

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, June 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

Andrew Stone – Chair
Anne Ayre
Doug Elliott
Bruce Howlett
Doug Sinkinson
Gil Yaron

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Wrinch
Gayle Ferguson – Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

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

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

That the minutes of the regular Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee meeting held May 3, 2006 be adopted as amended:

Page 1 “*Committee in Attendance*” remove “*Bruce Howlett*” and add to “*Regrets*”.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Proposed rewording to Resolution made May 3, 2006 re: Letter to The Hon Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation

The Committee reviewed the revised resolution regarding the Coastal Ferry Services Contract and made some wording changes.

Councillor Morse agreed to provide the Deputy Clerk with the following revised resolution to be presented at the June 12, 2006 Council meeting:

It was Moved and Seconded

That the Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee recommends to Council that a letter regarding the 2008-2012 Coastal Ferry Services Contract be sent under the Mayor’s signature to the Hon. Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation and copied to The Hon. Joan McIntyre, MLA

West Vancouver-Garibaldi, Islands Trust, and other BC Ferry Advisory Committees advising that Bowen Island Municipality is expecting:

- That ferry service remains at the same or improved service levels;
- Any increase in fares be no more than the rate of inflation;
- The Provincial Government review the service fees it pays to BC Ferries Inc. on a regular basis and revise the service fees, to be consistent with any increasing fuel costs; and
- That there will be a public consultation process regarding the new Coastal Ferry Services contract.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letters from Islands Trust dated May 18, 2006 re: Increase in Fuel Surcharges & Service Fees in Coastal Ferry Services Contract

The Committee received for information the following correspondence dated May 18, 2006 from the Islands Trust to the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation:

1. Continued Increase in Fuel Surcharge by BC Ferries;
2. Service Fees in the Coastal Ferry Services Contract for the years 2008-2012.

E-mail from Brian Hollingsworth, Co-Chair, SGIFAC re: Ferry Topics

The Committee discussed the need to inform the Public of Ferry issues raised in the e-mail from Brian Hollingsworth.

Doug Elliot agreed to use the information in Mr. Hollingsworth's e-mail to create two articles to be published in the *Undercurrent*. A draft of the articles would be e-mailed to Committee members.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (Continued)

Meeting with MLA

Councillor Morse noted that The Hon. Joan McIntyre, MLA West Vancouver-Garibaldi had been made aware of the Committee's desire for a meeting. A meeting had been pending on receiving the letters from Islands Trust and approval by Council of the Committee's revised letter to the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation.

Meeting with new Senior Master

The Chair noted that he had not yet arranged for a meeting with David Woodman, Senior Master of the Queen of Capilano.

	<p>The Committee requested the Chair to invite the Senior Master to attend the next regular Ferry Advisory Committee meeting to discuss operational issues as the first item on the agenda.</p> <p>Committee members agreed to e-mail Anne Ayre issues to be discussed with the Senior Master.</p>
Proposed Ferry Shelter Update	<p>It was noted that a design for the proposed ferry shelter was being discussed by the Advisory Design Panel who were meeting informally on June 10, 2006 to discuss criteria for the design.</p>
Year Round Ferry Schedule Update	<p>The Committee reviewed the Ferry and Bus Connections document prepared by Anne Ayre.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding a meeting with Translink to inform them of inefficiencies in the present bus schedules.</p> <p>Councillor Morse agreed to organize a meeting with BC Ferries and Trans Link. Gil Yaron agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Ferry Advisory Committee.</p>
Update re: Display on the Queen of Capilano	<p>Councillor Morse noted that the Bowen Island Historians had been informed of the BC Ferries contact person regarding criteria for displays.</p>
Refit of the Queen of Capilano	<p>Doug Elliott agreed to request BC Ferries to provide information regarding refit dates for the Queen of Capilano and a secondary vessel.</p>
Transportation Inter Committee Working Group Terms of Reference re: Update on Third Draft proposed by Councillor Hocking	<p>Discussion took place regarding the feasibility of a Working Group to complete the tasks as outlined in '<i>Specific Objectives 3 and 4</i>' of the terms of reference document.</p> <p>Andrew Stone volunteered to serve on the Inter-Committee Transportation Working Group.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the third draft of the terms of reference document for the Transportation Inter Committee Working Group. The following changes were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terms of Reference document to be dated with the draft version indicated; <p><u>Overview</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st bullet "Ferry Capacity" add "cars and passengers" ▪ 2nd bullet to read "Foot passenger services, shore side"

- 2nd large bullet to read “*What recommendation....commuter service from Bowen...*” to “*what recommendations....commuter service to and from Bowen.*”

Specific Objectives and Approach

- Criteria to be alphabetized;
- Add two additional criteria
 1. on time performance and maintaining existing schedule
 2. social impacts
- No. 3, 10th bullet Delete “*drawn from Activity #1 above*”

Assessment Matrix

- The current ferry;
- Ferry Expansion 90AEQ, 400 passengers;
- A new larger Ferry 125 AEQ, 600 passengers.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Howlett re: A Proposal to undertake a Traffic Demand Management Program for Bowen Island

The Committee agreed to defer discussion of the document provided by Bruce Howlett regarding a proposal to undertake a Traffic Demand Management Program, to the July 5, 2006 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.