



**DENMAN/HORNBY/COMOX VALLEY
FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 30, 2001
09:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Denman Senior's Museum Society, Denman Island**

Attendees:

Committee

Lu Ackerson
Louise Bell
Tony Law
Judith Lawrence
Roxanna Mandryk
Melissa Petlock
Don Reimer
Gerry Talbot

BC Ferries

Melanie Christensen
Secretary Marine Superintendent
Senior Ticket Agent Judy Cryer
Buckley Bay
Senior Captain Pete Kimmerly
Hornby Island
Gary Leitch, Manager
Stakeholder Relations & Consultation
Senior Captain Wayne Maxted
Denman Island
Chair, Captain Tony Monaghan
Marine Superintendent
Peg Wabie
Terminal Manager

1. Call to Order – 09:35 a.m.
2. Captain Monaghan welcomed everyone to the fall meeting of the Denman/Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee meeting. Self-introductions were made by all present. The agenda was revised to accommodate public presentations.
3. Public Presentations:

Leslie Gillet addressed the urgency of having measures in place to alleviate safety hazards caused by vehicles speeding across Denman Island between Denman West and Gravelly Bay.

Graham Brazier presented the issue of traffic safety for pedestrians on rural roads on Denman Island. Mr. Brazier would like BC Ferry Corporation and the Department of Highways to play an active role in road safety. A copy of this presentation will be forwarded to BC Ferry Corporation.

4. Previous Minutes of April 26, 2001, item 7 to read:
Discussion ensued regarding *equal 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.
The minutes of Ferry Advisory Committee Meetings will follow a revised format to describe the issue and list the agreed upon action.

5. New Business

5.1 Lane 1 at Buckley Bay is not priority loading for Hornby Island. This lane, when traffic loads permit, is to load traffic bound for Hornby Island so that they may disembark the Denman Island Ferry and travel as a group to Gravelly Bay.

Action: The committee will insert an article into the Grapevine detailing the concept of Lane 1 at Buckley Bay. The advisory committee encourages feedback and or suggestions from the public pertaining to Lane 1 at Buckley Bay. Committee members will consider the pros and cons to discontinuing Lane 1 for the summer only, all year or any other suggestions and discuss this at the March 2002 meeting.

5.2 Senior Captain Wayne Maxted and the BC Ferry Crew extend their appreciation for community support after the May docking incident at Buckley Bay, and resultant service interruption.

The traffic statistics year to date for Route 21, Buckley Bay to Denman Island, indicate decreases of 3.1 % for vehicles and 2.3% for passengers.

Senior Captain Pete Kimmerly reports that new docks and the M.V. Tachek on Route 22, Hornby Island to Denman Island have prevented weather shut downs. The M.V. Kahloke will return approximately the end of February.

Captain Kimmerly presented the year to date traffic statistics on traffic graphs, which indicate an increase of 1.1% for vehicles and 8.5 % for passengers.

Action: Senior Captains Maxted and Kimmerly will record overloads for both ferries and present the statistics for the reporting period of December 1st to the March Meeting.

Both routes will present traffic statistics on graphs and charts to the committee at the spring meeting.

Action: Peg Wabie will have yellow striped road markings painted on the intersection near Boyle Road at Gravelly Bay as well as posting signs to read ‘Do not block intersection.’

Review of Summer 2002 Schedule indicates that the 8:50 p.m. Denman West and 9:10 p.m. Buckley Bay sailings are not widely utilized.



Action: Tony Monaghan will ensure the current winter schedule becomes the year-round schedule.

Tony Monaghan will request a change to the BC Ferry schedule brochure to indicate the 9:40 a.m., not the 8:40 a.m. sailing is very busy.

5.3 Ferry advisory committee members contact information. Names and contact information of Ferry Advisory Committee Members will be posted on the local ship and terminals to assist communities in voicing their concerns or issues. Tony Law and Louise Bell have confirmed with Ann Carpenter, the use of publication of their names and contact information.

5.4 Revised Draft Terms of Reference: Both the ferry advisory committee's and BC Ferry Corporation's proposed Terms of Reference were presented. Items discussed were role and participation of the "Chair", process of completing minutes, frequency of meetings per year including which members are required at each meeting.

Action: Louise Bell will resubmit the FAC's draft Terms of Reference to include rewording as to the number of meetings which will include sub committees.

6.0 Other Business:
Public Presentation:

Wes Piercy's concern was that the Denman Island Ferry consistently departs five to eight minutes late, especially in the summer, therefore making it impossible to keep to a ferry schedule.

Action: The FAC and BC Ferries will discuss the term "departure times" as published in BC Ferry Brochures at our next meeting.

7.0 Next Meeting: March 2002