

Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee

Date: May 17, 2007

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Manson's Landing Community Hall
Cortes Island

Attendees:

Committee

John Sprungman, Chair
Jim Abram
Bob Brown
Connie Burns
Terry Hooper
Gerry Hornby
Mary Storry
Ted Harrison
Jenny Hiebert
Bertha Jeffery

BC Ferries

Captain Gordon Nettleton, Marine Superintendent
Senior Captain Jay Halliday, *MV Tenaka*
Senior Captain Wayne Maxted, *MV Powell River Queen*
Brian Anderson, Director of Operations
Amar Johal, Director of Sales & Community Relations
Judy Cryer, Manager, Terminal Operations
Eric Kalnins, Sales Manager, Travel & Tourism
Jane King, Manager, Sales & Community Relations
Darlene Cadwallader, Terminal Operations Supervisor
Melanie Christensen, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- a. Vehicle length charges.
- b. Signage for idling cars.

3. Presentations:

a. Public presentations:

- Brian Saxifrage presented quotes from scientists on the impact of climate change and requested BC Ferries to reduce ferry emissions by 10%.
- Ralph Nursall asked for clarification on charges for BC Seniors using TAPS Medical passes.

b. Operations Report: Captain Gordon Nettleton presented the Operations Report. The following issues and comments arose from the report:

- Statistics show vehicle and passenger numbers are down.

ACTION: Committee requested for future reports, a month to month comparison over the last two fiscal years for vehicle and passenger stats.

- BC Ferries is working diligently to reduce fuel consumption.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on October 26, 2006 were approved and distributed on November 6, 2006. Review of action items:

- a. Hard copy of Operations Report mailed via Canada Post one week prior to FAC meeting. **Completed.**
- b. BC Ferries to look at the possibility of two 6-hour shifts as a negotiated change to the collective agreement. BC Ferries confirmed at this time it is not an option. **Completed.**
- c. BC Ferries met with the FAC to discuss *Performance Term 2*. **Completed.**
- d. Committee members to provide comments on revised *Terms of Reference* to Chair. BC Ferries advised that no revisions were made. **Completed.**
- e. Review the possibility of rescheduling Route 24 drills. BC Ferries has reviewed. At this time the drills will not be rescheduled. **Completed.**
- f. BCF to develop and present a Cortes Reservation package to the Chair. **Completed.**
- g. Managing Cortes Traffic – Campbell River, Heriot Bay meeting. Judy Cryer advised of the procedures for loading Cortes traffic at the Campbell River terminal: *BC Ferries has developed a policy which allows the Campbell River terminal to continue to sort Cortes traffic into Lane 8 during small overload situations. Previously when there was an overload and Lane 8 was still used, later arriving traffic was also put into Lane 8 (getting on and off the ferry before the overloaded vehicles that arrived before them). For this reason, a previous decision was made to discontinue the use of Lane 8 for Cortes until such time as there was no overload. This created problems for Cortes bound vehicles. With this new procedure, the CR terminal staff will manage a **maximum one lane** overload by moving the overloaded Cortes traffic in that one lane into Lane 8. This will allow them to continue to sort Cortes traffic without creating the problems that occurred previously. An overload of more than one lane will result in the Cortes lane being discontinued until such time as there is one lane or less overloaded.*

BCF also advised the card numbering system is in place during the last two sailings of the day so no cars are left behind. An explanation on the use of the card will be put on the back of the cards. **Completed.**

5. New Business:

Amar Johal presented the *Performance Term 2* Update.

- a. Coast Card/CRA Commuter Card update: Amar Johal presented an update.
- b. Report on FAC Chair's Meeting with the BC Ferry Commissioner and Ministry of Transportation: FAC Chair advised that the FAC Chairs will move forward into an advisory position for the MOT. The Chair presented a motion regarding fare increases to the committee for approval to submit to the MOT.
- c. Availability of the *M.V. Tachek* for Route 24 this summer. BCF confirmed the MV *Tachek* will not be available.
- d. Summer traffic management was covered in 4.g.
- e. The new holding lane in Quathiaski Cove. Concerns over the space for foot traffic on the shoulder, marking of the lanes for the flow of traffic and re-seeding the shoulder with native plants was raised. BCF advised the soil next to the shoulder was hydro-seeded with native seeds.

ACTION: BCF to look at the foot passenger flow and traffic access and analyze the traffic flow for line painting.

FAC Chair suggested scheduling a meeting regarding the FAC's Quadra/Cortes survey. BC Ferries requires approval for surveys conducted on or near BC Ferries property.

ACTION: BC Ferries to provide contact information to FAC Chair on Chairs of past surveys.

6. Correspondence

Email correspondence was received and reviewed from a member of the public regarding property acquisition.

Next Meeting: Quadra Island, date to be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned: 5:05 p.m.

Approved:

John Sprungman

Date: August 20, 2007

Captain Gordon Nettleton,

Date: August 30, 2007