

Minutes of September 21, 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 7:40 pm.

1. Minutes: Minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting were approved, as circulated.
2. Meeting with MOTI:
Notes of meeting Jim and Randy held with Tyler Lambert, Area Manager – Roads for Nanaimo, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on August 25th were reviewed. The information gleaned should be helpful in MOTI aspects of making the Village area pedestrian-friendly and other issues.
3. Transit Study:
Jim reported that BC Transit's planned further feasibility study into transit service on Gabriola was re-scheduled for August and results are awaited. Lack of density may be an issue raised in that study.
4. Cycle Route Plan:
The Cycle Route Plan has been well received by the Local Trust Committee and a resolution to approve it is expected at their September 23 meeting. The ad hoc committee which prepared the report is seeking funding of \$250 for printing of additional copies of the report. Use of the climate change dividend/bus fund for this purpose was discussed but felt to be not completely consistent with the intent of that fund. Instead, it was proposed that an application should be submitted for a grant-in-aid from the Gabriola Recreation Commission.
5. Sustainable Gabriola Community Plan - Transportation
Following input from stakeholders to the draft, the Transportation Section of the Sustainable Gabriola Community Plan was finalized. It was decided to delete references to a proposed Gabriola Transportation Commission at this time. The plan has been submitted to the Islands Trust.
6. Making Village Area Pedestrian-friendly
 - (A) The invitation to the various stakeholder groups to get involved in making the village area pedestrian-friendly was issued July 8, 2010.
 - (B) Given that the OCP Review Committee will soon be reviewing the zoning of the Village area, it was agreed that the planned public meeting respecting pedestrian-friendly aspects should be combined with the OCP review. A meeting in late October will be proposed to the IT.

7. Ferry Advisory Committee
 - (A) André reported that the next FAC meeting in public is planned for October 25 or thereabouts.
 - (B) The agenda is likely to include: the “temporary” ferry schedule; unloading priority; handrails in the lounge seating; and sound levels.
6. Other Transportation

Nil.
7. Other Business

The need for appointment of additional directors at this year’s AGM in late fall was discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

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