

(DRAFT) Minutes of June 16, 2010 Gabriola Transportation Assn. Board Meeting

Present:

Jim Ramsay – President & Secretary
Randy Young – Vice-President
Erik Andersen – Treasurer
André Lemieux

Absent:

John Hodgins

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

1. Minutes: Minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting were approved, as circulated.
2. Transit Study
 - (A) Jim reported that BC Transit's planned further feasibility study into transit service on Gabriola planned for May has not yet taken place and a revised target date is not yet known.
 - (B) The bio-diesel processor has been excluded from the current Commons zoning and is planned as a later addition.
3. Sustainable Gabriola Community Plan - Transportation
 - (A) Jim is coordinating input from stakeholders to the draft Transportation Section of the Sustainable Gabriola Community Plan. In addition to GTA, input is being sought from the FAC, GaLT and POSAC before the report is finalized.
 - (C) Draft terms of reference for a proposed Gabriola Transportation Commission, based closely on Salt Spring's version, were discussed. The draft will be revised to specify that members of the Commission will be residents of Gabriola and that the various Island stakeholders and those with technical expertise should be represented. It was noted that at such time as the Commission is established, the need for GTA will likely disappear.
4. Making Village Area Pedestrian-friendly
 - (A) As previously agreed, the Village Area of Gabriola needs a much more pedestrian-friendly environment and GTA should undertake co-ordination of this effort.
 - (B) Jim will draft a proposed invitation to the various stakeholder groups to get involved, and will discuss with a few of them before finalizing our approach. It is recognized that the OCP Review Committee will soon be reviewing the zoning of the Village area.

5. Ferry Advisory Committee

(A) André reported that the next FAC meeting in public is planned for Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

(B) The main agenda item is likely to be the new ferry schedule.

6. Other Transportation

(A) John Hodgins' e-mail concerning a number of issues, mostly concerning the proposed transit service, was reviewed in detail. It was agreed that this research is very useful and that, with John's concurrence, an edited version should be sent to our Regional Director for information.

(B) Erik reported that Em-com will be invited to attend a Ratepayers' Meeting in the Fall to brief Islanders on plans for roads in the fall and winter.

7. Other Business

The resignation of John Woods as a Director was accepted with regret. John has brought a welcome perspective and knowledge to GTA. The Board will consider possible replacements for the remainder of his term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

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