

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Transportation Advisory Committee

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 652  
625 Fisgard St.  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

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#### PRESENT

Committee Members: K. Aimers, K. Balzer, J. Baylis (EP), L. Beckett, T. Bevan, M. Bodman, C. Davies, R. Ding, L. Gauntt, R. Gustafson, R. Kenny, I. Lawrence, I. Leung, B. Martin; R. Mattson, J. Merkley, B. Murphy, D. Ovington, B. Payette, M. Pearson, Z. Polden, D. Puskas, J. Starke, M. Squires, A. Thomas, B. Wong (EP), E. Wren

Staff: P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning & Transportation; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning & Transportation; G. Tokgoz, Manager of Regional Trails, Regional Parks; K. Mullin, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning & Transportation (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Guest(s): L. Megenbir

Regrets: J. Hicks, T. McKay

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

#### 1. Territorial Acknowledgement

G. Tokgoz provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### 2. Election of the Chair

J. Douillard called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for 2026.

J. Starke nominated G. Tokgoz. G. Tokgoz accepted the nomination.

J. Douillard called for nominations a second time.

J. Douillard called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, J. Douillard declared G. Tokgoz Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee by acclamation.

### 3. Election of Vice Chair

G. Tokgoz called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for 2026.

K. Balzer self-nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee for 2026.

G. Tokgoz called for nominations a second time.

G. Tokgoz called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, G. Tokgoz declared K. Balzer Vice Chair of the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee by acclamation.

### 4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by G. Tokgoz, SECONDED by I. Leung

That the agenda for the January 27, 2026, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee be approved with no amendments.

CARRIED

### 5. RTS Work Plan 2026

G. Tokgoz, J. Douillard and P. Klassen spoke to item 5.

Summary:

Overview provided of historic CRD transportation functions, mandate of the newly established Regional Transportation Service, and status Regional Transportation Plan including upcoming engagement opportunities.

Update provided on Board direction to CRD staff from July 2025 Board meeting to report back on merits of establishing a transportation commission through the update to the RTP and transferring responsibilities of the VRTC to the CRD.

### 6. BC Transit Updates

E. Wren spoke to item 6.

Summary:

VRTC request of BC Transit staff to engage public on demand for travel options from downtown Victoria to YYJ, engagement will commence in early February.

BC Transit's Bus Shelter program applications are now due from municipalities. Victoria Regional Transit Plan public engagement complete and upcoming local government workshop in March.

### 7. Reconciliation Corridor Initiative

P. Klassen, T. Bevan, and A. Thomas spoke to item 7.

Summary:

Island Corridor Foundation holds the rail line on behalf of First Nations and municipalities, and the shared vision was launched in 2023 with goal of the initiative is to understand how the corridor can be used in the future.

Reconciliation Corridor Initiative is exploring realigning the rail corridor in ways for it to be used for light-rail or ultra-light-rail that is socio-economically beneficial to both Nations (Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations).

**8. Discussion of Existing and Emerging Committee Topics for 2026**

J. Douillard spoke to item 8.

Summary:

Noted opportunities for strengthened advocacy on federal regulation of vehicle design and new mobility devices, as well as renewed efforts around automated speed and red-light enforcement and public outreach on distracted driving, speeding, and impaired driving.

**9. Subcommittees and Working Groups**

G. Tokgoz spoke to item 9.

Summary:

Members discussed developing a term of reference for a working group dedicated to rapid transit including the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative.

L. Beckett proposed the following **NOTICE OF MOTION**: “I have the recommendation that RTAC recommends that a Terms of Reference is developed to potentially establish a working group focused on advancing rapid transit and the reconciliation corridor initiative”.

**MOVED by L. Beckett , SECONDED by B. Murphy,**

**That the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that staff draft a Terms of Reference to establish a working group focused on advancing rapid transit and the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative.**

**CARRIED**

**10. New Business**

There was no new business.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOVED by Chair G. Tokgoz, SECONDED by J. Douillard**

That the January 27, 2026 Regional Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:07pm.

CARRIED



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Chair



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Recorder