

Adopted on January 6, 2010**BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY**

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday November 4, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Lalonde, Chair
Trish Jacquet
Doug Elliott
Kim De Santé

REGRETS

Daniel Heald

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Alison Morse

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair 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 November 4, 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 September 2, 2009 be adopted as amended:

Page 2, 4th paragraph add "*vandalism*" to the end of the paragraph;

Page 2, 1st bullet delete "on a designated date"

Page 3, 1st paragraph change "*Councillor Morse noted that overweight*" to "*Over height charges was an issue for some of the routes but is a non-issue for the Queen of Capilano*"

Page 3, 5th paragraph change ``*controller*`` to ``*comptroller*``

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**3.1 Priority Commercial Loading**

Councillor Morse provided the following information related to priority commercial loading:

- 2009 stats - only 38 commercial vehicles overloaded, mostly on the 2:30 p.m. sailing;

- On overload days there were 441 commercial vehicles on the Ferry.

The Committee agreed to discuss the issue at the November 25, 2009 BC Ferries meeting.

3.2 Snug Cove Information Sign

The Chair noted that he could advise BC Ferries that he would be willing to contact Telus regarding issues related to the Snug Cove Information sign.

3.3 Snug Cove Washrooms

The Chair reported that BC Ferries has indicated \$2,000 is the expense associated with the Snug Cove washrooms

3.4 Over height vehicle charges

The Committee agreed that over-height vehicle charges is a non issue for the Queen of Capilano, provided there be fair application of the charges i.e. Over length? How are they charged is it by foot? What is the rationale? How much deck space is being used?

3.5 Experience Card

The Chair noted that discounted fares are for multiple sales. The suggestion from BC Ferries is to increase the minimum amount of the purchase of the card from \$75 to \$85.

Significant discussion followed regarding what the Committee's advice should be regarding the suggestion.

Some members believed that the minimum experience card charge should remain at \$75.

The Chair noted that he would indicate the Committee has a difference of opinions and therefore, is unable to respond to their request for comment on increasing the minimum charge for the experience card.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 B.I. Municipality Age Friendly Community Project

It was agreed that the Chair would report to BC Ferries that an implementation report is being developed related to the Age Friendly Community

Project report, which is being brought forward at this time to BC Ferries for information and future consideration.

4.2 Granville Island Water Taxi Service

Councillor Morse noted that the Granville Island Water Taxi is running under new ownership and with a reduced schedule.

4.3 Bus Idling in Terminal

Doug reported on the following:

- Written communication received regarding bus idling in Horseshoe Bay;
- The idling policy for Malaspina Coach Lines is a three minute maximum;
- Another communication received indicates the bus owner is interested in idling concerns but infractions of the policy needs to be documented;

The Committee agreed that the Chair would relay the information received regarding bus idling in the Horseshoe Bay Terminal to BC Ferries staff at Horseshoe Bay.

4.4 November 25 Meeting with BC Ferries

The Committee reviewed the following proposed agenda items for the November 25, 2009 meeting with BC Ferries:

1. Format and content of meeting minutes - minutes don't relate to agenda;
2. Elimination of over height vehicle charges;
3. Experience Card buy-in level;
4. H.S.B. terminal cost allocation - we want to know by route;
5. On-board disembarking instructions – appreciate the change ;
6. Terminal Wi-Fi – customer service ;
7. Prioritized commercial loading;
8. *B.I. Municipality Age Friendly Community Project Report;*
9. Olympics schedule – is on website, no runs to be cancelled;
10. Buses idling in terminal;
11. Overload statistics;
12. Cut off time - is a safety issue for BC Ferries; Kim suggested the Committee request BC

Ferries for a 5 minute cut off time for foot passengers

Issues discussed:

- Timing and cut off times are not working;
- There are many foot passengers who want a five minute cut off;
- Queen of Capilano frequently leaves before scheduled sailing time.

Sailing Cancellation Notice

The Committee indicated that notice of sailing cancellations is better this year.

It was suggested that BC Ferries could be requested to send service notices to the Forum.

FAC/CCFC Updates

Councillor Morse noted there has been a report delivered to the Minister, which is expected to be released at the end of month

Next Meeting

December 2, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.