

## Victoria Regional Rapid Transit – Community Liaison Committee

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### Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** January 29, 2008                      **Next Meeting:** February 26, 2009  
**Time:** 12pm to 2pm    12pm to 2pm  
**Location:** CRD Board Room – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor    CRD Board Room – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Purpose:** **Meeting #2: Nomination of Committee Chair and Existing Traffic Data Presentation**

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**Attendees:**

**Community Liaison Committee**

Allan Murphy, VIHA  
Barb Desjardins, Esquimalt Community Rep  
Brian Bonney, CFIB  
Brian Tucknott, Colwood Community Rep  
Dan Gunn, VIATECH  
Dan Pollock, Uvic Graduate Students Society  
Darin Guenette, Captain, DND  
Darrell Wick, Saanich Community Rep  
Dave Saunders, Colwood Community Rep (Alternate)  
David Wilson, Central Saanich Community Rep  
Doug Backhouse, Island Corridor Foundation  
Doug Robinson, View Royal Community Rep  
Edward Pullman, Uvic Student Society  
Erik Kaye, Victoria Community Rep  
Geoff Pearce, Citizens for Commuter Rail  
Irwin Henderson, Island Transformations  
Jim Bowden, Langford Community Rep (Alternate)  
Jim Carson, Carson Development Group  
Jim Hartshorn, Westshore Development Corp  
John Espley, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce  
John Gaipman, Victoria School District  
John Harris, Metchosin Community Rep  
John Luton, Capital Bike and Walk Society  
Ken Kelly, Downtown Victoria Business Association  
Mike Wicks, West Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Mir Ali, Turner Lane (Colwood Corners)  
Mohan Kang, Taxi Association of Victoria  
Neil Connelly, Uvic  
Pat Danforth, Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee  
Patrick O'Connor, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition  
Paul McDaniel, BC Ferries  
Randy Northy, Association of Douglas Street Business  
Terry Stewart, Victoria Airport Authority  
Todd Litman, Victoria Transportation Institute  
Vageli Dadiotis, Royal Roads

**Regrets**

Travis Lee, Urban Development Institute  
Tracy Olsen, North Saanich Community Rep  
Kathryn Le Gros, Camosun

**Project Team**

David Leather, Pacific Liaison  
Erinn Cousins, BC Transit  
Graeme Masterton, BC Transit  
Robert Lapham, CRD  
Santino Pirillo, McElhanney

**Regrets**

Ashok Bhatti, MOT

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**Attachments:** Presentation of existing traffic data

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	Description	Action Items
1.0	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Leather called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b>Opening Comments &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As this was the second meeting of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC), members who were not at the first meeting were asked to introduce themselves.</li> <li>John Harris requested that consideration be given to serving water from the tap rather than bottled water.</li> <li>David Leather provided an overview of the meeting Agenda.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>Chair Selection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Leather reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Chair of the Committee.</li> <li>One nomination for Chair had been put forward from the committee; Geoff Pearce.</li> <li>Since the last meeting, some members of the committee had requested that a facilitator be added as an option; so the Project Team put forward Jack Stuempel as a potential candidate for consideration by the committee.</li> <li>Each nominee introduced himself with a brief introduction and verbal review of their past experience and position qualifications.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b>Open Discussion and Vote Regarding Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of the open discussion focused on whether or not the committee should have a chair or a facilitator and concern that the decision the committee made at the last meeting was for a chair and therefore facilitator should not be an option.</li> <li>The CLC voted last meeting to have a chair and not a facilitator and as there is only one CLC member running for chair, Geoff Pearce wins by acclamation.</li> <li>To ensure comfort with the committee in appointing Geoff Pearce as Chair, a vote was called. The majority voted for Geoff Pearce.</li> <li>Geoff Pearce assumed the Chair.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b>Chair Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Geoff Pearce recommended that the Chair Terms of Reference be amended, moved by John Luton; seconded by John Manson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Chair reviews, approves and signs off on all minutes taken from the CLC meetings before they are circulated by email to the committee members.</li> <li>Carried.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION: Chair Terms of Reference to be amended</b></p>
6.0	<p><b>Guiding Principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The guiding principles were discussed and highlighted how these are principles that will be used to develop and evaluate the options</li> <li>Comments from the committee included:</li> <li>The wording between transportation and transit was not clear in Guiding Principle #1.</li> <li>It was decided that if the wording was to remain as transportation that more detailed would be need to be added to reference the focus on transit.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION: Update wording in Guiding Principle #1 to better distinguish between Transportation and Transit</b></p>

