

Adopted February 3, 2010 with amendments (depicted in underlined/italicized font herein)

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday January 6, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall.

COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE	Bob Lalonde, Chair Doug Elliott Kim De Santé
REGRETS	Trish Jacquet 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: 20 p.m.
1.APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<u>It was Moved and Seconded</u> That the agenda for the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee January 6, 2009 meeting be approved. CARRIED
2.ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES	<u>It was Moved and Seconded</u> That the minutes of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held November 4, 2009 be adopted CARRIED
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	The Committee decided to defer the election of Chair and Vice Chair to a future meeting when more members would be present.
4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
4.1 Priority Commercial Loading	The Committee deferred discussion of the priority commercial loading issue to the next meeting.
4.2 Snug Cove Information Sign	Councillor Morse reported that she had been informed by BC Ferries that the electronic sign would be installed in the near future. In order to inform the community, the Chair agreed to request BC Ferries to provide advance notice of the date for the installation of the sign.

The Chair will draft a notice to be included in an update on Ferry related issues for the *Undercurrent* and the ~~Forum~~: *Bowen Island media*.

4.3 Snug Cove Washrooms

The Chair agreed to inform BC Ferries that the Mayor, the RCMP and the Committee have agreed to work with BC Ferries on issues related to the Snug Cove washrooms.

4.5 Over Height Vehicle charges

The Chair noted that BC Ferries had chosen a formula whereby a small percentage pay a significant increase for oversize vehicles, a charge that is to replace the over height vehicle charge, now no longer in effect.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- BC Ferries have introduced a commercial rate for non-commercial vehicles;
- Proportionate rates why not? - the Chair agreed to request BC Ferries to provide data regarding costs if calculated proportionately;
- Should be user pay system based on the amount of deck space used;
- Not the right solution for passenger, private vehicles;
- Oversize vehicle charge to be added to the *Undercurrent* article.

4.6 BIM Age Friendly Community Project

Councillor Morse noted that a relevant issue to the Age Friendly Community Project Report is access for scooters and this issue should be brought to the attention of BC Ferries.

As a possible solution, Kim agreed to measure the available space in the elevator area.

4.7 Bus idling in terminal

Doug reported that bus idling seems to have diminished and suggested that the issue be included in the *Undercurrent* article as a way to inform people to keep reporting if they observe infractions.

4.8 Cut off time

The Committee reviewed a draft letter, prepared by the Chair to BC Ferries regarding the ten minute cut off time and suggested some changes.

The following issues were discussed

- The tour of the tower – change the last paragraph to respond to BC Ferries request that the Committee tour the tower during a busy traffic period;

- Need a definition of “cut off” - *Councillor Morse: BC Ferries policy is if you are in a car or a foot passenger in line ten minutes before sailing time, you will be ticketed*

The Chair agreed to revise the draft letter and email it to members for further comment.

Councillor Morse agreed to contact BC Ferries regarding preferred dates for the tour of the tower to observe safety issues during a busy traffic period

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 BIMFAC Communications to Public

Doug agreed to coordinate the article for *the Undercurrent* and also to have the article posted on the Queen of Capilano bulletin boards.

The Chair noted that the Committee should also look at other ways to communicate.

Doug suggested a quarterly update on Ferry-related issues.

5.2 Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs Committee (FACC) and Coastal Community Chairs Committee (CCFAC) updates

Councillor Morse reported on the following issues from FACC and CCFAC meetings:

- Met with BC Ferries personnel and discussion of comptroller’s report. The Chairs were pleased that controller general recognized the government was not taking into consideration impact on communities. Controller General has made suggestions we felt the Province should consider impact on communities related to the service fee. Presently BC Ferry Commissioner is the regulator within strict parameters;
- Excellent presentation from Urban Futures on their report ‘ *BC Ferries Passenger Volume Modelling approach and output re passenger usage/demand*’
 1. Data is from 2006 census, 2007 ridership numbers, and 2007 property assessment values. Clearly indicates more data needs to be gathered, and differences in routes. Impact is for future needs less for the Bowen run.
 2. BC Ferries are requesting local knowledge that would impact this report. For example

school children numbers;

- Drop in ridership - BC Ferries are saying the cost of fares is not the sole reason for the drop. We don't have the evidence we need to go to the Province and request an increase in the service fee if ridership is going down;
- Travel Centre sponsored by BC Ferries will display our Visitors Information Guide through Tourism Bowen;
- BC Ferries is in process of drafting Sept 2010 PT3 contract with the same number of runs and will assume same monies from the Province and the fare increase;

The Chair requested Committee members to provide comments on the BC Ferries Passenger Volume Modelling approach and output re passenger usage/demand report.

