



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 20, 2017

SCRD Cedar Room, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 2:45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

MINUTES

2. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations of April 20, 2017 - *receipt* Annex A
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COMMUNICATIONS

3. Transportation Choices (TraC) Annex B
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Regarding Sand and Gravel on Shoulders and Bike to Work Week

REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING October 19, 2017 at 2:45 p.m.

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

April 20, 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT AT 1975
FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

PRESENT: (Voting Members)	Director, Electoral Area E, Chair	Lorne Lewis
	Director, Electoral Area A	Frank Mauro
	Director, Sechelt Indian Government District	Keith Julius
	Director, Electoral Area B, SCRD Chair	Garry Nohr
	Director, Electoral Area F	Ian Winn
	Director, Electoral Area D	Mark Lebbell
	Director, District of Sechelt	Doug Wright
	Director, Town of Gibsons	Jeremy Valeriotte
	School District No. 46	Dave Mewhort
	BC Ferries	Maureen Darragh
	Transportation Choices (TraC)	Alun Woolliams
ALSO PRESENT: (Non-Voting)	Insurance Corporation of BC	Harvey Kooner
	Manager, Transit and Fleet	Gordon Dykstra
	SCRD Chief Administrative Officer	Janette Loveys
	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Colin Midgley
	Operations Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Don Legault
	RCMP	S/Sgt. Vishal Mathura
	Recorder	Susan Fernandez
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CALL TO ORDER 2:45 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATION

Mr. Harvey Kooner, ICBC, shared pictures from road safety engagement activities presented at the Elphinstone and Chatelech Secondary Schools. The guest speaker at the event was Kevin Brooks, who shared his tragic story with the students. Mr. Kooner will also look into updated statistics for the Sunshine Coast area and commented on the various programs for cyclists such as the Share the Road Program to support communities in cycling awareness.

The Chair thanked Mr. Kooner for his presentation.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended the recommendations of the January 19, 2017 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation No. 2 *Communications*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the following communications be received:

- Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, dated April 2017, regarding BC Ferries Updates and Message from Mark Collins, BC Ferries New President and CEO.
- Transportation Choices (TraC), regarding Bike to Work and School Week, Dip in Highway at Flume Road and Reed Road

Ferries Updates, Message from Mark Collins, BC Ferries New President and CEO

The Committee reviewed the documents submitted by Diana Mumford and discussion ensued regarding options to improve ferry service levels.

TRaC Bike to Work & School Week, Dip in Highway at Flume Road and Reed Road

- *Bike to Work & School Week starts at the end of May and Capilano Highway Services was requested to sweep bike lanes prior to this week.*
- *The dip in the Highway at Flume Road is getting worse and poses a safety risk; questions were raised as to when an improvement will be made. Mr. Don Legault has discussed repairs with Capilano Highways and improvements are planned along with spring paving.*
- *The possibility of making Reed Road more bike and pedestrian friendly was discussed. Mr. Don Legault reported that fog lines are not painted off-highway. MoTI is responsible for the North half of the road only and would have to coordinate any work with the Town of Gibsons. There are tentative plans for overlay paving but improvements will be concentrating on Highway 101.*

NEW BUSINESS

- *Director Lewis and Alun Woolliams noted concerns with Reed Road including the deteriorating surface of the road and the safety concerns raised for pedestrians and cyclists.*
- *Mr. Don Legault commented that MoTI is making plans with Capilano Highways and some paving is under consideration for this area.*

