

## DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

### MINUTES OF THE TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM

#### Present:

Director D. Brennan	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area 'A'
Director M. Young	Electoral Area 'C'
Director G. Holme	Electoral Area 'E'
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area 'G'
Director B. Veenhof	Electoral Area 'H'
Director M. Lefebvre	City of Parksville
Director D. Willie	Town of Qualicum Beach
Director B. Dempsey	District of Lantzville
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director T. Greves	City of Nanaimo
Director G. Anderson	City of Nanaimo

#### Also in Attendance:

P. Thorkelsson	Chief Administrative Officer, RDN
D. Trudeau	Gen. Mgr, Transportation & Solid Waste Services, RDN
D. Pearce	Manager, Transit Operations, RDN
Brian Clemens	Director of Finance, City of Nanaimo
F. McFarlane	Recording Secretary, RDN

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by the Chair.

Chair Brennan noted that regrets had been received from Myrna Moore, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit.

#### MINUTES

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Stanhope that the minutes of the regular Transit Select Committee meeting held January 17, 2013 be adopted. CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**Correspondence from Gary MacIsaac, Chair, Management Committee, Gas Tax Program Services, re Gas Tax General Strategic Priorities Fund and Innovations Fund Applications.**

D. Trudeau advised that the application for ARBOC buses made by the RDN for funding under the Gas Tax Program was not approved.

**Diane Brennan, Chair, RDN Transit Select Committee, re invitation to Kirsten Brooker, Chairperson Elect, VIU Students' Union, to meet and discuss any concerns regarding transit.**

D. Trudeau noted that an invitation has been extended to Kirsten Brooker, Chairperson Elect, VIU Students' Union, to attend the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Transit Select Committee (TSC).

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

**REPORTS**

**Annual Operating Agreement Amendment #1 between RDN and BC Transit for 2012-2013.**

D. Trudeau noted that because of the difference in fiscal years with BC Transit and the Regional District of Nanaimo, an Amendment Agreement is required to allow for billing of the small increases resulting from the March 3, 2013 service expansion.

MOVED Director Veenhof, SECONDED Director Lefebvre that the 2012/2013 Conventional and Custom Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) Amendment #1 with BC Transit be approved.

CARRIED

**Cruise Ship Shuttle Service - 2013.**

D. Pearce discussed the details of the report, noting that Transit will be able to supply buses for the weekend dates only.

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Veenhof, that the application made by the Nanaimo Port Authority for the Regional District of Nanaimo to provide bus service for cruise ships arriving in Nanaimo on May 11, 2013, May 12, 2013 and September 15, 2013, at the cost of Nanaimo Port Authority, be approved.

CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RDN Future Plan**

Director Veenhof asked that the RDN look into the service that the Comox Valley Regional District provides to Fanny Bay and extending it to Electoral Area 'H.' D. Pearce noted that it would be addressed in the RDN Future Plan.

**Oceanside Health Centre**

Director Lefebvre asked about bus service to and from the new Oceanside Health Centre and whether this service will coincide with the opening of the building. D. Pearce noted that there has been a change in routing to accommodate this new facility. A bus stop at located at Despard and Moilliet, in close proximity to the new centre.

Director Lefebvre also suggested that promotion be done in advance of the opening of the Oceanside Health Centre that would include both Parksville and Qualicum Beach.

### **Telephone Survey**

Director McPherson related that he had received a call from BC Transit to participate in a transit survey. When the BC Transit representative asked whether anyone in the family worked for the RDN, he responded positively. At this point, the BC Transit representative ended the call. D. Trudeau will contact BC Transit and follow up.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Holme, SECONDED Director Stanhope, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Transit Select Committee is set for Thursday, May 16, 2013, in the RDN Committee Room.

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CHAIRPERSON