6. INFORMATION & ON TABLE ITEMS

6.1 BC Ferries Press Release re: Fuel rebate

The Committee reviewed the press release dated January 6, 2010, from BC Ferries regarding the adjustment of the fuel rebate for all routes from 10 per cent to five per cent and requested the document be attached to the minutes for Council's information

6.2 Overloads

The Chair agreed to press BCF for more current information for discussion at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



News Release

For Immediate Release
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January 6, 2010

BC FERRIES TO ADJUST FUEL REBATES ON MINOR ROUTES

VICTORIA – Effective January 25, BC Ferries is adjusting the fuel rebate on all of its 17 minor routes from 10 per cent to 5 per cent on average.

BC Ferries is reducing the fuel rebate on these routes due to higher fuel prices.

The fuel rebate on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route remains unchanged at 2 per cent on average.

For more information, please contact BC Ferries at www.bcferreries.com or call 1-888-BC FERRY, (1-888-223-3779).

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Fuel rebate table attached

Media Contact:
BC Ferries, Media Relations
Victoria: (250) 978-1267

Customer Contact:
Victoria: (250) 386-3431
Toll-free: 1-888-BCFERRY (1-888-223-3779)

ROUTE	ROUTE DESCRIPTION	PASSENGERS (Adult)	PASSENGER VEHICLE (UNDERHEIGHT)		PASSENGER VEHICLE (OVERHEIGHT)	
			(Cars/Pickup Trucks)	(Greater Than 20 Feet)	(Recreational Vehicles)	(Greater Than 20 Feet)
01	Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
02	Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Tsawwassen - Duke Point	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03	* Horseshoe Bay - Langdale	(0.25)	(0.75)	(0.05)	(1.30)	(0.10)
04	* Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.10)	(1.65)	(0.10)
05	* Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands	(0.40)	(1.15)	(0.10)	(1.80)	(0.10)
06	* Vesuvius Bay - Crofton	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.10)	(1.65)	(0.10)
07	* Saltery Bay - Earl's Cove	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.10)	(1.65)	(0.10)
08	* Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.10)	(1.65)	(0.10)
09	* Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen (Off Peak)	(0.40)	(1.15)	(0.10)	(1.80)	(0.10)
09	* Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen (Regular)	(0.40)	(1.15)	(0.10)	(1.80)	(0.10)
91	* Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands (Off Peak)	(0.75)	(2.25)	(0.15)	(2.85)	(0.15)
91	* Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands (Regular)	(0.75)	(2.25)	(0.15)	(2.85)	(0.15)
31	Inter-Southern Gulf Islands	(0.25)	(0.75)	(0.05)	(1.30)	(0.05)
17	Comox - Powell River	(0.50)	(1.50)	(0.10)	(2.10)	(0.10)
18	* Powell River - Texada Island	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
19	* Gabriola Island - Nanaimo	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
20	* Thetis Island - Kuper Island - Chemainus	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
21	* Buckley Bay - Denman Island	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
22	* Denman Island - Hornby Island	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
23	* Campbell River - Quadra Island	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
24	* Quadra Island - Cortes Island	(0.35)	(1.05)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
25	* Alert Bay - Soletula - Port McNeill	(0.40)	(1.20)	(0.05)	(1.50)	(0.10)
26	* Skidegate - Allford Bay	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.05)	(1.25)	(0.10)
12	Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay	(0.25)	(0.75)	(0.05)	(1.15)	(0.05)
13	Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island	(0.25)	(0.75)	(0.05)	(1.15)	(0.05)

Fuel Rebate - Effective Jan 25 2010
 Child Fare (ages 5 to 11) receive approximately 50% of the Adult Fuel Rebate Value.

EXEMPTIONS:
 Children under 5 years of age
 Bicycles, Stowage, Canoe/Kayak