

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 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

Bob Lalonde – Chair
Doug Elliott
Daniel Heald
Trish Jacquet

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Morse

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

REGRETS**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the July 2, 2008 Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the May 7, 2008 Meeting

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held on May 7, 2008 be approved as amended:

Page 3, 2nd bullet change”....*their estimate of .05...*” to
“...*their estimate by \$.05...*”

CARRIED

Minutes of the June 4, 2008 Meeting

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held on June 4, 2008 be adopted as amended:

Page 3, 2nd paragraph change “...*May 22, 2006...*” to
“...*May 22, 2008...*”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Measurement of Performance

The Chair noted that the Committee had pointed out to BC Ferries that the on time performance measurement of ten

minutes late was not good on a 20 minute run and had suggested the allowable time be 5 minutes. Jason Bowman,, Regional Director, Horseshoe Bay Region Terminal operations had indicated the request had been acknowledged and the BC Ferries website would indicate 5 minutes. To date there has been no report back as to whether this has happened.

January 24, 2008 Incident

The Chair reported that Mr. Bowman had indicated he would pass on results from the meeting of BC Ferries and the West Vancouver School Board regarding the January 24, 2008 incident.

FAC Appointment Process

The Chair reported that there had been communication from BC Ferries indicating there would be a more formal appointment process to Ferry Advisory Committees. However such an appointment process would ignore the unique position of this Committee as a Municipally appointed Committee. The issue of the possible outcome of such a change has been discussed with BC Ferries, who have indicated no action will be taken at this time. It is hoped that BC Ferries will look at the logic of how they have acted in the past regarding Bowen Island representation and accept the Bowen Island municipally appointed committee as the BC Ferries Advisory Committee.

HSB Terminal Clocks

The Chair reported that the 12 digital clocks had been installed.

Experience card use during busy periods

The Chair reported that Mr. Bowman had reported that BC Ferries had anticipated long pedestrian lineups with the new experience card use and has allocated four people in the booths during certain periods.

Summer Schedule Notice etc.

The Chair noted that the new summer schedule and the notification of the ten minute cut off time had been in the *Undercurrent*.

Discussion followed.

The Chair agreed to speak to BC Ferries regarding the Queen of Capilano leaving before scheduled departure times.

New Member

Daniel agreed to continue his attempts to contact Kim DeSante to request him to join the Committee as a user of the extended system.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting June 25,2008 with BCF and West Van Transit

The Chair reported on a recent meeting with BC Ferries and West Van Transit regarding the ten minute cut off. He noted the following:

- o Schedule coordination between West Van Transit and BC Ferries – both would like to have a coordinated schedule but believed it was not possible;
- o Our demand from Bowen is not completely measured.

It was noted that, if there were a year round schedule for all ferries, schedule coordination would be easier.

The Chair agreed to follow up with BC Ferries to see if any considerations were being given to year round scheduling.

Coastal Community Ferry Advisory Committee (CCFAC) Report

Discussion took place regarding the need to report to Council on the activities of the Coastal Community Advisory Committee's activities.

It was Moved and Seconded

Whereas the Ferry Advisory Chairs Committee (FACC) is a significant organization communicating directly with the Provincial Government,

The Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive and review the following documents:

- i. [Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs June, 2008 submission to Ministry of Transportation re Minor Routes and Route 3 Strategy](#);
- ii. [Letter of June 24, 2008 to Hon. Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation](#)

CARRIED

Snug Cove Terminal Improvements

Councillor Morse reported on the second meeting with BC Ferries, McElhanney Engineering Firm and Municipal staff regarding Snug Cove Terminal improvements. She noted the following:

- o Until the cost of improvements is known it cannot be determined who will pay. BC Ferries own the land where the present waiting room is. Theoretically they

would pay for that;

- Engineers have a design for a terminal here and are working with Acting Operations Manager Wil Hilsen on what will work below Cardena Road;
- By September, 2008 we should know what will happen below Cardena. Cost to be in 2009/2010 budget

The Chair noted that the Committee would like to continue to be apprised of the issues and if asked, would appreciate the opportunity to give advice.

Community Lands Sale Process Councillor Morse reported on Council's discussion of the planned sale of some community lands in the Fall. She wondered whether the need for the proposed road for Ferry Marshalling through Site 3 of the Community Lands had been discussed.

Ferry Line up on July 2, 2008 Councillor Morse raised the issue of the overloading and unsafe single lane marshalling area on Government Road during busy summer traffic periods.

Discussion followed regarding BC Ferries responsibility to provide for flagging personnel for Bowen Island, as they do pay for flagging on the Highway.

The Chair agreed to follow up with BC Ferries.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

September 3, 2008

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