

Adopted November 4, 2009 with amendments (depicted in underlined/italicized font herein)

## BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday September 2, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall.

### COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Doug Elliott, Acting Chair  
Kim De Santé  
Daniel Heald

### REGRETS

Bob Lalonde , Chair  
Trish Jacquet

### COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Alison Morse

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

### CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Doug Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### **It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee September 2, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

#### **It was Moved and Seconded**

That the minutes of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held July 8, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

#### 3.1 Priority Commercial Loading

Daniel reported that he had discussed the issue of priority loading with truck drivers, who had indicated their desirability for priority commercial loading. He noted that priority loading would only apply to a limited number of vehicles mostly related to customer retail on some Monday- Thursday sailings.

Doug commented on the following:

- Chair's notes indicate BC Ferries are not adverse to looking into the issue but are generally not in favour and would have to be for specified sailings. Also the issue of public pressure;
- Need a framework for desired runs and a system for deciding who can and cannot.

Daniel agreed to draft a framework proposal to show a proven need, which would be reviewed by the Committee at the October meeting.

Councillor Morse agreed to review the BC Ferries statistics related to overload sailings.

### 3.2 Snug Cove Information Sign

Doug reported there had been no change in the status of the Snug Cove Information sign. He agreed to email Jason Bowman to inquire whether the functioning of the sign is related to Telus and if the sign could be activated by the Captain of the vessel.

### 3.3 Snug Cove Washrooms

Doug noted the Snug Cove washroom is an issue in progress. Presently the Chair has asked BC Ferries for an expense spread sheet regarding the washrooms vandalism.

### 3.4 BC/FAC July 2 meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the July 2, 2009 BC/FAC meeting

The following issues were discussed:

- Tower invitation – Committee invited to come to the tower during peak travel times to view the operations. Councillor Morse will contact Jason Bowman ~~on a designated date~~ to visit the tower;
- Suggestion to follow up the visit with an article in the Undercurrent ;
- The ten minute cut off regulation
  1. Marine Superintendent reported that this is a safety issue related to distracting tower operations;
  2. Consistency in applying the regulation
  3. Issue to be revisited after the Tower visit
- Lane use - why not the furthest right lane instead? Committee agreed to pose the question during the Tower visit;
- Display case with Plexiglas shelves is locked. Sara, BC Ferries Public Relations is to report back on the issue;
- Refit – next one scheduled for Jan 30 - Feb 25, 2011. BC Ferries indicated their commitment to giving better notice and apologized for poor notice this year.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

## 4.1 Elimination of over height vehicle charges

~~Councillor Morse noted that overweight~~ Over height charges was an issue for some of the routes but ~~was~~ is a non-issue for the Queen of Capilano.

General consensus this was not an issue and that the charge should be related to the deck space used. The article in the *Undercurrent* related to the tower visit could also include information regarding vehicle charges.

## 4.2 Experience Card – increased buy-in-level

Councillor Morse noted that BC Ferries would like feedback on the concept of raising the experience card's minimum threshold by 10%.

The Committee agreed that BC Ferries should ensure that any changes in the minimum amounts be communicated to the users by ticket booth staff.

## 4.3 FACC Update

Councillor Morse reported that the Province has announced a review by ~~controller~~ comptroller general of TransLink. BC Ferries report is expected by the end of September. The FACCs have made a submission to the controller general and a few committees have put in their own submissions. The issues have been well covered.

## 4.4 Next Meeting

October 21, 2009 7:15 p.m. to prepare for meeting with BC Ferries on November 4 or 12, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.