

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** Meeting  
Monday, May 28, 2007, at 7:02 p.m.  
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair  
Mayor Mar, Councillors Garrison, King, Mason, and Thompson  
Gary C. Nason, Administrator  
Sara C. Ribeiro, Municipal Clerk  
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning & Building Services  
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer

**ABSENT:** Councillor Graham

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

551.07            MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON  
                     NO SECONDER  
                     *That the Agenda for the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on May 28, 2007, be approved as circulated.*  
                     CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. Ministry of Transportation Re: "Highway 17 Corridor Strategy" Report**

a) Correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation dated March 14, 2007

The Administrator, Gary C. Nason, briefly overviewed the correspondence.

Dave Edgar, Ministry of Transportation, and John Steiner, Urban Systems, overviewed the "Highway 17 Corridor Strategy" Report, focusing on the interchanges in the Central Saanich area, the purpose of the Report, the issues, and the travel choice strategies.

A discussion occurred between the Committee and Mr. Edgar and Mr. Steiner responded to questions from the Committee.

Councillor King inquired how many homes would be affected by any of the interchange updates, current safety concerns if the updates are not scheduled prior to 2010, how the strategy achieves provincial goals to reduce greenhouse gases by one third in the next 15 years, and does the Ministry of Highways utilize a climate change balance sheet for this project?

A lengthy discussion occurred between the Committee.

552.07            MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON  
                     NO SECONDER  
                     *That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That the presentation from the representatives from the Ministry of Transportation pertaining to the "Highway 17 Corridor Strategy" Report be received for information, and the Report be referred to the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update / Review Steering Committee for further discussion.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

553.07            MOVED BY COUNCILLOR THOMPSON  
                     NO SECONDER  
                     *That It Be Recommended To Council:*

*That further discussion in regards to the "Highway 17 Corridor Strategy" Report be referred to a future Tri-Municipal Peninsula Council Meeting, after the conclusion of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update / Review process.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion, the Public Works & Transportation Committee Meeting held on May 28, 2007, adjourned at 7:43 pm.*

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Councillor Alastair Bryson, Chair

Recorded By: Sara C. Ribeiro  
Municipal Clerk