# AGENDA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To be held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams
Thursday November 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The District of Saanich lies within the territories of the ləkwəŋən peoples represented by the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations and the WSÁNEĆ peoples represented by the Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout, Tseycum and Malahat Nations.

We are committed to celebrating the rich diversity of people in our community. We are guided by the principle that embracing diversity enriches the lives of all people. We all share the responsibility for creating an equitable and inclusive community and for addressing discrimination in all forms.

#### A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. September 25, 2025

#### **B. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 1. INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST
  - Althea Divinagracia, Community Engagement Specialist

#### 2. NEIGHBOURHOOD BIKEWAY IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION PROJECT

Kathleen Gallagher, Senior Transportation Planner

#### C. ADJOURNMENT

In order to ensure a quorum, please contact Nathan Cernusca at 250-475-5494 ext. 3642 or nathan.cernusca@saanich.ca if you are unable to attend.

## MINUTES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams 770 Vernon Avenue September 25, 2025 at 5:31 PM

**ROLL CALL** 

In Attendance: Zac de Vries (Chair) (via Teams), Trevor Barry, James Coates, Rachel Corder (via

Teams), Isabella Harmel, and Kelsea McLaughlin

Regrets: Colin Stepney

Staff: Kathleen Gallagher, Senior Transportation Planner, Tami Gill, Planner (via Teams), and

Colton Whittaker, Senior Committee Clerk

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by T. Barry and Seconded by K. McLaughlin: "That the Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held June 26, 2025 be adopted as circulated."

**RESULT: Carried 6 TO 0** 

IN FAVOUR: Barry, Corder, de Vries, Coates, McLaughlin, Harmel

**OPPOSED:** None

#### **COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS**

MOVED by J. Coates and Seconded by I. Harmel: "That Trevor Barry be appointed as temporary Chair."

**RESULT: Carried 5 TO 0** 

IN FAVOUR: Barry, Corder, Coates, McLaughlin, Harmel

**OPPOSED:** None

#### **CHAIRS REMARKS**

The Chair welcomed committee members, and the following was noted:

- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is underway.
- The District has recently rolled out a new Evolve E-Bike Share program.

## **QUADRA MCKENZIE PLAN - PHASE 4 PRESENTATION**

The Planner gave a presentation on Phase 4 Implementation of the Quadra McKenzie Plan (PowerPoint on file), and the following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- Property owners will determine if and how their properties are developed.
- The plan is a 20–30 year land use framework with a long-term outlook.
- Development is not required to reach the maximum zoning; property owners may choose to build less.
- Between the 2024 and 2025 versions of the plan, some potential active transportation connections were removed.
- Feedback received tended to focus on shorter-term priorities.
- Transportation connections in the plan may link areas within and outside the plan boundary.
- Certain boundaries in the plan were adjusted due to factors such as biodiversity and topography.

• Shifting transportation options off main streets has proven effective elsewhere and could improve bus travel.

MOVED by J. Coates and Seconded by T. Barry: "That the Transportation Advisory Committee support the Quadra McKenzie Plan in principle, and highlight the importance of retaining proposed cycling and rapid transit lane allocations along the Quadra Corridor."

The following discussion ensued:

- Increased density should be accompanied by more cycling and active transportation options.
- Expanding safe mobility choices could free up road space for those who rely on vehicles.
- These measures may help alleviate congestion in the short term.
- Some potential road designs in the plan are not supportable and further discussion on road design is needed.
- The motion is to endorse the plan in principle; it is not final.

**RESULT: Carried 5 TO 1** 

IN FAVOUR: Barry, de Vries, Coates, McLaughlin, Harmel

**OPPOSED:** Corder

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by J. Coates and Seconded by T. Barry: "That the meeting be adjourned."

**RESULT: Carried 6 TO 0** 

IN FAVOUR: Barry, Corder, de Vries, Coates, McLaughlin, Harmel

**OPPOSED:** None

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

	CHAIR
I	hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.
-	SENIOR COMMITTEE CLERK