



**DENMAN/HORNBY/COMOX VALLEY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting held on April 26, 2001
Denman Seniors & Museum Society, Denman Island**

In Attendance:

Tony Law
Louise Bell
Robin Storkey

Judith Lawrence
Don Reimer

Lu Ackerson
Gerry Talbot

BC Ferries:

Tony Monaghan
Wayne Maxted
Pete Kimmerly
Judy Cryer
Virginia Moore
Ann Carpenter

Marine Superintendent, IIS (N)
Senior Captain, Denman Island Vessel
Senior Captain, Hornby Vessel
Senior Ticket Agent, Buckley Bay
A/Terminal Manager, Inter-Island Services, North
Communications Coordinator, Inter-Island & Northern
Services
Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Consultation

Gary Leitch

Facilitator: Tony Monaghan.
Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tony Monaghan

- After reviewing the Agenda, the following topics were added.
 6. "DIRA" – presented by Louise Bell & Don Reimer
 7. Access to Denman Ferry & Priority Loading – Judith Lawrence
 8. Long Term Planning – Tony Law
 9. Buckley Bay Improvement – Tony Monaghan
 10. Return of Kahloke – Tony Monaghan
- 1. Self-introductions were conducted around the table.
- 2. There were no comments received from the article placed in the local Grapevine. Concern was voiced regarding the gap in daily service between the hours of



2030 and 2200. This service gap allows scheduled maintenance to be performed on the vessel.

Action: The Fall/Winter Schedule 2001 will remain unchanged from 2000.

3. Ann Carpenter would like to introduce a proactive Email System to better inform Denman and Hornby Island residents and businesses of local operational issues and Service Notices. Discussion revolved around methods to encourage participation to sign up for email notices.

Action by: Ann Carpenter will prepare a sign up sheet for the Ferry Advisory Committee to present to residents and businesses. A hand out will also be given out at the Buckley Bay Terminal.

4. Louise Bell and Tony Law briefed the FAC on Bob Lingwood's visit to Denman Island. The FAC felt the visit was wonderful and welcomed the explanations of vessel availability, the proposed FAC process including revolving membership.
5. Gary Leitch, Manager Stakeholder Relations & Consultation explained the review of public consultation which BC Ferries had undertaken during 2000 and the results of that review. The review called for a renewal of BC Ferries consultation program with appropriate changes to increase accountability and improve effectiveness of consultation procedures. Draft "Terms of Reference" for BC Ferries consultation committee were reviewed and explained. Mr. Leitch would welcome any comments on the proposed terms of reference.

Mr. Leitch indicated that later this year BC Ferries expects to present its proposed 15 Corporate Strategic Plan to the committee for review and that early in 2002 BC Ferries anticipated beginning the second round of consultations on the tariff. This second round will be focused on social policy and discount issues.

Action: BC Ferries (Captain Peter Hughes) will write to local governments in the Denman Island, Hornby Island and Vancouver Island areas requesting two nominees from each area to serve on the new Denman – Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee.

6. Don Reimer explained that the "DIRA" committee would like to include a representative from the Ferry Advisory Committee at their monthly meetings. This regular forum would provide two way communications between the community and the Ferry Advisory Committee and may increase participation and membership.
7. Discussion ensued regarding priority access for Hornby residents to the Denman Ferry. Denman committee members are also concerned about the speeding vehicles for connections between Hornby and Denman Island.



Action: Consensus needs to be reached by all members of this Ferry Advisory Committee. The committee can then submit the agreed upon alternatives to BCFC for resolution.

Occasionally local stores on Hornby will become low or have depleted stocks due to increased visitors on Hornby Island during long weekends. In an emergency situation as described above, please call the Terminal at Buckley Bay so that specific arrangements can be organized.

Action: Judith Lawrence will speak with storeowners and discuss with Tony Monaghan.

8. Long Term Planning was included in discussion agenda item #5.
9. A well deserved and appreciated *Thank You* goes to Robin Storkey for his involvement with the completion of the paving at Buckley Bay Terminal before the May long weekend.

The current vessel status for Route 22 (Hornby Island) is that the Kahloke will return approximately May 5th to provide service throughout the summer.

The next scheduled meeting for Denman/Hornby/Comox Valley Advisory Committee will be in October 2001. Two items tabled for this meeting are identified as Strategic Plan and the new Terms of Reference.