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Johnathan Tillie
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Dear Johnathan Tillie:

Re: Taylor Bay Hill 2013 Bike Path

Thank you for your consideration of the Gabriola Transportation Advisory Commission's input on the proposed design of the Taylor Bay Hill 2013 Bike Path in advance of construction. I am happy to see this improvement to the cycling infrastructure on Gabriola Island.

Post-construction, the Gabriola Local Trust Committee referred the topic of bicycle route planning to the Transportation Advisory Planning Commission again, requesting their advice on possible amendments to the Gabriola Official Community Plan on the topic.

At their meeting on August 12, 2014, the Transportation Advisory Committee made the following requests to further improve the Taylor Bay Hill:

- Consideration should be given to replacing the east-side barrier (60 cm wide, 70 cm high) with a smaller unit (40 cm wide, 50 cm high) to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists. It is also recommended that the east-side barrier be moved approximately 20 cm closer to the centre of the road.
- Signage (both on sign posts and painted on the pavement) should be added at the top and bottom of the east-side path to indicate that pedestrians have right of way over cyclists.
- Line painting should be completed, particularly on the west side of the roadway to indicate the bike path.
- The road shoulder paving on the west side should be completed at the bottom of the hill as far as the new shoulder extends.
- Signage should be added on Taylor Bay Rd. southbound before Ivory Way to indicate congestion and a U-turn ahead or traffic turning ahead.

Thank you for considering these requests from the Gabriola community.

Sincerely,

Laura Busheikin
Chair, Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee