

BOWEN ISLAND MUNICIPALITY

Minutes of the **Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting** held on Wednesday, March 1, 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

COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Morse

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Ballantyne
Councillor Frinton*
(* Denotes partial attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 February 7, 2006 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Anne Mann, Cooperative Auto Network

Anne Mann provided the Committee with a brief summary of the Cooperative Auto Network (CAN). Ms. Mann noted that she and her husband had been members for several years and do not own a car themselves, they walk everywhere on Bowen and use a car from the cooperative when they need one. Ms. Mann noted that it might be helpful for those that occasionally needed a car for work in Vancouver to be able to access a CAN car rather than take a car in on the ferry each day. Ms Mann distributed a brochure from CAN and a brochure, prepared specifically for Bowen Island.

The Committee discussed assisting Ms. Mann and CAN in promoting the program on the Island as well as the Jack Bell

program.

It was Moved and Seconded

That Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee invite the Cooperative Auto Network (CAN) to hold an open house on Bowen; and

That the Committee request permission from BC Ferries that on mutually agreed commuter runs for one day, they have a display with presenters on the Queen of Capilano to provide information on the CAN and Jack Bell programs.

CARRIED

The Committee encouraged Anne Mann to make a presentation to the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee and requested the Council Liaison to approach the Planning Department for funding for the advertising for the open house and the Queen of Capilano display.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated February 23, from Louise Bell re: her meeting with David Hahn, BC Ferries

By unanimous consent the correspondence dated February 23, 2006 from Louise Bell regarding her meeting with David Hahn, BC Ferries, was received for information.

Letter dated February 24, 2006 from Tony Law re: the meeting with David Hahn

By unanimous consent the correspondence dated February 24, 2006 from Tony Law regarding the meeting with David Hahn was received for information.

Correspondence between Anne Ayre and Chris Frappell BC Ferries re: ferry refit

By unanimous consent the correspondence between Anne Ayre and Chris Frappell of BC Ferries, regarding the ferry refit was received for information.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Smart Card/Regional FAC Update (Anne Ayre – introduction, discussion and possible resolution)

It was noted that the correspondence summarized the meeting held with B C Ferries on Denman and Hornby Islands.

- Smart Card to be studied and Mr. Hahn personally would be paying attention to, and considering input received;
- Discussion of Smart cards was the prime reason for meeting with BC Ferries. The Committee would like David Hahn to attend. Discussion followed on the issues that should be raised.

The Committee agreed that it would be preferable to hear

from BC Ferries on their concept for the Smart Card prior to raising questions. Anne Ayre agreed to compile questions sent to her by Committee members.

BC Ferries meeting preparation (general discussion of issues, concerns and communiqués to be presented.)

The Committee discussed agenda items for the upcoming meeting, possibly March 15, 2006 with BC Ferries: Anne Ayre was requested to advise B C Ferries that the Bowen Island Municipal Ferry Advisory Committee would like to discuss the following:

- Smart card;
- Sea to Sky Highway and Horseshoe Bay issues;
- New Senior Master for Route 8;
- Refit replacement vessel;
- Schedule year round;
- CAN and Jack Bell display on Queen of Capilano;
- Gallery decks;
- Update BC Ferries on Snug Cove process.

Discussion followed on the role of the Committee and the authority they had to raise issues with BC Ferries regarding changes to the vessel, the infrastructure or service levels. The BC Ferries Terms of Reference for the Ferry Advisory Committee were distributed for information, which were in addition to the Bowen Island Municipality Establishment Bylaw for the Ferry Advisory Committee.

It was agreed that routine operational issues were well within the mandate of the Committee.

Update from Bruce Howlett and Gil Yaron re: Traffic Demand Management

Bruce Howlett and Gil Yaron distributed for information a preliminary draft of work completed regarding Traffic Demand Management. They noted that a full report to the Committee would follow.

Discussion took place as to whether Traffic Demand Management was a tool to solve a problem or meet an objective.

NEW BUSINESS

Queen of Capilano refit

Anne Ayre referred the Committee to the correspondence in which Chris Frappell indicated the refit would now take place from Oct 10, 2006 to November 24, 2006.

Doug Sinkinson presented a summary of the increase in Route 8 traffic versus the traffic from Fulford to Swartz Bay

and Vesuvius to Crofton.

Councillor Morse noted that Council had written a letter to BC Ferries requesting a larger and more adequate replacement vessel during refit periods.

The Committee agreed that this information would be helpful in raising the issue of an appropriately sized vessel during the refit, or the addition of the Tachuk for extra runs during peak commuter hours.

Meeting with BC Ferry
Commissioner, Martin Crilly

Councillor Morse advised the Committee that Martin Crilly would be attending the Islands Trust Council meeting on March 9, 2006. It was hoped that Mr. Crilly would be seeking public input from all ferry users and would be having meetings with the various Ferry Advisory Committees. She suggested that Committee members visit the Commissioner's website and review the process that the office will follow for the recommendations for the next five years of the contract. She noted that the contract had to be in place before March 31, 2008 and that the Committee should consider having a meeting with the Commissioner. A report on the outcome would be presented to the April Ferry Advisory Committee meeting.

Meeting with MLA

The Committee agreed that a meeting with the MLA to keep her informed of Bowen Island's issues with ferry service and the contract was a good idea but should occur after a meeting with Martin Crilly.

BIM Strategic Planning Session
(Councillor Morse to present)

Councillor Morse provided a brief summary of the process being followed for Council's strategic plan. She noted the following:

- The plan would be presented at a hall-style meeting to which all committees would be invited to attend and comment on the Plan. A tentative date for the meeting was set for March 25, 2006;
- Councillors Hocking and Morse would be drafting terms of reference for a Transportation Task Force.

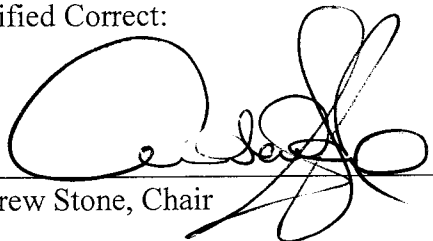
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April 5, 2006

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Certified Correct:



Andrew Stone, Chair