

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams
770 Vernon Avenue
Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Councillor Zac De Vries (Chair), Colin Stepney, Dominick Ali, James Coates, Janine Konkel, Kelsea McLaughlin, and Rachel Corder

Staff: Megan Squires, Strategic Projects Manager; and Sharon Froud, Deputy Manager

Regrets: Trevor Barry

AGENDA AMENDED

MOVED by C. Stepney and Seconded by R. Corder: “That item B.3 titled Transportation 101 Overview Presentation, be moved to the first item on the agenda.”

CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION 101 OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

The Strategic Projects Manager presented an overview of the Transportation Division (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- Transportation related issues in Saanich can be reported to engineering@saanch.ca.
- Saanich collaborates with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) on roadways.
- Saanich’s Official Community Plan (OCP) was updated last year and outlines the hierarchy of roads in the District.
- SaanichMap is available on the District of Saanich website and provides land designation details, including Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) lands.
- The Transportation Division analyzes various data sources to address transportation issues.
- Sidewalk, bicycle, and trail network maps are included in the Active Transportation Plan (ATP).
- The Traffic Calming Policy is in development and will outline measures to reduce vehicle speeds.
- Saanich is the first municipality on Vancouver Island to adopt a Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP).
- Fully accessible bus stops are a priority and may be considered for future discussion.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- Distinguishing staff responses and committee discussions in the minutes would be appreciated.

- The minutes of November 28, 2024, will be considered at the next committee meeting.

CHAIRS REMARKS

The Chair welcomed committee members, and the following was noted:

- Saanich has a historically car-centric design.
- The committee has made significant progress and will continue its work this term.
- Committee members introduced themselves in a roundtable discussion.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OVERVIEW

The committee discussed the Terms of Reference, and the following was noted:

- Topics presented to the committee may also apply to other committees and may involve varying material.

MOVED by C. Stepney and Seconded by J. Coates: "That the Transportation Advisory Committee receive the Terms of Reference for information."

CARRIED

The following discussion ensued:

- Committee members are encouraged to contact the chair with topics they are interested in.
- The committee would appreciate a dedicated time at an upcoming meeting to discuss ideas.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from C. Stepney, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCILLOR ZAC DE VRIES, CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

COLTON WHITTAKER, COMMITTEE CLERK