

Minutes of March 2, 2011 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 7:10 pm.

1. Minutes
Minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting were approved, as circulated.
2. Transit Study
BC Transit's Feasibility Study for Gabriola will be on the agenda for the RDN's Select Transportation Committee meeting on March 17. Jim Ramsay, Judith Roux and Fay Weller will make a delegation appearance in relation thereto.
3. Cycle Route Plan
Although use of the climate change dividend/bus fund for printing of further copies of the Cycle Route Plan was not approved at the last GTA meeting, it turned out Jim had already agreed to payment of \$54.88 from the fund and so this has now been done.
4. Making Village Area Pedestrian-friendly
Instead of convening a public meeting to discuss ways to make the village area more pedestrian friendly, it was agreed we should first develop a proposal as a starting point for public input. Jim will discuss with a member of the Cyclepath group.
5. Ferry Issues
 - BC Ferries President David Hahn has indicated sharp fare increases or service reductions are in store for the new service period starting April 2012, unless the Government increases the subsidies. There are indications an additional \$25 million will maintain fares at only a 5% increase on minor routes.
 - Request from a Mr. Van Der Horst for GTA to undertake coordination of resistance to fare increases was reviewed. It was agreed he should be encouraged to join the FAC.
 - One suggestion is to make car fares subject to the length of the vehicle, since technology now exists to make that easy to do.
 - The FACC has regular opportunities to meet with the Government and with the Ferry Commissioner. See FACC news release dated Sept. 2, 2010 which is available on the Gabriola.org website.

- Next meeting of the Gabriola FAC will be on April 11, 2011. This will be a virtual meeting via teleconference with BC Ferries officials from Victoria. It was suggested a meeting in public should be held as usual.

6. Other Transportation

- It is understood speed limit changes for Gabriola have been approved by MoTI, but implementation date not yet know.
- Randy will be convening a Ratepayers Meeting on March 10 with MoTI officials to discuss a variety of road transportation issues.

7. AGM Plans

- It was agreed the AGM should be held on Wednesday April 13 at the W.I. Hall, the Commons or Rollo McClay.Park.
- No changes to the constitution or bylaws are proposed.
- New members are needed and all directors are asked to encourage interested people to attend.

8. GTA Website

It was agreed that the website should become more relevant with topical transportation articles added. Jim will review with André.

9. Other Business:

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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