



Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force

Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Location: Electronic Meeting
200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria

Members Present: Robin Jenkinson, Chair
Mike Best, Vice-Chair
David Dunnison
John Gauld
Bob MacKie
Jenny McLean
Sebastion Moffatt
Kris Plambeck
Eric Booth

Regrets: Jennifer Maksymetz

Absent: None

Staff Present: Louisa Garbo, Island Planner
Daniela Murphy, Legislative Clerk
Rob Pingle, Planning Team Assistant
Sarah Shugar, Recorder

Others Present: Peter Grove, Local Trustee
Laura Patrick, Local Trustee

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Best called to order at 10:00 a.m. Planner Garbo welcomed staff and Task Force members and acknowledged that she was attending this meeting from the Lək̓ʷəŋən territory and expressed her gratitude.

Chair Jenkinson arrived at the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Chair Jenkinson acknowledged the meeting is being held in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory. She stated that the proposed name for the Ganges Area Plan, “Shiya’hwt (Ganges Village) Area Plan 2022-2052” led her to learn more about First Nations history in Ganges.

1.1 Member Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

The following items were presented for inclusion in the agenda:

- 1.5 Task Force Role Discussion – Member Best
- 1.6 Presentation - Member Moffatt
- 1.7 Current Priorities – Member McLean

By general consent, the agenda was adopted as amended.

1.3 Approval of Draft Minutes for April 15, 2021

A member stated that the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting and the May 20, 2021 meeting are not an accurate record of the discussion and decisions. The member stated seven members discussed the idea of amending the timetable so that the task force recommendations to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee are completed prior to the next Trustee elections in October 2022. The member also expressed concern that the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes were not circulated prior to the May 20, 2021 meeting. The member asked whether the task force can appoint a minute taker and/or that the minute taker be required to review the recording of the meeting to accurately record the facts of the meeting. Legislative Clerk Murphy advised the meeting minutes are taken by a minute taker and/or an employee and are the official record of the meeting.

There was a question regarding whether the meeting recording is available to task force members and/or members of the public. Legislative Clerk Murphy will look into options for sharing the video recording of the meeting and reported the meeting recordings are available on the website. A member asked to be notified if meeting recordings are available to the public.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting were adopted with the following amendments:

- Many of the task force members requested the work plan be adjusted to be completed to share the task force recommendations prior to the 2022 Trustee Elections;

CARRIED

1.4 Approval of Draft Minutes for May 20, 2021

A member reported the notes regarding the process/methodology for how the area boundaries were requested have not been provided to the task force. The member also advised a question regarding a list of key stakeholders for the public engagement process was not recorded in the minutes.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting were adopted with the following amendments:

- A member requested a list of key stakeholders for the public engagement process;

CARRIED

1.5 Task Force Role Discussion – Member Best

Member Best spoke to the role of the task force and suggested that the task force would be more effective if sub committees could address specific issues. He also expressed concern that monthly meetings are not sufficient to address the work plan and that there should be an opportunity for the task force to have a retreat.

In discussion the following comments and questions were noted:

- A member expressed support for the task force to meet as a whole and not in sub committees to encourage open and inclusive communication and decision-making and requested that the minutes record there are legal requirements for the task force and staff is not restricting the work of the task force. The member expressed support for bi-weekly meetings.
- Staff reported legal counsel would attend the next meeting to answer questions and provide clarification regarding the Local Government Act.
- A member stated there is no legal reason to restrict members to meet outside of regular meetings.
- A member stated sub committee work should be approved by the task force and should not exclude any members.
- A member asked for clarification regarding how the public engagement process is progressing, specifically who has been engaged and stated that the public engagement list is not inclusive of all groups.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the LTC obtain a written legal opinion on the open meeting rules as the either apply, or don't apply, to the Task Force. Specifically the Task Force requests clarity on the following:

- (a) Can Task Force members speak freely to each other outside of scheduled meetings?
- (b) Is there any legal specified limit to the numbers of members who can gather to discuss issues/topics outside of the formal Task Force meetings?
- (c) Can the Task Force form subcommittees?

And that the LTC be requested to approve the proposal for the Task Force to schedule a two day retreat, similar in structure to an Islands Trust Council meeting, that would see the group members meeting both formally and informally to work through the major issues creatively. The formal portion would be in a roundtable format, led by the Chair. The informal portion would occur during breaks, meals and in an evening social gathering. (Just like Trust Council)

CARRIED

By general consent, the Ganges Village Area Task Force request staff to add bi-weekly meetings to the list of questions for legal counsel.

1.6 Presentation – Member Moffatt

Member Moffatt presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled Highlights from 2007 Design Exercise – Ganges Design Charette.

1.7 Current Priorities – Member McLean

Member McLean spoke to priorities, the 2007 Ganges Village and Harbour Official Community Plan Review Focus Group report and the following points were highlighted:

- Consideration of sea level rise when planning hardscape design.
- Consultation with property owners regarding proposed green spaces and for all stakeholders to be consulted regarding proposed development.
- To define priorities and identify contradicting goals and noted that there was significant disturbance of a First Nations archaeological site during the North Ganges Transportation Plan Phase 2 project.
- Most of the proposed ideas have consequences including impacts to property owners.

A member asked for Member McLean’s comments regarding the 2007 Ganges Village and Harbour Official Community Plan Review Focus Group report and expressed support to have an in depth discussion regarding to the ability to move forward and to identify obstacles. Member McLean will provide her comments regarding the 2007 Ganges Village and Harbour Official Community Plan Review Focus Group report.

2. STATUS ON PROJECT (PPT)

2.1 Study area boundary (for TF edits prior to community review) – Tabled

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

to table Item 2.1 - Study area boundary and Item 2.2 - Vision Statement to the next meeting.

CARRIED

2.2 Vision Statement (for TF edits prior to community review) - Tabled

2.3 Public engagement process (business such as Windsor Plywood)

Planner Garbo reported a consultant for the public engagement process has been selected and it is expected that the consultant will attend the next meeting. Planner Garbo requested task force members to consider Windsor Plywood in the public engagement process planning.

A member expressed support to work in partnership with a non-government organization (NGO) such as a local community group and noted the 2007 Ganges Design Charette was completed in partnership with the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA).

3. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

3.1 Plan for tour (information-gathering only per LGA)

Planner Garbo recommended that a tour would be for information gathering purposes only as per the Local Government Act.

A member requested sufficient time be given prior to scheduling any meeting of the task force and expressed concerns regarding scheduling a subcommittee meeting prior to receiving legal counsel.

By general consent, the Ganges Village Area Task Force scheduled a walking tour of Ganges on June 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and the group will meet at the Treehouse Café.

3.2 Prior efforts (Sebastian Moffatt)

This item was dealt with in Item 1.6.

3.3 Area Plan Discussion - None

4. ADJOURNMENT

By general consent the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Robin Jenkinson, Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder