

Summary of meeting discussion between representatives from the Ministry of
Transportation & Infrastructure and the Gabriola Ratepayers Association

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MoTI:

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1. Items arising from Public Meeting of June 18, 2012

A. Discussion:

- A summary of the activities completed within the last year was discussed, including; line painting, spray patching, ditch maintenance, snow plowing, shoulder maintenance and the Wharf Road property acquisition.
- It was suggested that MOTI review pedestrian/cycle movements from the ferry. MoTI will look at possible signage along that route although any planned changes for the Ferry hill should be designed to fit into the proposed off-road pedestrian/cycling trail through the Village.
- A request for monthly sweeping of road shoulders was suggested; however, the maintenance standard is for one annual sweeping for all two lane roads in British Columbia and the maintenance contractor, Emcon Services Inc. typically sweeps all roads on Gabriola in the spring.
- Jervis Inlet gravel is currently being used by the maintenance contractor, Emcon Services Inc. for gravel roads on Gabriola.
- Ongoing monitoring of the road network is completed by the maintenance contractor, Emcon Services Inc. along with MoTI.

B. Capital Items

- Traffic management measures within the Village corridor were discussed. Although various options were brought forward, further consultation with the Islands Trust, the RDN and Emergency Services would be required to determine the specific safety or operational issues within the Village core.

- Infrastructure improvements on Gabriola were discussed and MoTI considers projects based on priorities across Vancouver Island.
2. Coast Road: Interest from a local resident to fund a road surface upgrade on Coast Road from gravel to seal coat was discussed. MoTI staff will contact the local resident to discuss the possibility and assist with the necessary application.
 3. MoT Pit off Honeysuckle: GaLTT is interested in discussing MoTI's long term plans for the gravel pit. MoTI will investigate and respond back to GaLTT.
 4. Wharf Road: Slope stabilization between Wharf Road and South Road was discussed. After consultation with MoTI, ITF completed a project to plant willow and sword fern with GaLTT's assistance. MoTI will investigate and continue to monitor the situation.
 5. Next Meeting: It was agreed the next meeting will be a Public Meeting held on Gabriola this summer.