

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

**Held:** On Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the W.I. Hall, Gabriola, B.C.

**Present:** 12 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 7:09 p.m. by Jim Ramsay, President. Introductions were made and the meeting commenced.

**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 the formation of GTA under the Society Act in June 2008. He noted that GTA is intended to be an umbrella organization and hopes to co-ordinate transportation issues on behalf of the residents of Gabriola Island.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Erik Andersen, reported that incorporation fees and charges had been paid personally by the five founding Directors, while cost of the internet website **gabriolatransportation.com** for one year was covered by André Lemieux. GTA is presently unfunded, except through donations.

The current status of the Transit Study Trust Account is a balance of \$6,766.88.

The following was moved, seconded and carried:

1. All cheques, drafts, and orders for payment of money drawn on the Coastal Community Credit Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Credit Union") account operated in the name of the Gabriola Transportation Association, (hereinafter referred to as "GTA") in reference to the General Operating Account shall be signed jointly by any two officers of GTA.
2. The Treasurer of GTA is authorized to provide direction to the Credit Union with respect to the opening and closing of any GTA accounts.
3. The Treasurer of GTA is authorized to enter into agreements relating to interest rates and other agreements of every nature whatsoever related to the investment of GTA moneys in investment instruments issued by the Credit Union.

**Appointment of Auditor**

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

## **Public Transit Committee**

On behalf of the Public Transit Committee comprising Judith Roux, Deb Scott, Jim Ramsay and herself, Fay Weller reviewed the results of the transportation survey conducted during September. The nearly 400 responses represent almost 800 residents and are considered a statistically valid indication of resident opinion on the transportation issues covered by the survey.

Jim Ramsay reviewed his recent travel on the new Salt Spring Island BC Transit operation, which has been very well received. In discussion, it was noted that the recently established transit system in Port Hardy included support from the First Nations and Vancouver Island Health Authority, and may be worth contacting for ideas and information. Further information on the transit systems of Bowen and Salt Spring Islands will be obtained.

The next step is to convene a public meeting, likely during November, to start to develop options for a transit service. The intent is to develop a transit plan in as transparent and participative a means as possible, with maximum community input. The input of other transportation stakeholders, including the taxi company, bicycling and walking advocates will also be fully considered.

## **Ferry Advisory Committee**

As Chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee, André Lemieux reviewed the results of the FAC meeting of September 15, 2008 (which was a meeting in public, not a public meeting) when a resolution was enacted recommending a survey of alternatives to the existing ferry operation. A preliminary meeting has been held with officials of the Vancouver Island University which has volunteered to conduct the survey as a community contribution. The wording of the survey question(s) has not yet been established, and the survey is expected to be conducted in January with results at the end of March.

## **Other Business**

Randy Young reported that GaLTT is working on a walking trail beside the road through the tunnel area. A 3 foot wide path would be sufficient for walkers, while a 6 foot wide path would be needed to accommodate bikes, but that will necessitate removal of some trees.

Erik Andersen reported that the Ratepayers will be meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss road issues with Emcom.

## **Election of Directors**

Following discussion, and in accordance with Bylaw 21, it was moved, seconded and carried to increase the number of Directors from 5 to 6.

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

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 8:45 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  
John Woods

The following officers were elected:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.