



**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC SESSION**  
**Board of Education, School District #64 (Gulf Islands)**  
**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**  
**April 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

<b>Present:</b>	May McKenzie	Chairperson
	Robert Pingle	Vice Chairperson
	Kathy Page	Trustee
	Bonnie MacGillivray	Trustee
	Susanne Middleditch	Trustee
	Pete Williams	Trustee
	Lisa Halstead	Superintendent of Schools
	Rod Scotvold	Secretary Treasurer
	Linda Underwood	Director of Instruction, Human Resources
	Cindy Rodgers	Manager of Finance
	Judy Smith	Principal of Special Projects
	Dave Henshall	Manger of Facilities
	Dawne Fennell	Executive Assistant
	Jenny McClean	Guest
<b>Regrets:</b>	Katharine Byers	Trustee
	Doug Livingston	Director of Instruction, Learning Services

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

**1. SPECIAL MEETING**

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education agrees to hold a Special In-Camera meeting.

CARRIED 35/14

**2. NORTH GANGES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (NGTP)**

Information on the North Ganges Transportation Plan (NGTP), Rainbow Road Phase, sent by Donald McLennan, Chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (SSITC) to Board members for “consideration and discussion regarding formal approval of the current design by the school district”.

Mr. Scotvold stated that although this proposed plan is not perfect, the working group, which included himself, Dave Henshall and Katharine Byers, feel it is superior to other routes proposed. Taking into consideration the loss of parking at the School Board office, SSITC and the working group decided to reduce the width of the pathway to 2.5 metres resulting in a 0.5 metre infringement of the existing fenced parking area. To retain parking at Plant Services, the pathway has been shifted onto school district property in front of the building, thereby retaining angle parking spaces between the pathway and Rainbow Road. The trees along side SSE playground will be protected. Providing a safe route for students is the district’s priority. With regard to an email received from Jaqualine Roussin, Trustee Page would like Ms. Roussin’s concerns taken into consideration and reviewed.

Discussion also included the following comments:

- It’s a start – not perfect. Moving forward to increase safety for students
- Re-locate the pathway on the south side of Rainbow Road
- Drainage concerns and lack of a drainage report
- Diversion of water in the past has been successful
- Rights to school zone signage
- This proposal will go to referendum to be voted on by the SSI community
- Ganges Hill, lack of pedestrian walkway and the proposed housing units to be built on Drake Road
- Student safety is paramount; Rainbow Road is an active corridor; this is where our students walk to and from school and therefore the district’s priority

Mr. Scotvold recommends the Board accept the proposal with qualifications.

It was moved and seconded that the Board of Education approves, in principle, the North Ganges Transportation Plan for the Rainbow Road Pathway Project, subject to the school district's approval of final design drawings for the pathway project and subject to the school district reaching a satisfactory land use agreement for the pathway with the Capital Regional District (CRD).

CARRIED 36/14

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED 37/14

Date: May 14, 2014

May McKenzie  
Chairperson

Certified Correct:

Rod Scotvold  
Secretary Treasurer