

Meeting Details:

FAC:	Gambier/Keats Ferry Advisory Committee
Date:	February 17, 2005
Location:	Cedar's Inn
Time:	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Attendees:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>BC Ferries</i>
Morgan Campbell Kim Benson	Captain Gordon Nettleton Marine Superintendent, Inter Island Services, North
Joyce Clegg Sharon Romanovich	Melanie Christensen Secretary, Marine Superintendent
Nels Nyberg Graeme Benjafield, Master Stormaway III	Gary Leitch Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Consultation
Bruce Kerr, Kona Winds Yacht Charters Ltd.	Patrick Morris Manager, Operational Planning
	Clive Johnston

1. Call to Order:

Gary Leitch, Chair introduced himself followed by round the table self introductions. Due to a change over of staff a Service Notice advertising this Ferry Advisory Meeting to the public was not published. BC Ferries apologizes any inconvenience this may have caused. Future meetings will commence at 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was revised to add the following topics

- f. Crew training and Vessel Repairs on Route 13
- g. BC Ferries web page
- h. Morgan Campbell, Chair

3. Public Presentations:

- a. None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – accepted as written. Action items have been completed. Nancy Cameron has replaced Stephen Nussbaum as Communications Manager and may be contacted at nancy.cameron@bcferries.com. Ms. Cameron sends her regrets and looks forward to meeting with the committee.**5. Correspondence:**

- a. None

6. New Business:

- a. Review of Eastbourne Sailing Request Trial

This trial commenced in September 2004 and continued past year end due to the meeting date in February 2005. The trial sailing was not consistently utilized in the winter. Statistics were reviewed and it was agreed to continue the Eastbourne sailing request trial until June 27, 2005. BC Ferries will develop criteria to decide if the trial sailings should continue.

b. Distribution of FAC Binders and Updates

New advisory committee binders were given to each member. The membership contact list was circulated to committee members to update information.

c. BC Ferries Annual General Meeting

Gary Leitch presented the FAC Members with copies of reports from the BC Ferries Annual General Meeting held September 27, 2004 in Nanaimo. Invitations to attend the meetings were extended to all FAC Chair Persons. The reports may be found at the following website marked:

<http://www.bcferrries.com/files/PDFs/04-06-29ReporttoComm.pdf>

David Hahn, President & CEO and Rob Clarke, Chief Financial Officer will speak at a public meeting in March at Sechelt.

d. Communication with Vessel

Concern expressed that the FAC Members could not directly telephone the Stormaway III. Customers may contact Route 13's telephone number for recorded schedules and updated sailing information. The telephone at Langdale Terminal is checked 1 minute prior to departure for messages. Bruce Kerr will forward a written contact protocol and emergency contact numbers to the FAC Members.

e. Review of Route 13 Summer Schedule

After discussion of the Summer 2004 schedule, action will include FAC Members consulting with their communities regarding future schedules and submit a proposal to BC Ferries. Consultation with BC Ferries will take place once this proposal is received.

The vessel, Queen of Esquimalt on Route 3 in the summer has a lower passenger license and poses a problem on Sunday evenings when Route 13 passengers arrive to board. This can cause a two hour delay for the passenger not accommodated. The members will make a proposal to Kona Winds for review by BC Ferries in conjunction with review of the summer schedule.

f. Crew Training and Vessel Repairs at Route 13

The Stormaway III crewing requirements and training follow Transport Canada regulations and conforms to BC Ferry contract terms. Kona Winds endeavours to incorporate regulated boat drills with as little disruption to the sailing schedule as possible. The masters on the Stormaway III will permit the deckhands to drive more when no passengers are on board. The school board allows payment of 1 adult to travel and be responsible for the school children. Please direct any safety concerns or questions to the Master on the Stormaway III or Bruce Kerr.

g. BC Ferries Web Page

The committee members would like the web page to include information pertaining to transportation of animals, school children and summer schedule anomalies for Route 13.

h. Morgan Campbell, Chair

Due to personal commitments, Morgan announced he will step down as Chair. BC Ferries thanked Morgan for his dedication and commitment to the Gambier/Keats

Islands Ferry Advisory Committee. Committee members will consult with each other and submit the chair's name to Melanie Christensen.

7. Action:

- a. BC Ferries will develop criteria to decide if the trial sailings should continue.
- b. Bruce Kerr will create an emergency telephone protocol and contact numbers for the FAC.
- c. Gambier/Keats Islands Ferry Advisory Members will discuss the summer schedule, consult with communities and submit a proposal to Captain Nettleton.
- d. FAC Members to make a proposal to Bruce Kerr regarding the Sunday evening connection to the Route 3 vessel.
- e. BC Ferries to take into consideration the suggestions for Route 13's web site information.
- f. The FAC will communicate their new Chair person's name to Melanie Christensen.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. September 2005

9. Meeting adjourned: Noon

Approved:

Captain Gordon Nettleton
Morgan Campbell, Chair

Date: May 5, 2005
Date: September 1, 2005