

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall, 981 Artisan Lane, Bowen Island, British Columbia.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Gil Yaron – Chair
Terry Cotter
Doug Elliott
Trish Jacquet
Bob Lalonde

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Morse

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held March 7, 2007 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Performance Term Two Preliminary Price Cap Report (PT2)

Terry reported on meetings with Ferry Advisory Committees, BC Ferries and Ministry of Transportation staff regarding Performance Term Two Preliminary Price Caps (PT2). He commented on the following:

- Issues of the Chairs of the Ferry Advisory Committees – present toll rates are too high, no formal role in negotiation process and no input from communities involved;
- How input should happen – question to David Hahn, President and Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferry Services Inc. “*After five years with a three party concept established, what place in the mechanism should community input fall into?*” Rob Clark suggested that the Committees request the Minister of Transportation to strike an Advisory Committee, beyond the scope of the

act and contract, who would speak on behalf of communities. At the meeting scheduled for the end of April with Ministry staff the discussion will focus on the best mechanism for community input;

- Meeting with the Minister – no formal Chair so individual community needs were the topic. Ministry staff had seen the need for creating a mechanism for community input. The most positive outcome was the acknowledgement that community input was necessary.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- Martin Crilly's Memorandum 24 – mechanism for establishing and adjusting fuel surcharges/rebates indicates no intent to subsidize. Looking at a 6.7% annual fare increase;
- The Committee's approach to the Minister for an increase in the service fee;
- Council's position – no change since the June 26, 2006 letter
- Committee's presentation at the May 7, 2007 Committee of the Whole meeting could include the following items:
 1. Terms of Reference
 2. Length based pricing
 3. PT2 price caps are more than the cost of living and do not meet Council's official position

It was Moved and Seconded

Whereas the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee is currently in discussion with the Minister of Transportation and other ferry advisory committees regarding the Performance Term 11 contract, pursuant to the Council's letter of June 26, 2006

and

Whereas Commissioner Crilly's preliminary report of March 2007 has indicated a fare increase beyond the rate of inflation;

That the Ferry Advisory Committee request Council to reaffirm in writing to the Minister their commitment to the position taken in the letter of June 26, 2006 to the Minister.

CARRIED

Length-based pricing

Doug agreed to draft some survey questions related to length based pricing for members to comment on via email. Members would add to the potential questions and problems issues as well.

BIMFAC Terms of Reference – Council’s Response	As Council had not yet reviewed the Committee’s suggestions for revised terms of reference, the issue was deferred to a future meeting.
Review of Financial Information from BC Ferries	<p>Councillor Morse commented on financial information received from BC Ferries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminal Maintenance costs – we are sharing in the costs of Horseshoe Bay and have requested costs be broken down; • Also Bowen Island route is sharing in the financing and amortization financing expense cost to capital; • 2006 fuel costs for Route 8 are much higher than indicated for Routes 6 and 19. <p>The Committee agreed that Councillor Morse would provide Terry with a summary of the inappropriateness of the cost allocation for future meetings with the Ministry of Transportation and the issue would be discussed at the May 2, 2007 meeting with BC Ferries.</p>

NEW BUSINESS

Update on TWG Phases 2 Ferry Selection Matrix	<p>Trish and Doug reviewed the draft assessment matrix for the Queen of Capilano, the new vessel and Mayne Queen in combination with Queen of Capilano and Bowen Queen. It was noted that the first requirement would be for Council to make a decision on ferry marshalling before any option could be considered.</p> <p>Doug and Trish agreed to revise the document into a spreadsheet and include emission information (to be provided by BC Ferries).</p>
BC Ferries Safety Report	The BC Ferries Safety Report would be discussed at the May 2 nd meeting with BC Ferries.
Summer Schedule Notice & Meeting with BC ferries & West Vancouver Transit	As the meeting with BC Ferries and West Vancouver Transit had not taken place, the discussion of the summer schedule and notice was deferred.
Report on March 8 Meeting with BIM and Translink representatives	Councillor Morse noted that the March 8, 2007 meeting with Translink had been fruitful. Translink had indicated their interest in community process and working with the Municipality.

- Smoking areas on out deck The Chair reported that with summer coming there had been a request to have one designated smoking area or to completely prohibited smoking on the Ferry. The issue to be discussed at the May 2, 2007 meeting with BC Ferries.
- Next Meeting The next meeting date coincides with the meeting with BC Ferries on May 2, 2007 in Horseshoe Bay at 5:30 p.m. If needed there will be an informal meeting of the Committee following the BC Ferries meeting. The next scheduled meeting is June 6, 2007.
- Agenda Items for May 2, 2007 Meeting with BC Ferries The Committee agreed that the following items be added to the agenda for the May 2, 2007 meeting with BC Ferries
1. BC Ferries Safety Report and press release regarding New Security Measures
 2. Consistency in ticket taking
 3. Status of 5:30 a.m. sailing
 4. Cost allocation
 5. Publication of Summer Schedule
 6. Update on Coast card
 7. Monthly Pass Tax Credit
 8. Smoking area on the outside upper deck

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.