

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, November 12, 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
Trish Jacquet
Daniel Heald

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Morse – Minute Taker

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Buchanan – Bylaw Enforcement Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Heather Hodson

REGRETS**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

That the agenda for the November 12, 2008 Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting be approved with the addition of FACC under new business.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Meeting

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held on October 8, 2008 be adopted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Measurement of On-Time Performance

The Chair noted that despite much discussion and initial agreement that noting the vessel was on time when it left 10 minutes after the scheduled sailing time on a 20 minute run was not a good thing to do, BC Ferries will continue to apply their system-wide policy. For departures/arrivals information the status column will indicate “on time” when the Ferry departs within 10 minutes of scheduled departure time. The

committee expressed their disappointment that BCF could not make the change and only post reasons for delays. They recognized that they had done all they could and the issue should be considered closed.

New Passenger Ferry Service Update

Coastal Links is using the dock at Bowen Island Marina and running one trip to downtown in the morning with a return trip in the evening. Granville Island Water taxi is operating an hourly service to and from Granville Island and using the Municipal south dock. The dock bylaw sets the fees for use of the south dock. The committee discussed how to inform the public and visitors of the various ways to get to Bowen Island.

The committee agreed that staff should be asked to make a change to the municipal website where there is presently a link to BCF website. A more generic heading such as *Getting to Bowen Island* could be used providing links to all four service providers' schedule pages, BCF, Coastal Links, Granville Island Water Taxi and Cormorant Marine.

New Members

Daniel reported that he had spoken to Kim Desante and that he was interested. Heather Hodson also stated her interest in joining the committee. The chair noted that the municipality would be advertising for members and encouraged them to apply. He noted that new appointments might not be made by Council until the new year but the interested individuals would be invited to attend the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BIMFAC/BCF meeting November 5, 2008

The committee reviewed the presentations and discussion from the meeting and noted the following:

- With respect to the query about inconsistency in the *Tariff Rationalization Discussion Paper* about revenue neutrality, BCF confirmed that it was intended to be by route.
- The presentation on the *Tariff Rationalization Discussion Paper* had been well done and the numbers given were for illustration purposes.
- Amar Johal advised that BCF would recognize the members of BIMFAC, as appointed by BIM Council, as the members the BCF FAC.
- On-time performance statistics were reviewed. The summer schedule had achieved the desired on-time performance and was, with some minor tweaking, being recommended for the summer of 2009.

- A year round schedule will not happen. Due to cross traffic issues the schedule needs to change for the summer and may continue into the first two weeks of September in 2009.
- BCF and West Van Transit have been talking with respect to bus/ferry connections. BCF provided statistics on the number of foot passengers going through Horseshoe Bay: April 2008 22% were for Bowen, 33% for Langdale and 46% for Nanaimo.

FACC/CCFAC Activities

Councillor Morse commented on the following:

- Three members of the FACC Committee met on October 23, 2008 with the Minister of Transportation. The general consensus from those attending was that it was a productive meeting, that the minister was getting the message and was understanding the issues. She referred everyone to the press release issued after the meeting that had been previously circulated to the committee and Council;
- The recent announcements by the Premier for a 33% fare reduction on all routes for December and January and reinstatement of the cancelled runs on Route 3, Langdale, indicated they were listening.
- The FACC meeting on November 25 would be with TRAN staff, Ministry of Tourism and Tourism BC. Were there were any specific questions the committee wanted asked?

Next Meeting

December 3, 2008 regular monthly meeting of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.