

Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2002
Bowen Island Municipal Hall
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
FINAL

Attendees:

BIMFAC:
Luz Budzinski
Grant Chitty
Alison Morse
Doug Sinkinson
Robb Schultz

BCFC:
Captain Rod Hesp
Deborah Dykes

1.0 Schedule

The success of the schedule that was implemented in September 2001 was discussed and the committee agreed that the on-time performance of the route had greatly improved. Rod proposed to move the morning sailings ahead by five minutes to alleviate cross traffic with the Queen of Surrey, and to give the students an additional five minutes to get to school. The afternoon sailings would remain the same. Alison advised that the students would be moving from Rockridge to West Van High, so the additional time would benefit them, and it would also benefit the commuters. Grant stated that the improved on-time performance has enhanced BC Ferries' credibility with the community.

The committee endorsed the following schedule to take effect September 3, 2002:

Leave Horseshoe Bay	Leave Snug Cove
	#5:35 a.m.
6:05 a.m.	6:35 a.m.
7:05 a.m.	7:35 a.m.
8:05 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
+9:05 a.m.	9:35 a.m.
10:05 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
11:05 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
12:05 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
2:35 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
3:35 p.m.	+4:05 p.m.
4:35 p.m.	5:05 p.m.
5:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
6:35 p.m.	*7:05 p.m.
*7:35 p.m.	8:05 p.m.
8:35 p.m.	9:05 p.m.
9:35 p.m.	10:05 p.m.

- # Daily except Sundays and Statutory Holidays
- + Daily except Wednesdays (Dangerous Cargo, no passengers)
- * Daily except Saturdays

BC Ferries must formally change the schedule, and will take the appropriate action to do so.
Action: Rod Hesp

2.0 Cross Traffic at Horseshoe Bay

The issue of cross traffic at Horseshoe Bay was discussed. The issue was of particular concern for the arrival of the 06:40 a.m. sailing from Bowen and the arrival of the 06:20 a.m. sailing from Langdale. Rod explained that the tower controllers have been given direction to stop the discharge of the Langdale ferry if there is a small number of vehicles to load onto the Bowen ferry, to allow the Bowen ship to keep on schedule. Doug suggested marshalling the vehicles for the first Bowen sailing in lane 21 for expediency.

3.0 Update on Horseshoe Bay Construction

- Foot passengers will continue to follow the temporary loading and unloading pattern across the exit lanes for another two weeks.
- Berth Two is expected to re-open mid-April.
- The new overhead walkway is expected to be complete in time for the May long weekend.
- The new vehicle toll booths are expected to open in July. At that time, the holding compound will increase from 650 cars to 900 cars. (The ultimate design will accommodate 1265 cars and is expected to be complete by October).
- The 462-stall parkade is expected to open to the public in October.
- Blasting by Berth Three for the terminal maintenance building is expected to begin in April. The building should be complete early next year.

Within the next few weeks, BC Ferries is going to issue a Request for Proposal for a private operator to run the parkade.

Alison Morse made the following motion: "The Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee wants to have a meeting with the person who is developing the RFP for the parkade as soon as possible and definitely before the RFP is finalized". Seconded by Robb Schultz. All in favour. Motion passed.

Deborah said that it was her understanding that the work on the RFP was just about complete, and that the issue would be between BC Ferries and the private contractor, depending on if the proposal(s) received were favourable, however the committee's request would be brought forward.

Grant expressed concern about the doors at the new foot booth opening out from the building, instead of opening in the building. This arrangement makes it cumbersome for a foot passenger carrying packages and also requires the person behind to back up.

Deborah said it was her understanding that this was building code, however she would verify this with the Terminal Manager.

Action: Deborah Dykes

[Upon discussion with the Terminal Manager, Deborah was advised that the doors opening outward is the Building Code. The one door that opens inward is for disabled access.]

The traffic light was discussed. The committee felt this operation is undesirable, causes delays with the discharge of vessels and has the potential for motor vehicle accidents.

4.0 Update on Bowen Washrooms

The Municipality of Bowen Island and BC Ferries will issue a Request for Proposals for a traffic management study of the turn around area shortly. The results of the study are expected this summer. BC Ferries had indicated it would have plans for the washrooms by August.

5.0 Walkways on Ship and Shore

Rod presented drawings of an appendage on the ship that will accommodate overhead walkway loading into the passenger accommodation of the Queen of Capilano for Berths Two and Three at Horseshoe Bay. (There would be a 5.5-foot tide restriction). This addition on the vessel would mean that overhead loading for foot passengers would be achievable from all three berths.

The suggestion for an overhead walkway at Snug Cove was also discussed. Such a structure could be built with access from the municipal dock.

Grant Chitty made the following motion: "The Bowen Island Municipality Ferry Advisory Committee gives its approval in principle to explore and move ahead as soon as possible with the option of a Snug Cove walkway." Seconded by Robb Schultz. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.0 Snug Cove Speed Bumps

The speed bump parallel with the cenotaph is scheduled to be removed.

7.0 Pigeon Feces

A general discussion about the dangers of pigeon feces and the airborne illnesses that it can cause was discussed in relation to the pigeon feces at the Horseshoe Bay terminal. Grant will forward photos of the situation to Deborah, and Deborah will bring the issue forward to the Terminal Manager to address.

Action: Grant Chitty, Deborah Dykes

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Approved: Captain Rod Hesp: Date: April 8, 2002
 Luz Budzinski, Chair: Date: April 16, 2002