

## Gabriola bus system—a proposal

Given that the most expensive and complicated part of setting up a bus system is the acquisition and licensing of a bus, and employing someone to operate and maintain it, why not try out a bus system that doesn't use buses?

The idea is to set up bus stops at which people would wait for a ride. Having designated stops would let car drivers willing to give people a ride know where they wanted to go, and save the people needing a ride the inconvenience, and for some, embarrassment, of having to walk along the roadside "begging". It would be, as John Hall and Bruce Mason remarked at a recent meeting at the W.I. Hall, be making the best of what we already have, which is near empty cars travelling the roads with neighbourly Gabriolans at the wheel.

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Link: <http://www.gabriolatransportation.org>

For more recent information see:

<http://islandsolutions.blogspot.com/2010/09/come-on-gabriola-take-leaf-from-bowens.html>

The sign in the photograph says:

CAR STOP

Drivers don't have to take the first in line  
You're not obliged to accept a ride, that's fine  
You accept a ride at your own risk  
But the ride is free, so consider it a gift.