

## Minutes of March 23, 2010 Gabriola Transportation Assn. Board Meeting

### Present:

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

### Absent:

John Woods

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

1. Minutes: Minutes of the October 27, 2009 meeting and the meeting following the AGM on November 19, 2009 were approved, as circulated.
2. Transit Study
  - (A) Jim reported that, contrary to previous indications, the draft report of the BC Transit study into feasibility of transit service on Gabriola has not been approved by BC Transit and will be re-done in May.
  - (B) The sophisticated bio-diesel processor, which will produce 100% clean diesel, is still being developed. Technical studies by experts are required before approval for operation.
3. Cycling Route Study
  - (A) As a Sustainable Gabriola initiative, Jim one of 11 members of the group preparing a Cycle Route Plan for submission to the LTC on March 31.
  - (B) The Village Area of Gabriola has been identified as needing a much more pedestrian-friendly environment, which would also benefit cyclists. It was agreed that GTA should undertake co-ordination of this effort.
4. Ferry Advisory Committee:
  - (A) André reported that BC Ferries is not going to change the procedures for unloading of passengers ahead of cars.
  - (B) Randy and Erik reported on their visit to the Quinsam, refurbishment of which is being finalized for return to service on April 15.
  - (C) BCF plans to cover the new electrical box on the Gabriola side with a mural, at a cost of \$3,000 and André has arranged for the Gabriola Arts Council to run a contest to select the artist.
  - (D) At a recent BCF Innovation Workshop, issues such a new system for seniors' subsidized fares; and a passenger-only service from Nanaimo to Vancouver were not raised but were proposed by the Gabriola FAC in an e-mail to the FACC.
5. Other Transportation

Randy reported that that the tunnel walking trail has received RDN approval and now will go to MOTI for approval, followed by IT, after which GaLTT will be able to proceed.

6. OCP Review:

Randy reported that a public meeting will be held on March 27 to obtain public input on the OCP review. An earlier Ratepayers meeting on March 25 will discuss OCP issues, including enforcement of bylaws. Affordable housing, density and sustainability vs. conservation seem to be the major issues. Andre mentioned that if public transportation was desired by the population then a serious look at creating density for dedicated areas should be examined to accommodate a minimum critical mass required for that type of project.

7. Treasurer's Report

Erik reported that the Operating Account balance is now \$70.00 following payment of \$25.00 for the Society Act Annual Report. The balance in the bus study account is \$5,602.79.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

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