ROUNDTABLE

- *The fixed link status report is expected this spring, after a delay due to the volume of input.*
- *Discussion ensued regarding road maintenance along Port Mellon Highway, along with other areas. Concerns have been reported to Capilano Highways but not yet addressed. Mr. Colin Midgley acknowledged this as an issue after a difficult winter, noting that crews have been patching however heavy vehicle traffic dislodges repeated repairs. Don Legault responded that a proper fix will require several days of dry weather. Further details on dates will be provided.*
- *Local government input on the performance of maintenance contractors during the renewal period was raised for discussion at AVICC and supported by the Committee through a recommendation. Current expiry is in April 2019 with 27 areas under discussion.*
- *Mr. Dave Mewhort introduced himself as the new TAC representative from the School District #46 (Sunshine Coast).*
- *Maureen Darragh from BC Ferries reported that while there was much popular support the hourly ferry schedule is not sustainable. The Berth 1 ramp and pontoon have both been rebuilt and are now much stronger increasing safety. Public consultation is being designed over the summer, likely using kiosks for the public input and coming in the near future.*
- *Mr. Colin Midgley noted that pothole repair is a current focus. It was suggested that a warning note to cyclists be made regarding pothole danger, especially in the dark.*
- *Cross walk in Davis Bay is complete.*
- *Suncoaster Trail engagement is complete; a report to the community is due in the Fall.*
- *A Ports Monitoring Committee (POMO) is being created with recruitment to begin soon.*
- *Transit expansion has been approved, detailed scheduling plans and various marketing initiatives are underway to raise profile of transit in the community.*
- *Many commented on the good work done over the winter with snow clearing on the roads.*

Recommendation No. 3 *Highway Maintenance Service Provider Contracts*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the SCRD contact the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) with regard to local government consultation opportunities for upcoming highway maintenance service provider contracts;

AND THAT this recommendation be sent to the next meeting of the Corporate and Administrative Services Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT the Provincial Road Maintenance Resolutions endorsed at the 2017 Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) Convention also be brought forward for discussion at the next Corporate and Administrative Services Committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING July 20, 2017 at 2:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT 3:56 p.m.

Committee Chair



TAC Agenda Item for April 20th 2017

Sand and Gravel on Shoulders

In late May there was a dangerous accumulation of grit on the shoulders related to road sealant work. MOTI explained that the sand application is part of a road sealant contract that was delayed by winter weather and it was eventually cleaned up.

As illustrated in the Coast Reporter Article found at the link below, these conditions were hazardous to the point of injury. A visiting cycle tourist from Spain crashed on Rat Portage Hill suffering scrapes and bruises and struck his head on the pavement.

<http://www.coastreporter.net/news/local-news/trac-worried-about-safety-hazard-from-sand-and-gravel-on-hwy-101-1.20195581>

On the local “Sunshine Coast Community Concerns & FYI Posts” facebook page you can see comments that suggest this gravel was also dangerous for drivers.

As we are heading towards [#MayLongweekendinbc](#) on the [#SunshineCoastBC](#) Please use your defensive driving skills and be extra vigilant and other drivers, wildlife and car aware. Earlier this afternoon I witnessed a potentially deadly incident coming up from Davis Bay...driving towards Gibsons by the Roberts Creek Campground. Most cars are going the speed limit driving in the slow lane...then, a dark purplish car...that has to try to pass 4 or 5 people in the fast lane at the last minute....hit the gravel, then spun out fishtailing from side to side all over the road, then cuts in front of two cars, almost hits the median on the far side...finally gains control...I am sure his life flashed before his eyes...I hope you learned your lesson heading towards [#gibsonbc](#) wine or plum colored older chevrolet style car round 3:30pm [#highway101bc](#) Drivers Be extra careful as there is [#Gravel](#) all over the road!!! And....a few idiots too !!! aaaaaggggggggh! [#CapilanoHighwayServices](#)

We request that this practice is not repeated in future years. Road sealing is an annual contract, and there are, we understand, ways to do it that don't involve an inch of sand on the shoulder.

BTWW

Another successful Bike To Work Week.

This years event was sponsored by BTWW BC, District of Sechelt, Town of Gibsons, SCRD, Anonymous donor, Coast Team Realty, and SCCU.

The event received in-kind donations from Coast Reporter, Spin Cycles, Off the Edge, Phitted Design, Gibsons Building Supplies, Clatyons Market, IGA, Canadian Tire, More café, and Daily Roast.

Participants - teams, individuals, schools

- 137 teams registered this year, mainly comprising government organizations, schools, and families.
- 1,102 individuals, together logging a total of 12,742 kms.
- 10/11 Elementary schools participated on the Sunshine Coast.

The following events took place during the week:

- Weekday morning Celebration Stations in Gibsons and Sechelt
- Evening group ride in Gibsons
- School Contests - To encourage greater participation among the Elementary schools, TraC conducted a contest and secured one new bicycle as a grand prize, and two helmets as second prizes.