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7.0	<p><b>Presentation and questions regarding Existing Traffic Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santino Pirillo provided a presentation that included population and demographics, origin/destination, traffic volume trends, and employment densities in the Victoria Region.</li> </ul>	
7.1	<p>The comments from the committee on this presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The name on the presentation needs to be changed from “Western Communities” to “West Shore”.</li> <li>Data set need to be updated to identify traffic from Cowichan/Nanimo region.</li> <li>On the last slide of the presentation, the projection for the year 2026, the thickness of the line appears to shrink; perhaps the colors aren’t representing the true magnitude?</li> <li>Add First Nation populations to each municipality. Check Central Saanich specifically.</li> <li>UVIC straddles 2 municipalities; it might skew the representation of travel patterns. Please find out how you have modeled it.</li> <li>Please add to map a road counter information that displays traffic patterns at Craigflower past Helmecken on the 2005-2008 CRD Regional road network Traffic Histograms.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <p><b>Santino Pirillo to address the comments from the committee as part of his data collection and provide a status update at the next CLC meeting.</b></p>
8.0	<p><b>Schedule of Intent for Future CLC meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erinn Cousins presented the Schedule of Intent for future meetings with the aim of presenting a high level summary of what the key milestones were on a monthly basis. Comments were as follows:</li> <li>Is it possible to get information regarding topics to be discussed at the meetings before hand?</li> <li>Wherever possible information will be circulated by email if possible prior to meetings.</li> </ul>	
9.0	<p><b>Report from Study Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report from Study Team was moved to the next meeting as Ashok Bhatti, who was to present the E&amp;N study was not at the meeting.</li> <li>Erinn Cousins discussed the different ways the Project Team is involving the community such as facebook groups, blogs, open houses and web site updates. She invited members of the CLC to make suggestions to how the community can be involved.</li> </ul>	
9.1	<p><b>Motion put forward by John Harris</b></p> <p>“Whereas there have been many studies in the past 20 years promoting improved transit between Victoria and the West Shore, particularly rail transit, mostly ending up with “TBD” (to be determined) and there has been little significant progress other than “let’s do another study”</p> <p>And whereas we recognize that many funding changes can occur while we are preparing our conclusions from THIS study resulting from an election in May and growing demands for expenditures in the Region involving sewage, Olympic over-runs and a perceived downturn in the economy</p>	<p><b>ACTION: Motion defeated</b></p>

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	<p>And whereas we now are mandated to develop a plan for transportation within the entire CRD area and beyond, including Sooke to West Shore to Victoria and north on the Peninsula, but particularly between Victoria and the West Shore</p> <p>And whereas we accept that it would be advantageous to proceed rather sooner than later for resulting cost savings, and that it would be advantageous to proceed ahead of immediate need (gridlock) rather than be driven by gridlock</p> <p>And whereas there is an established rail right-of-way between Victoria and the West Shore now known as the Vancouver Island Railway, formerly known as the E&amp;N, which is deteriorating but many studies have concluded that this will be utilized sooner or later, regardless of whether or not there is improved bus and road development, and whether or not other corridors such as the Galloping Goose may be developed</p> <p>But whereas it takes time to develop any system but particularly a new system like rail, involving the ordering of rail cars, rails, ties and an infrastructure for maintenance, including skilled maintenance staff, and there is an established bus-centered infrastructure already</p> <p>I move that we step forward and recommend to the powers that be that we immediately allocate a significant sum of money to the Island Corridor Foundation which owns and operates the Vancouver Island Railway so that they can proceed immediately with the most needed development, as determined by them, so that the deterioration presently experienced can be halted and timely development can immediately get underway”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mover: John Harris.</li> <li>▪ Motion Defeated.</li> </ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm</li> </ul>	

Approved By:

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Geoff Pearce  
Chair

Notes by: Charissa Heagy  
January 29, 2009