



Memorandum

Date: December 18, 2015
File Number GB-6500-20 – LTC Project –
Roadside Signage Gabriola

To: Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

From: Teresa Ritemann, Planner 1
Local Planning Services - Gabriola

Re: Gabriola Roadside Signage – IT Staff Meeting with MOTI Staff

As per the Project Charter for the Roadside Signage project, Islands Trust Staff (Ann Kjerulf, Rob Milne, and Teresa Ritemann) met with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Staff member Stuart Johnson (Road Area Manager) at the provincial office in Nanaimo on Thursday, December 17 to discuss roadside signage on Gabriola.

A summary of the main points discussed and clarified were as follows:

- MOTI retains full authority to remove unauthorized signage in the (public) road right-of-way, and would do so at the request of the Islands Trust or if the signage poses a public safety hazard;
- MOTI prefers to take a practical approach to dealing with unauthorized signage and to work towards a community-oriented solution;
- MOTI will consider “Community Message Boards” (i.e. multi-party signage) in a few strategic locations (which may be determined through consultation with community members), subject to MOTI safety and other siting criteria and any necessary permitting procedures.

Moving forward, the next steps in the Roadside Signage Project Charter include:

- Staff to hold a Community Information Meeting (CIM) in January 2016 (details to be confirmed at the time of writing this memo) to discuss the roadside signage issue and identify stakeholder needs, concerns, and possible solutions;
- Staff to present the findings of the CIM to the LTC during the regular business meeting of February 11, 2016 and receive direction from the LTC regarding a Roadside Signage Strategy;
- Staff to hold a second CIM to receive additional public feedback on roadside signage issues and a possible Roadside Signage Strategy; and
- Staff to present a Roadside Signage Strategy to the LTC and receive further direction.

As the project advances, Staff will maintain current project information on the Islands Trust website and will also continue to liaise with MOTI.

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