

Meeting Details:

FAC:	Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee
Date:	May 30, 2007
Location:	Harbour House Hotel, Ganges
Time:	6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>BC Ferries</i>
Bob Jones, Chair	Captain Christian (Chris) A. Frappell, Marine Superintendent, Southern Islands
Harold Swierenga	Amar Johal, Director, Sales and Community Relations
Bruce Patterson	Stephen Nussbaum, Manager, Terminal Operations, Southern Islands
Janice Harkley	Cheri Maisonneuve, Community Relations Manager
George Ehring	Rebecca Bailey, Community Relations Manager
Lorne Bunyan	Senior Master Captain Lewis Mackay
Absent: Bryan Denton Bruce Patterson	
Observers: -1 Reporter: The Driftwood -Doreen Hewitt (BCF Director) & Husband - Kevin Bell (Mouat's) - Steven ? (Thrifty Foods)	

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
- 2. Introductions:** Round table introductions were completed.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved without amendments.
- 4. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence for the Salt spring Island FAC.
- 5. Presentations** Captain Chris Frappell presented the Marine Operation's report with information on traffic, on time performance and vessels (attached).

6. New Business:

a. Coast Card / Smart Media update (attached)

Amar Johal presented an update on the development of the Coast Card / Smart Media platform and associated products. Members of the public questioned the benefits of the proposed Coast Card / Smart Media. BCF responded that the product is designed for the frequent user and emphasized that it is targeted to benefit a small user group. BCF will be looking for the right mix of product to make the Coast Card / Smart Media a success.

Action: BC Ferries will hold a separate meeting to advise the committee of the new and different Coast Card / Smart Media.

b. CRA Commuter Card

Amar Johal reported on the Federal Government initiative to develop a program to allow tax credits for 'monthly commuter passes'. BC Ferries is developing a product to meet federal requirements.

Action: BC Ferries will keep the committee advised as more information becomes available from the federal government.

c. Second Performance Term (attached)

Amar Johal advised the committee of the critical dates and outlined the roles of participants in the process in determining the service levels for the Second performance term. He further explained the process to deal with future fuel price changes. BCF encouraged FAC members to respond and write letters to the Premier's office and to the Minister of Transportation.

d. Shoulder Season Trial Schedule (SSTS) Update (attached)

Captain Chris Frappell highlighted pertinent statistics pertaining to the shoulder season trial schedule of a two port sailing from Tsawwassen on Route 9 on Friday nights. The trial will be complete June 22, 2007. Although there has been a downward trend in traffic on all minor routes, so far during the SSTS the statistics showed that there was a net increase in traffic on Rt. 9 Fri PM.

Amendments were made to the original proposed Trial Schedule which allowed greater opportunities for both Mayne and Saturna Islands by offering an additional option for sailing at 8:15 p.m.

The original multiple objectives to increase the business and capacity of the **Queen of Nanaimo** while improving on time performance and providing for an earlier arrival in Long Harbour at the end of the sailing schedule have thus far been successful.

e. There was a brief discussion regarding fuel efficiency and emissions. BCF explained some initiatives (i.e. new technology, increasing on time performance so vessels are not maxed out trying to make up late time) and are continuously researching options to decrease fuel consumption as well as exploring other options.

7. Next Meeting: At the call of the chair and BC Ferries.

8. Meeting adjourned:

Approved:

Captain Chris Frappell, Marine Superintendent Approved July 13, 2007
Bob Jones, Chair

Attachments:

1. Marine Superintendent's Report
2. Coast Card Product Updates
3. Performance Term 2
4. Two Port Review