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## **Transportation Committee Report, 2017-2018**

1. A recent wildfire assessment of our Island pointed to large patches of broom as a major fire hazard. An experiment could be prepared to house some goats on the North Cove verge in temporary fencing. This would alert Islanders to the need to tackle broom and, if successful, provide a template for further work. Permission from Highways is needed, and Andy Newall is checking out liability issues.
2. Beaver has flattened all the attempts keep the culvert open. Graeme is researching a stronger beaver baffle as destroying the beavers requires a permit that can take up to 6 months to get, according to the BC Ministry of Environment website. Destroying the nuisance beaver is also ineffective unless all beavers on the island are removed.
3. Andy Newall continues to check on Victoria's progress in redesigning the ferry terminal. Michael Cormier is checking with BC Ferries whether they have heard anything from Victoria.
4. Mainroad's contract is up in September. It is rumoured that the new contract may not provide for highway maintenance yards on the Gulf Islands, or a dedicated highway worker on each island. TIRRA is seeking Islands Trust's cooperation to ensure that the islands are adequately served.
5. TIPC has requested that overnight parking on the boat ramp and using the area as a boatyard be stopped. It is Highways property and they advise that the RCMP is the only party to enforce the rules, if necessary. Some quiet discussions may deal with the current issues.

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