

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 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

Anne Ayre
Doug Elliott
Bruce Howlett
Andrew Stone
Gil Yaron

REGRETS

Doug Sinkinson

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Morse

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Ballantyne
Councillor Wrinch
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

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

That the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Andrew Stone was nominated to serve as Chair of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee.

The Vice Chair called three times for further nominations.

It was Moved and Seconded

That Andrew Stone be elected by acclamation to serve as Chair of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee. CARRIED

Anne Ayre was nominated to serve as Vice Chair.

The Chair called three times for further nominations.

It was Moved and Seconded

That Anne Ayre be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

It was Moved and Seconded

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held January 11, 2006 be adopted. CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES**

Review of Presentation to COW

Councillor Morse reported on the outcome of the Ferry Advisory Committee's presentation to the January 16, 2006 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Council had reviewed Councillor Wrinch's proposal for a covered waiting area at the January 23, 2006 Council meeting;
- Councillor Shatsky presented notice of motion addressing the issues raised at the Committee of the Whole meeting;
- Briefly summarized a background report for a Transportation study prepared by Councillor Hocking.

Councillor Morse suggested that if the Committee wished to keep Council more attentive to the concerns of the Committee, it would be advisable to make recommendations and have representation at Council meetings to speak to the motions put forward by the Committee.

Meeting with BC Ferries re:
Waiting Room Proposal

Councillor Wrinch presented a report on the meeting and noted that he had provided copies to Mayor Turner and CAO Hadford of the e-mail correspondence of questions asked to Mark Collin, Vice President, Engineering BC Ferries by Councillor Wrinch and Doug Sinkinson. He suggested that the waiting room proposal be reconsidered by Council now that further information from BC Ferries regarding the possibility of sharing the cost had been received.

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Ferry Advisory Committee receive the report regarding the meeting with Doug Sinkinson, Councillor Wrinch, Steve Knussbaum, Terminal Manager Inter-Island South and Mark Collins, Vice President, Engineering, BC Ferries; and

That a copy of the report be attached to the Ferry Advisory Committee minutes of February 7, 2006. CARRIED

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Ferry Advisory Committee recommend that Council

request staff to obtain construction drawings for the covered waiting area and draft a memorandum of understanding with respect to BC Ferries payment of the cost of construction; and

That staff and a member of the Ferry Advisory Committee meet with BC Ferries to review the above; and

That the draft plans be posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on the Queen of Capilano; and

That a representative from the Ferry Advisory Committee meet with the Advisory Design Panel regarding the proposed covered waiting area. CARRIED

Smart Cards

It was noted that other Islands are looking at the Smart Card.

It was suggested that it would be useful to know BC Ferries timeline for when they plan to implement Smart Cards on the Bowen Island run.

The Committee agreed that Anne Aye would request an information meeting on the issue of Smart Cards and other issues with BC Ferries and inform Committee members of possible meeting dates.

Fare Increases

Gil Yaron provided the Committee with copies of five graphs charting the increases in fares from January 1995 through November 2005.

The Committee raised the following issues:

- Bowen Island has a greater fuel surcharge than the longer routes;
- Graphs indicate not a dramatic increase in fares over a ten year period;
- The Government had elected not to absorb any of the fuel surcharges;
- How Bowen Island could affect the Ferry's fuel consumption;
- How the Committee might approach BC Ferries regarding conservation methods to keep fuel costs in check;
- Islands Trust position – the Province should be assisting in offsetting the fuel surcharge;
- Suggestion to review the BC Ferries Commissioner's report for suggestions on fuel conservation.

It was noted that two lane loading would make BC Ferries run more efficiently and reduce energy consumption by

assisting BC Ferries to turn around in the 12-minute period allocated to maintain schedule and run at an efficient speed.

Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

Councillor Morse noted that the Ministry of Transportation was not planning to make any changes related to the Caulfield exit and they had suggested that BC Ferries be contacted to facilitate vehicular transfers among Ferries in Horseshoe Bay.

It was noted that information was needed regarding the reduction of the highway to one lane around the Eagle Ridge exit during the construction phase of the Sea-to Sky Highway Improvement project.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated January 10, 2006 from BC Ferries to Michael Stahnke

The Committee received for information the correspondence dated January 10, 2006 from BC Ferries to Michael Stahnke.

Response dated January 16, 2006 from the Hon. Kevin Falcon re: BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge for information

The Committee received for information the response dated January 16, 2006 from the Hon. Kevin Falcon regarding BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge for information.

Correspondence dated January 9, 2006 from John Dyble, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation re: BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge

The Committee received for information the Correspondence dated January 9, 2006 from John Dyble, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation to Doug Sinkinson and Anne Ayre regarding BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge.

Correspondence dated February 1, 2006 from Tony Law, Hornby Island to Hon. Kevin Falcon re: BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge (On Table item)

The Committee received for information the correspondence dated February 1, 2006 from Tony Law, Hornby Island to Hon. Kevin Falcon regarding BC Ferries Fuel Surcharge.

Correspondence dated February 7, 2006 from Tony Law, Hornby Island to Island Trustees re: Smart Cards (On Table item)

The Committee received for information the correspondence dated February 5, 2006 from Tony Law, Hornby Island to Island Trustees regarding Smart Cards

NEW BUSINESS

E-mail dated February 6, 2006

Councillor Morse reported that the elevator posted as being

from Councillor Morse re: New BC Ferries Service Notice Board – Bowen Island-Horseshoe Bay	out of service had now been repaired.
Island and Marine Transportation Related Studies and Documents	<p>Councillor Morse provided some documents of related transportation studies and reports.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that it would be advisable to collect all transportation related documents in one place. People such as Julian Dunster, Murray Journey and David Hill could be requested to do an executive summary of their work.</p> <p>It was noted that Hamilton Associates would have compiled a list of transportation related documents.</p> <p>Elizabeth Ballantyne noted that core background material related to transportation would be provided on the Imagine Bowen Island Project's website.</p>
Meeting with Hamilton Associates	<p>Committee members commented on the meeting with Hamilton Associates regarding the Bowen Island Transportation Study.</p> <p>It was noted that members present at the meeting had presented suggestions to Ms. Roochi related to ferry marshalling, parking, serving the commercial area and separating foot passengers from vehicles. It was further noted that Hamilton Associates would be contacting CAO Hadford regarding a meeting with Council.</p>
Traffic Demand Management	<p>A Committee member suggested that the Committee put forth a proposal to Council for a Traffic Demand Management Study to look into aspects based on pricing, time of day, and reviewing the various options. He agreed to e-mail members a description of the concept.</p> <p>Bruce Howlett and Gil Yarron agreed to work together on an outline of a Traffic Demand Management Study to present to the Committee.</p>
Councillor Morse re: North Shore Transportation Advisory Committee update	Councillor Morse provided the Committee with an update from the recent North Shore Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. She noted that Glen Leicester from TransLink had reported on Marine Transportation. She was left with the impression that the Bowen Island passenger

ferry pilot project would be delayed.

Next Meeting

Next meeting March 1, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.