

## **Transportation Committee Report, 2016-2017**

At the last TIRRA AGM, the question of road safety for pedestrians was raised after a horrific accident involving pedestrians on Thetis had occurred. A Road Safety Committee was struck consisting of Carolyn Askew, Jeannine Caldbeck, Michelle Black, Teresa Moore, Steve Frankel, Ernie Hunter, Stu Downey with the chair of the Transportation Committee, Graeme Shelford, heading it up.

It was established that the accident had been caused by excessive speeding on a sharp corner. Nevertheless the committee drew up a list of areas of concern:

- 1) Ferry line-up
- 2) North Cove Pilkey Point Roads intersection
- 3) Harbour Rd/Foster Pt. Rd intersection
- 4) Pot of Gold Corner
- 5) North Cove Rd to Forbes Hall pedestrian safety
- 6) Blind corners at Klahowya/Pilkey intersection to Andison's driveway
- 7) Lack of shoulders on Moore Hill

A meeting attended by Dave Carroll, Director of Terminal Construction, Jim Adams, Project Coordinator, of BC Ferries, Andy Newall, Area Manager, Roads, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), and the Thetis Road Safety Committee reviewed the ferry line-up area. Potential improvements identified include restricting parking areas in the line up to improve sight lines, relocating the "Yield to ferry traffic" signs to make them more visible, removing trees on the south west corner to improve sight lines to the south on Foster Point Rd., and installation of a warning light tied in to the barrier operation to warn when the ferry is off-loading and loading. Andy Newall agreed to follow up these ideas with his traffic planner, and BC Ferries agreed to help with financing. Subsequent to this review, the yield signs have been relocated. Subsequent suggestions for pedestrian safety include creating a pedestrian path down the hill alongside the ferry line up or banning cars altogether from lining up on the hill.

Stop bars have been painted at the stop signs at the Pilkey Point/North Cove and Harbour Rd/Foster Point Rd intersections. This was just done by hand and as expected, will not last very long. It is planned to have the permanent stop bars machine painted at the time of centre line repainting.

Islands Trust promised support in getting a road safety review carried out on Thetis, and MOTI have undertaken doing this review, scheduled for March 29, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Transportation Committee