



Ganges Village Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Location: Baptist Church, Lower Level Meeting Room
520 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island

Members Present: Jenny McClean, Acting Chair
David Dunnison
Bob MacKie
Martin Ogilvie

Regrets: Robert Steinbach
Jennifer Maksymetz
John Gauld

Resignations: Francine Carlin

Staff Present: Rob Pingle, Recorder

Others Present: Laura Patrick, Local Trustee

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

Acting Chair McClean called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory.

1. AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for April 21, 2022

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

That the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Planner Gordon spoke to the staffing changes in the office. He noted that rotating chair is not permissible due to the terms of reference and Bylaw for APCs. He explained that a minute taker

could be appointed for the Wednesday evening meetings from within the Task Force to reduce pressures on the office staff and budget.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 General Discussion

In discussion the following items were noted:

- The ability to maintain commercial and residential activities within a single property is difficult for the landowner.
- The expansion of General Employment to allow for more residential uses within the village.
- The existing OCP encourages residential use in Ganges.
- The project could work towards amending Development Permit Area 1 – Island Villages.
- Pedestrian circulation is currently in the guidelines and discussion on how it can be implemented could be part of the discussion.
- Improvement of pedestrian access and green spaces is highlighted in the Ganges Gathers Engagement Summary.
- The identity of Ganges is hard to pin down but people are very connected to their personal vision of it.
- Commercial development and the requirements for parking should be addressed.
- The ability for the harbour walk to have commercial spaces.
- The ability for the harbour walk to go all the way to Moby's.
- The Emerging Vision from the workshop summary.
- The need to include the water elements and that it is a working harbour within the vision.
- The possibility to shorten the vision statement.
- The possibility to include education aspects within the vision.
- The ability to build buildings up to 4 to 6 stories for dwellings.
- Tourists draws such as the art galleries and Saturday Market.
- The lack of events and museums.
- Continued engagement with the Housing Task Force and establishing engagement with the Transportation Commission.
- A bypass of the Ganges core.
- Membership of the technical working group and what questions they can address.
- As an example, could the possibility of a walkable Ganges be addressed by the technical working group.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Rob Pingle, Recorder