Director Holman reported:
  - The CRD approved 2021 Budget on March 24, 2021.
  - 1.2% requisition increase, less than inflation.
  - Transit portion of the requisition was reduced; funding replaced with Covid Relief funding, which reflects impact on revenue.
  - \$234,000 from Federal Covid Recovery funding went to BC Transit.
  - Federal government doubling gas tax transfer to local governments, \$600,000 for Salt Spring.
  - Provincial Covid Relief funding for local governments brings \$540,000 to the CRD to address revenue shortfalls and cost increases; distribution between the Electoral Areas to be worked out.
  - Regarding motion to return half of Martin Ogilive's funds, Director Holman says there is no legal obligation and it sets an unwanted precedent. Ogilive's funds were received for re-zoning his property, which was done. The Director will work with the Island's Trust to clarify policies and make sure they are consistently applied.
- Chair Baker reported:
  - The Salish Sea Trail was discussed in a ZOOM meeting with Adam Olsen.
  - Grant opportunities need to be taken advantage of with plans and preparations ready to go.

## 7. Outstanding Business

### 7.1 Project Updates:

- Ganges Hill Project
  - Money will be leftover. Funds can be used for the downtown area.
  - MOTI and staff agree that the pathway issue would be better addressed after the paving project is complete.
  - Commission agrees to MOTI re-paving prior to pursuing an additional pathway.
  - MOTI is hoping to finalize negotiations with property owners soon.
  - Director Holman requested a letter outlining commitments and timelines for the re-paving.
  
- Booth Canal-Vesuvius Pathway
  - Signage and reflectors needed for corners and visibility.
  - MOTI responsible for road sweeping and catch basin maintenance.
  - Sight issues if taking a left-hand turn from Baker Road onto Fulford-Ganges.
  - Graffiti might become an issue on the cement blocks.
  - Slope might be a concern for users with less mobility.
  - Commission requests staff to review concerns.
  
- Advocacy Strategic Priorities
  - Advocate for shoulder/road sweeping and line painting to happen more frequently.

### 7.2 Petition from Curt Firestone: Incorporate Car Stops in the Ganges Transportation Plan

- RCMP will not stop ridesharing.
- 80 people signed petition, 100-150 attended protest when Embe ridesharing signs were removed.
- The Transportation Commission was not involved in the removal of signs.
- Ridesharing has a long history on Salt Spring.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Flag Stops at Crosswalks in Ganges

**MOVED** by Commissioner Baker, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sherrin,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommend trying a flag stop at a crosswalk in downtown Ganges.

### 8.2 Speed Reader Boards at Entry Points to Ganges

Item deferred to April 26, 2021 meeting.

**9. Correspondence:**

Email dated March 05, 2021 re: Vesuvius to Booth Canal Pathway from Rita Archer.  
Received.

**10. Next Meeting: Monday April 26, 2021 at 1PM**

\*location and participation format TBD under the Order of the B.C. Public Health Officer.

**11. Adjournment**

**MOVED** by Commissioner Leichter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lehman,  
That the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission March 29, 2021 meeting adjourn at  
3:46pm.

**CARRIED**



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CHAIR



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SENIOR MANAGER