

**Adopted on June 2, 2010****BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY**

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday May 5, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Bowen Island Municipal Hall.

**COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE**

Bob Lalonde, Chair  
Kim De Sante  
Daniel Heald  
Trish Jacquet  
Bill Van Luven

**COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Alison Morse

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Tim Rhodes - BITE  
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****It was Moved and Seconded**

That the agenda for the May 5, 2010 Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee 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 April 14, 2010 be adopted as amended:

Page 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet change " *bicycles are free as of April 1, 2010...*" to "*bicycle charges are still \$2.00 however ...*"

Page 4, delete last paragraph and replace with the following:

*Councillor Morse provided a verbal report on the meeting held in March between the FACC, BCF, Ministry of Transportation staff and the Ferry Commission as follows:*

- *The focus of the session was on education:*
- *Items discussed included the collective agreement, operating requirements, cost of overtime, vessel replacements and related capital costs and sources of funding;*
- *BCF have to present report to the Ferry Commission by September 30, 2010 for the next contract term PT3, which will be based on the same service levels and same provincial service fee so expect continued fare increases;*
- *Realization there were not any huge savings to be*

*easily had;*

- *Next meeting most likely in September, 2010. Councilor Morse further noted that the March Report of the Transportation Safety Board has a recommendation that passenger manifests be required."*

CARRIED

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Overloads**

The Chair noted that there was no further information to report other than looking into overload issue. The item will be added to the June 28 meeting with BC Ferries

#### **3.2 Snug Cove Information Sign**

The Chair indicated there were no further developments related to the Snug Cove Information sign.

#### **3.3 B.I. Municipality Age Friendly Report**

Councillor Morse noted she has yet to complete information related to the turning radius of the entrance to the elevator on the Queen of Capilano.

#### **3.4 Cut Off Times**

Councillor Morse reported that a section related to the complaint process has been added to the Ministry's legislation -Section 45.2 of Bill 20. This legislation indicates that each ferry operator must establish a process to the Commissioner's satisfaction regarding how they are going to deal with complaints and the process must be published.

The Chair suggested that the Committee continue discussion of the issue at their next meeting.

#### **3.5 Highway Sign for Bowen**

The Chair reported that he had communicated with District Manger, Transportation Lower Mainland District who had agreed to meet to discuss the issue of the highway signs before the June 2, 2010 Committee meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 BIMFAC/BCF meeting June 28 – time and agenda**

The Chair noted the following:

- Meeting with BC Ferries will be on June 28 at

4:30 p.m.;

- A list of items will be sent to members to be added to within the next week and members will be advised regarding the cut off date for agenda items.

The Committee requested that the BIM FAC generated items be presented before other agenda items with approximate times allocated for each item.

#### 4.2 BIMFAC Bylaw and Terms of Reference

The Chair reviewed the Committee's bylaw and terms of reference. He noted that there are twelve FAC Committees, the other 11 were governed by BC Ferries terms of reference and appointed by BC Ferries. BIMFAC is appointed by both BC Ferries the Bowen Island Municipal Council. The Committee's first obligation is to Bowen Island Municipality.

#### 4.3 Voluntary Carbon Credit fare surcharge

The Chair noted he had received a citizen's communication to have a voluntary carbon credit fare surcharge. BC ferries have indicated their interest and the issue will be discussed at the June 28, meeting.

#### 4.4 Suggested Schedule Changes

The Chair noted he had received correspondence from a citizen proposing a significant change to schedules - a 10:30 p.m. sailing on Saturdays only and the deletion of the 5:30 a.m. sailing.

Discussion ensued regarding how to determine if there was interest in the community for a schedule change.

Bill Van Luven volunteered to circulate a rough draft of a survey related to what if any changes to the schedule the community would like to see.

Councillor Morse agreed to forward to Bill BC Ferries survey questions for riders.

The Chair agreed to verify whether BC Ferries have any immediate plans to survey the Bowen Island run.

**INFORMATION & ON TABLE  
ITEMS**

## 5.1 FACC Update

The Committee agreed that the FACC press release be sent to local newspapers and the Municipality to post on the Forum.

Councillor Morse reported on the Ministry of Transportation legislation regarding the need to have legislation to address the interests of the various communities. She noted the following:

- Section G, that was added, only requires consideration of the interest of communities when setting a price cap and to consult;
- The Provincial Government's amount has not changed for minor routes operations and has not been indexed to inflation;
- The Province is asking for report on increasing efficiency;
- Two ways to increase efficiency are union contract and number of runs. There were lots of comments on Controller report's related to low utilization and we have one of the best at 53%

The Chair noted that the issue addressed in press release is that the Province has to recognize the public service mandate of coastal services.

5.2 Announcement of  
Resignation

The Chair announced that he will be leaving the Committee probably in August 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## Next FAC Meeting

Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting on June 2, 2010