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January 7, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Central Saanich Community Association would like to express their support and appreciation for the motion submitted by Councillor Jensen - December 17, 2018 to be discussed at the January 7th Council Meeting:

15.1. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor Jensen December 17, 2018
Re: Active Transportation

For introduction.

Whereas Active Transportation has been identified by Council as a "strategic priority";

Therefore, Be it Resolved That Council direct staff to present a report in January or February 2019 on an Active Transportation Plan Project Charter, including a discussion on project goals, methodology, timelines and stakeholder engagement.

Until such time as an Active Transportation Plan Project is complete, needed infrastructure improvements and investments are postponed and the district misses out on opportunities for cost-sharing of Active Transportation projects. For example, the provincial Cycling Infrastructure Funding:

“To encourage healthy living and to help address climate change, the Province of B.C. is cost-sharing cycling infrastructure projects with local government through our BikeBC program.

BikeBC will provide up to 50% of the total eligible project costs (75% for communities with a population under 15,000).”

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/cycling-infrastructure-funding>

The application deadline for this particular program is February 18, 2019. Although we have missed this opportunity, it is our hope this program will continue and that an Active Transportation Plan can be completed in short order, such that Central Saanich will be able to apply for future grants, should such a program be available next year. These funds would facilitate significant improvements to our current active transportation and cycling infrastructure at a reduced cost to Central Saanich tax payers.

We commend Councillor Jensen for this motion and appeal to the Mayor and Council to support this important first step in our community’s active transit planning.

Respectfully,

Megan Misovic & Bruce Elliot

Central Saanich Community Association Active Transportation Task Force members