

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF CENTRAL SAANICH

Minutes of the **PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** Meeting  
Monday, November 22, 2004 at 8:56 p.m.  
Central Saanich Municipal Council Chamber

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Robert Thompson, Acting Chair  
Mayor Allison Habkirk  
Councillors: Graham and King  
Gary C. Nason, Administrator  
Trish Flanders, Municipal Clerk  
Hope V. Burns, Director of Planning and Building Services  
Nirmal Bhattacharya, Municipal Engineer  
Ruby Shea, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Councillors Haddon, Korol and Mason

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

1385.04      MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM  
NO SECONDER  
*That the Agenda for the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development  
Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2004 be approved as circulated.*  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**1. BC Transit/Victoria Regional Transit System “Saanich Peninsula Transit Review  
Draft No. 3”**

- a) Correspondence dated November 15, 2004 from Mike Davis, Manager of Planning & Scheduling – BC Transit Re: “Saanich Peninsula Transit Review Draft No. 3” dated November 8, 2004;
- b) Correspondence dated October 4, 2004 from Mike Davis, Manager of Planning & Scheduling – BC Transit Re: 2005/2006 Transit Priorities.

Mr. Mike Davis, Manager of Planning & Scheduling – BC Transit, distributed a summary sheet of the Transit Service Review which depicted the four proposed transit options for the Saanich Peninsula as presented in the Draft Service Plan. He advised that the primary objectives of the Transit Service Review are to:

- review ways to improve service quality, reduce costs and increase access through community bus service;
- review current routes and schedules to help increase ridership and improve service effectiveness;
- assess the transit needs of the community now and over the next three to five years;
- explore opportunities to encourage transit use; and
- assess the need for new or improved transit infrastructure on the Saanich Peninsula.

Mr. Davis further advised that the proposed transit changes offer two types of service: standard buses which seat 38 passengers, and smaller community buses which seat 20 passengers. He noted that smaller community buses offer several benefits, such as: more flexible routing as the buses can operate on smaller streets; quieter and less intrusive service to neighbourhoods; and lower costs to operate. He then gave an overview of the various options as presented in the Draft Service Plan, including the deviations to the conventional Route 75 transit service and the varying effects on the Brentwood Bay loop, as well as overall ridership levels.

Mr. Davis advised that following receipt and consideration of all public comments during the Transit Service Review Drop-In Sessions (November 18, 23, 24 and 25, 2004), the Final Service Plan will be presented to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission in January 2005 with the recommendation that implementation of the proposed service changes commence in September 2005 (Stage 1) with anticipated completion in 2007.

Following an extensive question and answer session, the Committee concluded its remarks by stating that, in summary, the Committee was generally supportive of the process being undertaken by BC Transit in connection with the Draft Service Plan, and the Committee requested that after the conclusion of the public process and

Community Open Houses, BC Transit prepare a summary of the various options and the comments received from the public. The Committee further requested that this summary be submitted to the District for further consideration by Council prior to the presentation of the Final Plan to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission in February 2005.

Councillor King commented on his support for the continuation of the Brentwood Bay Loop and effective transit service connections to the various retail, business and residential areas within the District. He thanked Mr. Davis for the opportunity to participate in the Transit Review process for the Saanich Peninsula.

1386.04      MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended to Council:*

*That the presentation from BC Transit in regards to the BC Transit/Victoria Regional Transit System "Saanich Peninsula Transit Review Draft No. 3" be received with thanks, and BC Transit be commended for its work and consultation efforts on this particular project.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Vehicular Traffic on Peden Lane**

- a) Memorandum dated October 14, 2004 from Chief Constable Paul Hames, Central Saanich Police Service Re: Vehicular Traffic on Peden Lane.

The Administrator provided a brief overview of the process taken to date with respect to the vehicular traffic and speeding issue on Peden Lane. He referred to the Memorandum from the Chief Constable which confirmed that the Central Saanich Police Service was not prepared to undertake notification of the immediate neighbourhood in the vicinity of Peden Lane, and confirmed that the Chief Constable's proposed Traffic Order to prohibit parking on both sides of Peden Lane has not yet been implemented.

During a brief discussion around the table, the Committee agreed that a comprehensive public process should be undertaken with the residents of the Moodyville area to discuss various vehicular traffic, parking, speeding and pedestrian safety issues and concerns; however, recognizing the magnitude of this process and the limited Staff resources, it was further agreed that this matter be deferred to an appropriate time in 2005.

1387.04      MOVED BY MAYOR HABKIRK  
NO SECONDER  
*That It Be Recommended to Council:*

*That the Memorandum dated October 14, 2004 from the Chief Constable of the Central Saanich Police Service entitled "Vehicular Traffic on Peden Lane" be received for information, and as time and resources permit, the District propose to initiate in 2005 an appropriate process involving residents of the Moodyville area to discuss the related issues of vehicular traffic, speeding, parking, traffic flow patterns, congestion and pedestrian safety in the neighbourhood, and to explore potential measures and options to address the various concerns in this regard.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*On motion, the Public Works, Transportation & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2004 adjourned at 9:52 p.m.*

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Councillor Susan Mason, Chair

Recorded By: Trish Flanders  
Municipal Clerk