

Transportation Committee Report -2014

Highways

Andy Newall, the highways Area Manager, visited Thetis in early summer 2013 and asked me to accompany him on an inspection of the roads. The area of chief concern was cracks opening up on Moore Hill, indicating that the slumping of fill might be accelerating. He was concerned about this and called for a geotechnical engineer's review of the problem. He indicated this may take some time. In the meantime Grant Gordon filled the cracks with tar and gravel to reduce water ingress, and this fill seems to be holding, the cracks have not opened up further.

Mr. Newall also agreed that the yellow centre lines needed repainting and has advised TIRRA by letter that this will be done when the weather is dry enough to the painting operation.

Ferries

It is well known by Thetis Islanders that ferry schedule designed by Dave Knowles, current ferry crewman, with input from Bill Dickie, retired ferry captain, and developed by a group led by Art Hunter, supported by the Ferry Advisory Committee, the Penelakut Band Council and over 400 people who emailed letters of support or signed petitions, was submitted to BC Ferries and accepted with a minor change. This was a landmark case where instead of complaining, Thetis Islanders and the Penelakut responded to government demands for cuts by suggesting a sensible revision to the schedule that improved service both islands and saved more money than the ill-conceived government proposed cuts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Transportation Committee