



## Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021

**Location:** Baptist Church, Lower Hall  
520 Lower Ganges Road

**Members Present:** Bob MacKie  
David Dunnison  
Jenny McClean  
John Gauld  
Sebastian Moffatt

**Regrets:** None

**Absent:** Jesse Brown

**Staff Present:** Rob Pingle, Recorder

**Others Present:** None

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

Acting Chair McClean called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and 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:

Change item 3 to Members Reports

Add to 5.1 General Discussion the following items

- SSI Arts & Culture Facilities Framework report
- Suggestions for improving process going forward
- Case examples of plans that can serve as a model of Ganges.

Member Moffatt arrived at 5:40 p.m.

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

ADOPTED

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## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for November 18, 2021

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

That the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 3. MEMBERS REPORTS

Acting Chair McClean spoke to her attendance at the SSI Transportation Commission meeting. She shared a document about the major traffic incidents in the Ganges area. She spoke to the difference between the Harbour Walk and the Harbour Path. She would like to discuss the possibility to having a presenter coming to a future meeting to speak to the history of these things.

Member Gauld spoke to his work in affordable housing. He spoke of the societies that are working in the Greater Victoria region and how they interact with BC Housing and funding opportunities. The challenges on Salt Spring are the water access and zoning issues that make it difficult to line up with the funding cycles. He spoke to the opportunity to include zoning for this type of project within the Ganges village area plan to address the challenges.

Member Moffatt spoke to his opportunity to meet with the owner of the property that has Windsor Plywood on it. It was noted that the owner would be interested in relocating Windsor Plywood to allow a new idea to occur on the land if someone helped to find a suitable place for the business to move. There was discussion about the suitability of the site for the current business moving forward and that although time is of the essence it may be better to complete the planning process. There was discussion about how much time was available to address this change opportunity in the community. There was discussion about how the Task Force has the opportunity to assist the LTC Trustees in creating reasonable alternatives.

Member MacKie spoke to being in attendance at the Islands Pathway AGM. There was discussion about the safety of street crossings in the Ganges village area.

Member Dunnison spoke to public art that he saw on a recent trip to Bellingham, WA. He spoke to the efforts that have been made to connect people with the community and the significant First Nations exhibit at the museum.

## 4. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

### 4.1 Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Resolutions

It was requested that the items be numbered and the complete items be shaded to allow for easier discussion of the incomplete items. This will also allow for the creation of a priority list.

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

### 5.1 General Discussion

Indigenous collaboration was not discussed.

There was discussion about the CRD tour of the SIMS building. Acting Chair McClean discussed her interest in representing the Task Force as a participant. Member MacKie expressed that he would be interested in attending as well.

There was general consensus that the members attend the tour and report back to the Task Force.

Speaker Invitation to next meeting was not discussed

There was discussion about the SSI Arts & Culture Facilities Framework in relation to the SIMS building. It was noted that there was great interest in the building for the arts. There was discussion about the CRD Parks & Rec Commission work to maintain the building for public use.

There was discussion about the suggestions for improving the process going forward after a member met with Trustee Patrick. It was discussed that it would be more beneficial if the Trustees came to speak to the Task Force directly. It was noted that an electronic version of the report will be shared with all members to allow for more discussion at the next meeting. There was discussion about the staff resources and time available to ensure deep research questions are addressed.

There was discussion about the case examples that could serve as a model for the Ganges village process.

Members Gauld and MacKie left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

There was discussion about the themes that could be discussed at each meeting.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

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Rob Pingle, Recorder