

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Transit Services Committee held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on October 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Director Morrison, Acting Chair
Directors Cossey, Duncan, Giles. Harrison, Hartmann,
Haywood, Iannidinardo, Kent, Kuhn

ABSENT: Directors McGonigle and Seymour

ALSO

PRESENT: Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Transit
Warren Jones, CAO, CVRD
Brian Dennison, P. Eng., General Manager, E & E
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corp. Services
Jacob Ellis, Manager, Corporate Planning
Myrna Moore, BC Transit
Wanda le Roux BC Transit
Roxanne Lypka, BC Transit
Colin Oakes, FirstCanada ULC
George Stratemeyer, Volunteer Cowichan
Carol Blatchford, Cowichan Lake Community Services
Joanne Bath, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

The following items were added under New Business:

NB1 – City of Duncan "Age Friendly Seniors Safety Project Report"
NB2 – Fuel Surcharge

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the August 11, 2010 regular Transit Services Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

No business arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1

An e-mail from an RCMP officer requesting free passage on the Cowichan Valley District transit system was reviewed.

It was moved and seconded that the correspondence be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

R1 A staff report from the Manager, Facilities, Fleet & Transit was considered regarding a proposed expansion of 2000 annual service hours for the conventional transit system.

It was moved and seconded that the CVRD Board approve expansion of 2000 additional annual hours for the conventional transit service, to take place in March 2011, to be partially funded by BC Transit with a total net annual cost to the CVRD of \$130,000 (\$110,000 in 2011).

It was moved and seconded that the motion be deferred to be brought up under Item R3.

MOTION CARRIED

Director Cossey asked that his opposition to deferring be noted.

R2 A staff report from the General Manager, Corporate Services, regarding the 2011 Transit Budget, was presented for discussion purposes.

INFORMATION ONLY

R3 A staff report from the Manager, Facilities, Fleet and Transit, providing the expected impacts on 2011 Transit Commuter and conventional transit service budgets was presented for information.

It was moved and seconded that the CVRD Board approve expansion of 2000 additional annual hours for the conventional transit service, to take place in March 2011, to be partially funded by BC Transit with a total net annual cost to the CVRD of \$130,000.

MOTION CARRIED

The first four of the six items noted in the report will be included in the 2011 core expenditure transit budgets, and the last two items (5 and 6) will be presented as supplemental items.

R4 A staff report was considered from the Manager, Corporate Planning, regarding the Cowichan Valley Transit Future Plan.

It was moved and seconded that the CVRD Board

- 1. Approve the Terms of Reference for the Cowichan Valley Transit Plan, including its project structure, public participation plan and timeline, and**
- 2. Direct that staff work with BC Transit to support the development of the Transit Future Plan.**

MOTION CARRIED

R5 A staff report was considered from the Manager, Facilities, Fleet and Transit, regarding affordable transit for seniors who lose their driver's license due to age.

It was moved and seconded that CVRD Board not consider a separate affordable transit fare/pass for seniors who lose their driver's license due to age.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION

IN1 A copy of the revised Cowichan Valley commuter Rider's Bulletin, effective Sept 27, 2010, was provided for information.

IN2 The Committee was provided a bus shelter location and structure report for information.

Director Iannidinardo asked that two bus shelters be considered in Electoral Area D.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1 Director Kent distributed the City of Duncan "Age Friendly Seniors Safety Project Report", requesting that committee members review the recommendations for discussion at next meeting. It was noted that staff consider including the report with the CVRD Transit Future Plan.

NB2 The General Manager, Engineering & Environmental Services, advised the committee that he had done some research regarding placing a fuel surcharge on gas sold locally. If \$0.005 per litre is placed on fuel purchased in the Cowichan Valley, it would equate to approximately \$457,000 per year in additional revenue.

Myrna Moore of BC Transit indicated that if fuel surcharges are implemented it may impact the provincial funding share on the Transit service.

The Committee discussed this initiative being considered in the Cowichan Valley Transit Future Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____

