



Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2021

Location: Baptist Church, Lower Hall
520 Lower Ganges Road

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

Regrets: None

Absent: Jesse Brown

Staff Present: Louisa Garbo, Island Planner
Geordie Gordon, Planner 2
Rob Pingle, Recorder

Others Present: Peter Grove, Trustee
Jennifer Fix, Ahne Studio (by phone)
Lucas Ozols-Mongeau, Ahne Studio (by phone)
One member of the public

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

Acting Chair McClean called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.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

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for December 1, 2021

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**,

That the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTED

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3. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE (AHNE STUDIO)

There was discussion about the recent Local Trust Meeting resolution to engage Ahne Studio to facilitate the two-day retreat.

Jennifer Fix and Lucas Ozols-Mongeau joined by phone at 10:15 a.m.

Ahne Studio spoke to the engagement activities held in Ganges this month and noted 380 survey participants so far. Lucas did mobile pop-up engagements. The Walk shops, conversation circle, and drop in event were successful. 30 people attended the drop-in event with deep engagement happening on multiple stations focused on planning ideas for the Ganges Village.

Demographic information for the survey participants thus far was discussed to identify who has not been represented in the data collection. Pop-up engagement locations were identified as Creekside Commons, Country Grocer and the Rainbow Road Pool. Waterfront access was a major theme.

School engagement was identified as a next step in the new year as well, as focused virtual sessions in thematic groups. Community agencies have been contacted directly to ensure participation in these virtual sessions.

A member discussed the possible technical issue of the afternoon walk shop session being advertised as full. It was noted that there was a time limit to enrolling so that preparations could be made. There was also discussion of the vaccine passport requirement for the library drop-in event. It was noted that one participant that did not have proof of vaccination was engaged outside the building with a member of the team. Family Place was identified as a good agency to connect with to engage the young families on the island.

Member Moffat arrived at 10:32 a.m.

There was discussion about the high quality engagement at the walk shops and drop-in event.

Next steps were presented by Jennifer and how the information will be shared with the Task Force. The community charrette, a second survey and meeting with a community knowledge keeper was discussed.

Jennifer and Lucas left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

4. MEMBERS REPORTS

Acting Chair McClean spoke to the resolution by the Local Trust Committee to include the Housing Task Force to participate in the planned design workshop for the Ganges Task Force. The length, timing and content of the workshops were discussed.

There was discussion regarding the need for member reports as part of the agenda.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

5.1 Draft Bylaw No. 527 – Fees Bylaw - Staff Memorandum

Planner Gordon presented the Fees Bylaw Memorandum.

There was discussion about the addition of parking to the community amenities list. There was discussion about the intersection of community amenities and temporary use permits. There was discussion about the addition of public art to the list as well as the broadening of the Environmentally Sensitive Areas section. There was discussion about the provision of and maintenance to public boardwalks. There was discussion about the provision of waste removal as a community benefit.

5.2 Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Resolutions

The information was received.

5.3 2007 Report Review

There was a question about the 25% local electricity generation item, the lack of action on the item and how this could be addressed in the future. There was discussion about how items can be made actionable for the future plan.

Member MacKie left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

There was discussion about the specificity of jurisdiction that is required when the Local Area Plan is adopted. It was considered asking staff which items are eligible for a Local Area Plan and which were not, so that the Task Force’s time is used effectively. It was noted that the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan includes “Others are encouraged to” items that could be relevant to the Task Force and making the Local Area Plan effective. There was discussion about strategic planning versus tactical planning that can be included in the Local Area Plan.

5.4 Mapping Request update

Staff asked members to consider the combined layers and the area to be represented in the maps for the next meeting.

5.5 2022 meeting dates and times

Staff noted that in 2022 meetings will only be held on third Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon as resolution number 18 has expired.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 General Discussion

There was insufficient time to move to this subject.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Rob Pingle, Recorder