

MINUTES
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2
Thursday, January 9, 2014 AT 4:30 PM

Present: Chair: Councillor Leif Wergeland

Members: Lee Haney, Andrea Mercer

Staff: Mike Lai, Manager of Transportation; Elizabeth van den Hengel,
Committee Clerk

Guest: John Hicks, Capital Regional District

Regrets: Samantha Charlton, Michael Fisher, June Klassen, Travis Lee, Ronald
Jefferies, John Schmuck

Quorum was not met at today's meeting.

MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes will occur at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

The Chair, staff members, and committee members introduced themselves. Members were thanked for volunteering their time to the committee.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee consensus was to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

CRD DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Manager of Transportation introduced Mr. John Hicks from the CRD. Mr. Hicks presented the Committee with the most recent draft of the CRD Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The following was noted:

- The CRD Regional Transportation Plan was initiated in February 2012.
- The RTP will guide transportation planning and development in the Capital Region for the next 25 years.
- Identified within the RTP are a desired regional multi-nodal transportation network, the actions that will facilitate its ongoing development and the details of the required governance and funding mechanisms.
- The RTP was created through a cooperative process with municipal staff, electoral area representatives, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit. Key stakeholders and major employers, major educational institutions, advocacy groups and private transportation providers were also involved in the creation of the RTP.
- Regional planning and integration of transportation creates efficiency.
- The RTP envisions a regional transportation system based on a Regional Multi-

- modal Network (RMN), were walking, cycling and taking transit are viable alternatives to single passenger cars.
- Regionally significant transportation corridors and major trails that provide connectivity with local and provincial networks and centres have been identified.
 - Regional investment will be targeted towards infrastructure that supports multi-modal travel along these corridors.
 - The RTP will be implemented through the delivery of actions and outcomes which are organized under the following themes;
 - Integration and land use
 - Creating exceptional environments for walking and cycling
 - Transit elevated to the next level
 - Achieving maximum usage from our roads and trails
 - Influencing travel behaviour
 - Revised funding and governance are needed to achieve the vision of the RTP.
 - The RTP contains concrete actions to make the RTP vision a reality.
 - Technical data and transportation projections show that we need to effectively address transportation issues as the region grows.
 - The expanded transportation service authority model would draw from existing and re-allocated funding sources to fund capital projects and transportation programs on the established multi-modal network.
 - A revision of the gas tax allocation agreement will be sought, allowing for 50% of gas tax funds to be allocated to regionally significant transportation projects.
 - An expanded transportation service authority would respect local and provincial autonomy and ownership of infrastructure. Under this model, partners come together through a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) with membership from all municipalities, electoral areas, the Province and BC Transit.
 - Sub-area working groups representing the West Shore, Peninsula, the Core and electoral areas would be established to work on localized priorities and initiatives.
 - The TAC and the Sub Area working groups would report to a new Transportation Standing Committee of the CRD Board.
 - Creation of performance based metrics to inform decision making.
 - Adoption of the regional Multi-modal Network.
 - Adoption of Mobility Hubs.
 - In May 2013 the CRD presented a Draft of the Regional Transportation Plan at the Forum of Councils. The Forum of Councils recommended:
 - Salt Spring Island and the Southern Gulf Islands should be consulted prior to finalization of the RTP.
 - Advanced discussions on funding and governance options for regional transportation be undertaken
 - Identify areas of major change
 - Clear articulation of regional positions on rapid transit.
 - Addition of ferry lines to the Regional Multi-modal Network
 - Clarify policies and specific actions suitable for different areas within the region.
 - Through the Regional Sustainability Strategy quantify the impacts of the combined RSS and RTP actions on greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Final comments from councils and partners received by February 2014.
 - Final draft of the RTP March 2014.
 - RTP to be put forward to the CRD Board for approval April/May 2014.
 - Committee members were asked to submit comments to the Manager of Transportation by February 15, 2014.

NEXT MEETING

The next Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary