



FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thetis, Kuper, Chemainus Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
January 29, 2003 11:00 am
Horseshoe Bay Inn
Chemainus, BC

Attendees:

Table with 2 columns: Committee and BC Ferries. Lists attendees from both organizations including Fred Mitchell, Captain Ratch Wallace, and others.

Guests:

Lynda Poirier, Deckhand, route 20

1. Call to Order – Ian Ralston called the meeting followed by introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Presentations – No presentations

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2002 were approved and distributed on January 29, 2003.

The committee would like the following omitted statement included in the December 17, 2002 minutes: The communities of Thetis Island and Kuper Island have committed to work together more closely.

a) Review of Action Items:

Capital Terminal Projects – Update

Steve Clapton provided the Committee with an update of the capital projects planned for the remainder of the 2002-03 fiscal year:

- List of action items including dolphin replacement project, bank stabilization engineering study, and parking expansion review.

- The capital program for vessel replacement is in place. More details will be provided after the restructuring is complete.
- Kuper Island asked BC Ferries to review the lack of a foot passenger walkway for pedestrians from the top of the hill to the waiting room.

Action: Terminal Maintenance will review the foot passenger walkway with Fred when they meet to discuss the turn-a-around at the Kuper terminal.

b) Route 20 Schedule Discussions

Due to the requirement to finalize a workable schedule for publication two years in advance, the committee discussed changes to the schedule that would amount to relatively minor adjustments to improve on-time performance and possible changes to the order of the triangle sailings for better traffic distribution.

Issues discussed include:

- Minor adjustments would allow Kuper commuters to return earlier in the evening. This could be achieved by have the 1810 for a triangle run instead of having a 1915 run direct to Thetis, except Fridays.
- Traffic on the 1915 run.
- Reworking the AM trips for a summer only schedule.
- Having the 1210 as a triangle run. This would require an additional 15 mins in the schedule
- Cameras at Thetis and Kuper so the vessel can see what traffic is waiting .

Action: Steve Clapton will look into the feasibility of this for the next meeting

- Masters discretion for the triangle run, on which way the triangle route should be.
- 5 min cut off at Chemainus for the 0710 am sailing.
- Make a minor adjustment to the 1140 and 1210 sailings to triangle run. A slower crossing time would allow the required time for meal breaks, except Fridays.

Action: Steve Clapton – will advise Bill, Ian and Fred, of the deadline for the schedule. Bill will prepare schedule adjustment options and Fred and Ian will review them with their respective communities for consensus. Bill will submit agreed changes to Steve Clapton for publication purposes.

5. Correspondence-none to report

6. New Business

a) Kuper will try to get more members on board to work with this committee. The Kuper Committee will meet on the 3rd of February with the Chief and Council to nominate people to a working committee for Kuper to discuss the ferry issues to be brought to the Kuper representatives for this Committee.

Action: Both the Kuper and Thetis committees will meet on an informal basis to discuss issues they want put forward to the FAC meetings. Working group meetings will be scheduled to facilitate inter-community dialogue.

b) Ian Ralston suggested that alternates be nominated from each Kuper, Thetis, Chemainus. At present, there are only a small number of people attending.

Action: Each area will designate two alternates to the regulars for this committee:

- **Thetis** – Bruce Marshall and Glen Andison
- **Kuper** will advise after their Council meeting on February 3rd.
- **Chemainus** – will advise by the next meeting.

Action: The alternates names will be forwarded to the local governments for ratification.

c) Emergency call outs – The Committee would like an update on plans following the restructuring on April 1, 2003.

Action: BC Ferries will keep the Committee apprised about any changes to emergency call-out protocols.

d) The committee would like to keep past ideas and proposals for service improvements formally noted.

Action: Committee members will review past ideas and proposals and bring those to future meetings to be included in future minutes so they are not lost.

Next Meeting Date will be at the call of the Chair, likely mid-spring.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm

Approved: Captain Ratch Wallace
Ian Ralston Chair:

Date: March 21, 2003
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