

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), J. Loveday (Vice Chair), S. Brice, B. Desjardins, P. Brent (for D. Howe), B. Isitt (9:47 am) (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, R. Martin (EP), R. Mersereau, L. Seaton, M. Tait (EP), N. Taylor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

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

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests: Directors F. Haynes, R. Murdoch

Regrets: Director D. Howe

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That Director Murdoch be allowed to participate without vote in the February 17,
2021 Transportation Committee meeting.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That Director Haynes be allowed to participate without vote in the February 17,
2021 Transportation Committee meeting.**

CARRIED

**MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Alternate Director Brent,
That the agenda for the February 17, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting be
approved as amended.**

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Screech welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting. He noted the

important work that is to be done by this committee. The needs of our region vary widely, and we need to build consensus between our members in order to be successful with our solution designs.

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1. [21-150](#) Presentation: Carrie McIntosh, BC Ferries re: Transportation Priorities and Climate Action

Director Screech introduced C. McIntosh from BC Ferries to present the BC Ferries Overview.

C. McIntosh spoke to the BC Ferries Overview.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- that BC Ferries is a for profit corporation where any revenue is reinvested into the BC Ferries system
- a feasibility study for the Westshore to Esquimalt route
- the history of coordination between the CRD and BC Ferries

4.2. [21-151](#) Presentation: Lisa Trotter, BC Transit re: Transportation Priorities and Climate Action

Director Screech introduced L. Trotter from BC Transit to present the BC Transit - Regional Priorities.

L. Trotter spoke to the BC Transit - Regional Priorities.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- rapid transit plans within Esquimalt and the peninsula
- consideration of BC Transit running a train between Victoria and Langford
- how local governments can help to implement the rapid transit plan quickly
- any plans being put in place by BC Transit to lower the cost barrier and raise ridership
- the last update of the Transit Futures Plan
- what drives their targets
- the discrepancy in mode share between the core and the peninsula owing to expected growth on the peninsula being low
- the historical and future coordination between the CRD and BC Transit

4.3. [21-152](#) Presentation: Andrea Thomas, Island Corridor Foundation re: Transportation Priorities and Climate Action

Director Screech introduced L. Stevenson from Island Corridor Foundation to present.

L. Stevenson spoke to the Island Corridor Foundation presentation.

Discussion ensued on what should happen if we lose this corridor.

4.4. [21-158](#) Delegation - Julian West; Representing Urban Thrive: Re: Agenda Item 5.4. Transportation Gap Summary

Julien West spoke in favour of Item 5.4.

- 4.5. [21-159](#) Delegation - Eric Doherty; Representing Greater Victoria Acting Together: Re: Agenda Item 5.4. Transportation Gap Summary, and 5.5. Letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Ministers

Eric Doherty spoke in favour of Items 5.4. and 5.5.

- 4.6. [21-160](#) Delegation - Gwyer Webber; Resident of Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 4.2. Presentation: Lisa Trotter, BC Transit re: Transportation Priorities and Climate Action, 4.3. Presentation: Andrea Thomas, Island Corridor Foundation re: Transportation Priorities and Climate Action, and 5.4. Transportation Gap Summary

Gwyer Webber spoke in favour of Items 4.2., 4.3. and 5.4.

- 4.7. [21-161](#) Delegation - Beatrice Gentili-Hittos; Representing Climate Justice Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 5.4. Transportation Gap Summary

Beatrice Gentili-Hittos spoke in favour of Items 5.4. and 5.5.

5. Committee Business

- 5.1. [21-095](#) 2021 Transportation Committee Terms of Reference

K. Lorette spoke to Item 5.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- that multi-use regional trails is now part of this committee as well as the Regional Parks Committee
- consideration given to the climate emergency declaration in terms of this committee making recommendations around mode-shift

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the Transportation Committee receive the 2021 Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A.**

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Mersereau,
That the Transportation Committee Terms of Reference be amended by adding as a new item 1.0 (b)(iii) the following:
"Work with other Vancouver Island Regional Districts to support major multi-modal transportation which support transportation and the flow of goods on Vancouver Island."**

CARRIED

The Chair called a vote on the main motion as amended

1. That the Transportation Committee receive the 2021 Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A; and

2. That the Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the Transportation Committee Terms of Reference be amended by adding as a new item 1.0 (b)(iii) the following:

“Work with other Vancouver Island Regional Districts to support major multi-modal transportation which support transportation and the flow of goods on Vancouver Island.”

CARRIED

5.2. [21-148](#) Regional Transportation Plan Report Card

K. Lorette spoke to Item 5.2.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the original plan missing the rail and ferry component
- the scope of Technical Advisory Committee

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Brice,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

That the Regional Transportation Plan Report Card report be received for information.

CARRIED

6. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Loveday, SECONDED by Director Brice,
That the February 17, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:16 am.**

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder