

Meeting notes from Monday August 14, 2023 – 8:30 – 9:30am

Attendees:

• Dag Falck, Laura Patrick (Laura, IT), Tim Peterson, Gary Holman, Paul Brent, Adam Olsen, Clare Frater, Alexa Lewis, Lisa Gauvreau, Deb Morrison, and Laura Parker (Laura, AO) note-taker)

Discussion: in 'black' - is conversation from last mtg - in 'blue' is conversation from today's mtg

- ACTION ITEMS from last meeting, June 12:
 - Clare: to send a follow-up email to NAV Canada re: "...proposed Changes to flight paths in Greater
 Vancouver Region, Southern Vancouver Island and sunshine coast. The Islands Trust Area."
 - Clare: Has to f/u w/Chair Luckham Action Item
 - Alexa: will share letter that MP office received Action Item
 - the new Minister of Transportation is Pablo Rodriguez
 - Deb: was going to think on an initial plan for a potential SGI Forum website (from May mtg)
 - Idea start w/one page
 - Would like to meet in the next month or so to review
 - Adam: suggest mtg w/Laura, staff Action Item
 - Clare: \$2600 Forum funding this year will f/u w/Deb website best to be hosted via IT Action
 Item
 - Dag and Kristina: to write letters to Ministry of Transporation re:
 - reducing speed limits, road safety on islands, Cc Adam (Adam asked them to and he will then advocate)
 - **07/24, Follow up from Kristina** "I would like to update the minutes regarding the action item assigned to Dag and myself. I spoke to IT and they have an MOU with MOTI regarding speed limits and signs. We can work through them under this agreement"
 - Dag: Kristina is leading on this
 - **Paul:** meeting with MoTI today speed limits are big issue on all the islands MOTI not being responding to rural areas
 - **Gary:** update: MOTI agreed to 30km speed limit in Ganges areas via advocacy from SSI groups and what was in *Cycling safety report from MOTI
 - o Adam: that report could be used on all Gulf Islands
 - Gary: perhaps requesting a meeting w/MOTI at UBCM

- Adam: we should request as a delegation to meet w/a number of ministers staff (due to deadline – it is w/staff not minister)
- Funding of rural ...(?)
- Clare: IT has requested mtg w/Min Kang and Min. MOTI
 - "The deadline for MACC staff meeting requests is August 30, 2023. For more details and contact information for the MACC Staff Meeting Coordinator, click the above link or see Bulletin #1. Provincial Appointment Desk staff will also be available on-site in the Vancouver Convention Centre East Lobby Monday and Tuesday, and Exhibition Hall C Wednesday and Thursday, to schedule meetings and answer questions."
- **Tim**: re: rural designation and funding going forward Memorandum of understanding with MOTI would have to be changed
- Deb: not all ITs go to UBCM so better to have a separate meeting
 - Gary: agrees better to meet in Victoria
 - Adam: agreed can request thru my office
- Laura, IT: agrmt w/MOTI is pretty strong we need to use it to its fullest intent
- Clare: agrees group mtg w/Mins separately
- **Deb**: in chat: "Transportation and housing....I would also love whoever deals with water sustainability"
- Adam:
 - I will request mtg w/Rob Fleming Action Item
 - And during session get a delegation together to meet w/ Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Ravinder Kahlon, Minister of Housing Action Item
- also, why alternative vehicles not allowed on islands
- Clare: re: advocacy from IT in support of regional districts representation
 - bring IT Exec up to speed on this
 - Islands Trust as a whole: advocate for
 - Did not discuss
- Mairead: re: Governance of Islands different levels of funding make a table to summarize and ask for input from Forum members (from May mtg)
 - See attached document '230813 from Mairead Boland, IT Saturna.pdf'
 - Which also includes info. Re: MoTI agreement with the Trust
- Adam and Laura (staff): will request Elizabeth's office organize multi agency about our water ways and moored and derelict vessels - we will cohost and can hold in our office
 - **DONE** was scheduled for Thursday August 3. But then cancelled/postponed until the Fall sometime to be determined by Elizabeth's office
 - Alexa: no date set yet should know later in in month when Elizabeth would be back
 - Adam: recommends that we go ahead in the Fall even if Elizabeth not available he happy to host/chair - work w/Laura (staff) to find a date – Action Item
 - Laura, IT: CRD established a 'Saanich Peninsula Waterways Environmental Action Service'
 - **Gary**: checked in to it doesn't look like there have been meetings no minutes not clear what this group is doing
 - Adam: invite someone from that group Action Item

- Laura, IT: there is a page on the CRD website: <u>Saanich Peninsula Harbours & Waterways Initiative</u> "Staff [had] initiated conversations with both First Nations and municipal staff located on the Saanich Peninsula to discuss issues, opportunities and projects in local harbours and marine waters that this new service can address."
 - This resulted in <u>CRD bylaw 4391</u> "A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE SAANICH PENINSULA HARBOURS AND WATER MONITORING AND COORDINATION SERVICE"
 - o Contact: Tara Stott, Program Coordinator, Environmental Protection
- **Deb in chat**: Laura and Alexa...for meeting planning —> Not available Aug 21 week, Sept 11 week, Oct 5-7, Oct 11-15, Oct 22-29 or Nov 13-17. Those are my non IT blackout dates.
- Laura (IT) re: IT agrmt which talks about a task force of staff re: transportation issues on island
 - Check w/Tim: are all levels included?
 - **Gary**: chk w/Paul: are all levels included?
 - Laura, IT: haven't heard anything. We should use the MOU.

Issue(s) to work:

- No agenda items received from members this month
- Went around 'table' for updates:
 - Laura, IT: I wrote to Brent Mueller, Director, Municipal Affairs following up on his presentation to Trust Council.
 - Adam: I forwarded it to Minister Kang
 - Paul: rural areas ... (Laura, AO missed what he said. Follow-up to request comment info Action Item)
- Next half-day meeting, to be held on regular date of September 11 Action Item
 - block of time TBD
 - 10:30 2:30 allows for ferry travel/connections
 - Have topic(s) of discussion, or a roundtable...?
 - Laura, IT: better to pick a topic so there is something concrete transportation or waterways...
 - Gary: maybe use this time to hone our ask to Ravi and Kang re: housing issues
 - Hybrid Zoom and Adam's constituency office

Next Steps/Action Items:

- Next regular meetings, thru to end of year (usually second Monday of each month):
 - September 11 half-day meeting, 10:30 2:30, Hybrid meeting
 - October 16, 8:30 9:30 (changed to the 3rd Monday, as 10/09 is Thanksgiving)
 - November 13, 8:30 9:30
 - December 11, 8:30 9:30

ACTION ITEMS:

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- Alexa: will share letter that MP office received from NAV Canada re: "...proposed Changes to flight paths
- Laura, AO: connect w/Deb to discuss website
 - DONE 08/25 meeting booked for 09/21
- Clare: will f/u w/Deb re: website best to be hosted via IT
- Adam: re: reducing speed limits, road safety on all islands
 - request mtg w/Rob Fleming
- Adam: housing issues on islands because too late to request mtgs w/Ministers at UBCM:
 - Request a mtg w/Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Ravinder Kahlon, Minister of Housing
 - Form an SGI Forum delegation to meet them
- Adam: go ahead w/multi agency mtg about our water ways and moored and derelict vessels
 - Laura (staff) and Alexa to find a date
 - invite someone from 'Saanich Peninsula Waterways Environmental Action Service' group – reach out to Tara Stott, Program Coordinator, Environmental Protection
- Laura, AO: connect w/Paul re: his comments on rural areas
 - DONE 08/17 awaiting his reply
- Adam/Laura, AO: send out info for Sept September 11 half-day meeting