



## Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

- Date:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021
- Location:** Baptist Church, Lower Hall  
520 Lower Ganges Road
- Members Present:** Jesse Brown  
David Dunnison  
Jenny McClean  
Sebastian Moffatt  
Bob MacKie
- Regrets:** John Gauld  
Robin Jenkinson, Chair  
Mike Best, Vice-Chair
- Absent:**
- Staff Present:** Rob Pingle, Planning Team Assistant and Recorder
- Others Present:** Laura Patrick, Salt Spring Island Local Trust Council Trustee  
Jennifer Fix, Ahne Studio (by telephone)

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

With the Chair and Vice Chair absent Staff Pingle called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

Member McClean was made acting chair. Acting Chair McClean acknowledged the meeting is being held in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory.

### 1. AGENDA

#### 1.1 Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments to the agenda was presented for consideration:

3.3 Ganges Engagement Plan verbal update

**By general consent**, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for October 21, 2021**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

That the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Member Moffatt arrived at 5:46 pm.

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**3.1 Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Resolutions**

The April 15 resolution was discussed and it was felt that it had been addressed by staff at the next meeting and a member created a spreadsheet for further work by members and staff.

The Jun 17 resolution regarding the minutes update with the deadline of recommendations prior to the 2022 Trustee Elections was discussed. It was suggested that the work may continue after that deadline but to have a target is admirable to ensure time is of the essence.

The Jun 17 resolution to table the Vision Statement was discussed. It was suggested that the Vision Statement wasn't fully addresses at the next meeting and further discussion should occur. A member spoke to the positives that had already happened in the community. A member spoke to the OCP and the goals within in. A member spoke to their ideas about the vision and that it could include elements such as the harbour, tourism/economics and creating an engaging living idea. A member spoke to the values of reciprocity, sustainability and creativity as part of the island and something to focus on. A member spoke to the time honoured designed principles of village design as being the goal and the build environment being a reflection of the community presently. The member would like to see Ganges elevated to a work of art and uniqueness should be accentuated. The member spoke about the execution of the plan and the potential need to address the governance of the area to make it happen.

There was a question about the nature of the Islands Trust Mission Statement and clarity was provided from Trustee Patrick. It was noted that the creation of the Ganges Village Area Plan will be a first for the Islands Trust. A member spoke to the fact that this work was unique enough and expanding it into the greater Trust Policy Statement review policy statement could create more obstacles than opportunities.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

That the Ganges Village Area Plan Task Force create a Mission Statement prepared by Member Moffat that will include the built environment for presentation to the LTC as part of the Islands Trust Policy Statement review process.

**CARRIED**

The Oct 6 resolution regarding Member Best as the Task Force representative to gather information about the harbour was discussed and it was requested that this item be included for reporting at the next meeting.

The Oct 6 resolution regarding the large scale maps was discussed and the additional maps provided by staff were reviewed. It was noted that Transition Salt Spring might have additional maps regarding climate change impacts in the Ganges area. General discussion occurred between the members as they reviewed the maps. The maps will have further discussion at the next meeting when staff are present.

There was discussion about the vacancies in the Task Force. Trustee Patrick stated that the LTC would appreciate guidance from the Task Force on who is missing and suggested that staff could collect that information at the next meeting of the Task Force.

### **3.2 Ganges Village Area Planning Technical Working Group members**

The list of members was reviewed and it was question as to what their function was. There was discussion if the membership was inclusive of all the technical aspects of the community. There was a question as to why a member of roads was not included on the working group.

### **3.3 Ganges Engagement Plan verbal update**

Jennifer Fix joined the meeting by phone to discuss the engagement plan.

A member asked if there was a target number of responses wanted from the survey. Ms Fix said that there was not a specific number but there was an attempt to create a diversity of engagements to maximize the responses. A member said a 1% response rate would be a good aspiration.

A member mentioned that the engagement plan was lacking clear involvement of the business community. Ms Fix spoke to the stakeholder virtual workshops being a spot where that community can be engaged. She also said that the survey will request respondents to identify themselves as members of the various communities. She also said that one of the Walkshops could target the business community.

A member spoke to the engagement plan being all encompassing and mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce could assist with the outreach to the business community and that part-time residents could be engaged through activities at the ferry service.

A member asked about what the results of the engagement will allow. Ms. Fix said that their report would be a useful document to guide the rest of the process and that a design charrette is part of the engagement plan after the results have been synthesized. The member said that there were agencies that may not be engaged in this process that could have valuable information such as the LTC of other islands or Crofton. They said it wasn't necessarily Ahne's responsibility but they would like to see that happen along with a speaker series to be provocative and get people thinking before they put their ideas down. Ms Fix said this phase of the engagement was about establishing values and that further in the process that could be an interesting follow up activity.

A member spoke about the impact of the plan on the younger community and the engagement at the high school in particular being of high importance. Ms Fix spoke of previous engagements with students focusing on the "How Now Wows" of the topic and that all the schools will be reached out to for potential engagement. A member spoke about the number of schools on the island and how the home school students should not be over looked.

A member spoke about the design charrette process and the timeline for the process. Ms Fix spoke about rolling out the activities in November and holding the charrette in December.

A member spoke to the collection of the information and who the "we" was that would be using the information. Ms Fix spoke to the "we" being the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee as a whole moving forward through the project.

A member spoke to the responsibility to engage with First Nations and how it will be handled if it is not included in this engagement process. Ms Fix spoke about the work Planner Garbo is doing with the First Nations communities and included the possibility to engage an elder to participate in a Walkshop to share their knowledge of the area. The member would like to hear more about the engagement of First Nations from Planner Garbo at the next meeting.

A member asked what the finish date of the contract was. Ms Fix said the scope was this engagement followed by reporting with some additional. There was an intention to finish by the end of March.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 General Discussion**

A member asked about the possibility to approach Windsor Plywood to move to a different location. A member spoke about the history of that location and how it was a wetland in the past and has park potential. It was suggested that an informal discussion with the landowner was possible by members who were interested in seeing it change.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Rob Pingle, Recorder