

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Gabriola Transportation Association**

**Held:** On Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the portable at Rollo McClay Field, Gabriola, B.C.

**Present:** 4 members in person or by proxy, as per the registration sheet.

There being a quorum present per Bylaw 13(iii), the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jim Ramsay, President.

**Notice of Meeting**

The Secretary, Jim Ramsay, reported that notice of the meeting had been duly issued in accordance with Bylaw 10.

**President's Report**

The President, Jim Ramsay, reported on GTA's third year, which has been relatively quiet, aside from the public transit study. He noted that GTA is intended to be an umbrella organization to co-ordinate transportation issues on behalf of the residents of Gabriola Island.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Erik Andersen, reported that the current balance of the Transit Study Trust Account is \$5,548.55, while the General Account balance is \$70.00.

**Appointment of Auditor**

In accordance with Bylaw 53, it was moved, seconded and carried to waive appointment of an auditor.

**Public Transit**

On behalf of the Public Transit Committee, Jim Ramsay reviewed the BC Transit Feasibility Study and recommendation by the RDN Select Transit Committee for "staff to investigate the full financial impacts of the various expansion options and to work with BC transit to prioritize the proposed service increase and update the RDN Transit Business Plan as required." It was noted that reduced fares to various groups have meant that RDN average transit fare levels may be significantly below the required level.

Once the updated RDN financial data is available, a public process including a Ratepayers meeting is planned to obtain further input in advance of a referendum.

**Ferry**

As Chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee, André Lemieux reviewed the results of the FAC meeting of April 11, 2011 which was a "virtual" meeting, in that the BC Ferry officials appeared by video conference from their offices in Victoria. This new concept seemed to work very well and there was a good attendance from the public, helped by the

recent *Sounder* article about fare increases. Tenure of the Lunch Box amenity at Nanaimo Harbour has become an issue, and it was suggested that the long-term plans of BC Ferries should include a reasonable lease with that contractor.

### **Other Transportation**

Randy Young reviewed results of recent meetings with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. As a consequence, MoTI is planning to install a crosswalk on the east side of Lochinvar at North Road. Also, Gabriola Lands and Trails Trust will be allowed to install structures in road rights-of-way, provided the RDN agrees to assume responsibility if GaLTT ceases to exist in the future.

Jim Ramsay reported that the issue of making the Village area more pedestrian-friendly is progressing, with Landscape Architect Cameron Murray helping to develop a vision for the proposed off-road cycling and pedestrian trail from South Road to Tin Can Alley. Once a vision has been prepared, a public meeting will be planned.

### **Other Business**

Nil

### **Election of Directors**

The following were elected as Directors for a one year term: Erik Andersen, John Hodgkins, André Lemieux, Jim Ramsay and Randy Young.

In accordance with Bylaw 23, one position was left vacant for possible appointment by the Area B Regional Director following the November 15 local elections.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Immediately following the AGM, a meeting of the Board of Directors was convened with the following in attendance:

Erik Andersen  
André Lemieux  
Jim Ramsay  
Randy Young

The following officers were elected:

President	- Jim Ramsay	Treasurer	- Erik Andersen
Vice-President	- Randy Young	Secretary	- Jim Ramsay

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.