

## DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

### MINUTES OF THE TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE RDN COMMITTEE ROOM

#### Present:

Director T. Westbroek	Chairperson
Director A. McPherson	Electoral Area 'A'
Director M. Young	Electoral Area 'C'
Director B. Rogers	Electoral Area 'E'
Director J. Stanhope	Electoral Area 'G'
Director B. McKay	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Bestwick	City of Nanaimo
Director J. Hong	City of Nanaimo
Director B. Yoachim	City of Nanaimo
Director C. Haime	District of Lantzville
Alternate	
Director S. Powell	City of Parksville

#### Also in Attendance:

D. Pearce	A/Gen. Mgr., Transportation & Solid Waste Services, RDN
J. Logan	Superintendent, Transit Planning & Scheduling, RDN
D. Marshall	A/Manager, Fleet Operations
M. Moore	Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit
M. Lockley	Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit
G. Foy	Traffic & Transportation Planning Engineer, CON
R. Graves	Recording Secretary, RDN

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by the Chair and introductions were made.

#### MINUTES

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Rogers that the minutes of the regular Transit Select Committee meeting held January 22, 2015 be adopted. CARRIED

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**Myrna Moore, BC Transit**, re Removal of Service from Route 15A – Vancouver Island University Connector.

**Patrick Barbosa, Vancouver Island University Students' Union**, re support for continued transit along Jingle Pot Road.

**Electoral Area 'C' Petition regarding Route 15A**, presented at the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young that the above correspondence be received.

CARRIED

## REPORTS

### **Route 15A VIU Connector (Jingle Pot) Service Review.**

MOVED Director Young, SECONDED Director Rogers that the Board defer making changes to Conventional Transit service in Electoral Area 'C' and direct staff to set up a public meeting to discuss Conventional and handyDART transit options in the area. CARRIED

### **Transit Select Committee Terms of Reference - Updated.**

D. Pearce reviewed the items that were amended in the Transit Select Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) which included financial performance and membership being updated to comprise of 14 RDN Directors.

MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Haime that the amended Transit Select Committee Terms of Reference be adopted. CARRIED

### **Parksville and Qualicum Beach Taxi Saver and Taxi Supplement Programs.**

D. Pearce updated the Committee on the proposed Taxi Saver and Taxi Supplement Programs for Parksville and Qualicum Beach.

There are currently Taxi Saver and Taxi Supplement Programs in the City of Nanaimo and staff are recommending the extension of these programs in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. Eligible handyDART clients would be able to purchase a \$60 package of Taxi Saver coupons for \$30. The coupons come in denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$3 and can be purchased once every three months. The handyDART client uses the coupons to pay the dollar meter rate of the taxi fare.

The taxi supplement provides the handyDART system the ability to dispatch a taxi when a client has booked a trip and, at the last minute, the handyDART bus is unable to do the trip. A taxi would then be dispatched in place of a handyDART bus but at no additional cost to the client.

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Powell that the proposed Taxi Saver and Taxi Supplement Programs be implemented. CARRIED

### **2015-2016 Proposed Transit Service Expansion.**

D. Pearce provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the schedules and budget estimates related to the proposed 5,000 hour expansion. The expansion hours will be added to the transit systems in District 68 and District 69.

MOVED Director Powell, SECONDED Director Young that the Board approve the proposed 2015-2016 5,000 hour annual Conventional Transit expansion outlined in this report and amend the expansion to remove any changes to the #11 Lantzville route. CARRIED

### **Transit Performance Report.**

J. Logan reviewed the report and noted that BC Transit and the RDN recently completed a transit performance report, which notes that ridership is progressing toward the *RDN Future Plan* target of 30 riders per service hour. This includes strong weekend as well as weekday ridership.

MOVED Director Rogers, SECONDED Director Stanhope that the Transit Performance Report be received for information. CARRIED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Stanhope expressed concern with operators driving buses among parked cars at Wembley Mall, in Parksville. D. Pearce commented that the RDN is working with the Mall and the City of Parksville to develop a long range plan to relocate the bus stop.

Director Stanhope questioned how the request to having a bus stop at Lee Road for Lasqueti Ferry was progressing.

D. Pearce advised that he has been in contact with the Ministry of Transportation. Ministry personnel have visited the site, spoken with residents and this request is on their list of priorities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Director Rogers that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Transit Select Committee is set tentatively for May 21, 2015, in the RDN Committee Room.

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CHAIRPERSON