



February 20, 2026

Cliff McNeil-Smith, Chair
Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000
Victoria BC V8W 2S6

Reference: 337210
Your File: 0400-20

Dear Chair McNeil-Smith:

Re: Road Safety on Salt Spring Island

Thank you for your letter advocating road improvements and enhanced access to transit and active transportation options on behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission.

The ministry recognizes the importance of supporting a multi-modal transportation network that provides people with options to travel safely and efficiently to their destinations whether travelling by vehicle, transit or active transportation. We are working on many fronts to ensure our transportation network better meets the needs of all road users.

As part of this approach, the ministry now includes safer active transportation facilities in all new projects and major highway upgrades, whenever possible, and we also consider options such as bus pullouts on transit routes. This includes the current \$23 million investment in resurfacing and shoulder widening on Fulford Ganges Road between Seaview and Cranberry Roads that is nearly complete and the Cusheon Creek Bridge Project which will be accommodating a 1.5 metre shoulder. Details about these projects can be found on our [Salt Spring Island Projects website](#).

We appreciate the potential benefits of widening Fulford-Ganges Road between Cranberry Road to the Cusheon Creek Bridge project, and staff considered this option carefully when planning for the Cusheon Creek Bridge replacement. Unfortunately, these improvements are not possible currently due to budgetary constraints. That said, we know this route is a critical transportation corridor for Island residents and businesses, and you can be sure it will be considered as we develop future projects to improve the Island's transportation network and better support transit and active transportation users. Likewise, staff will also consider your request for an options study for the intersection of Fulford-Ganges Road and Lower Ganges Road in Ganges.

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Meanwhile, the ministry remains very supportive of the work the CRD has led to studying the feasibility of a separate active transportation trail along the Fulford-Ganges corridor. We understand a trail would provide significant benefits for active transportation users, and we look forward to continuing to work with the CRD as this initiative advances.

While I regret that I am unable to meet with you, should you or members of the SSI Local Community Commission have any questions, please feel free to contact Owen Page, Area Manager, Roads. He can be reached at 236 478-1552 or at Owen.Page@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to help.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mike Farnworth
Minister

Copy to: Owen Page, Area Manager, Roads
Vancouver Island District