



## GABRIOLA FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

JUNE 5, 2001

09:00 –12:00

### AGRICULTURE HALL, GABRIOLA ISLAND

Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee:  
Steve Wohlleben, Chair  
Tawny Capon  
Jane Woods  
Bruce Taylor

BC Ferries:  
Captain Trafford Taylor  
Gary Leitch  
Captain E.G. McKillop  
Carl Mathisen  
M.T. Fox (note taker)

1. Call to Order: 09:15

2. Agenda Approved

#### 3. RENEWAL OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION & FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Gary Leitch, Manager, Stakeholder Relations and 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 committees 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 year Corporate Strategic Plan to the committee for review and that early in 2002 BC Ferries anticipates beginning the second round of consultations on the tariff. This second round will be focused on social policy and discount issues.

Concern was expressed with BC Ferries proposal to renew the FAC by involving local government. It was suggested that this might not be the best way to appoint a committee on Gabriola. Mr. Leitch explained that the goal was to ensure accountability of the FAC while remaining sensitive to local needs. An island determined process vetted by local government would be acceptable to BC Ferries. It was noted that a local planning process has been initiated leading to possible municipal local government for Gabriola.

**Action: Gary Leitch will discuss with local government, with the involvement of the chair, the renewal of the Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee before the next scheduled meeting.**

#### 4. Operational Issues

a) Captain Taylor's Report: Safe operations since last meeting. Capital plan for Gabriola on track. Next vessel will be a Century Class. Traffic levels justify action. Vessel refit scheduled for 2002. No new terminal changes before ??? Variety of terminal issues being worked on: parking, water lease, trespass re floating anchors.

b) Captain McKillop's report: No major issues. All minor issues are being worked on. Possible major issue emerging around emergency callout after hours. Resistance building in staff who feel overextended and underappreciated. T. Capon advised issue will be discussed at Coastal Council meeting June 7 & 8.

#### 5. FAC Issues

a) Record keeping. The Chair noted that in the past record keeping had been done by the Committee. Gary Leitch explained that as of now record keeping would be done by BC Ferries. The Marine Superintendent is responsible for secretarial support to the FAC. The Manager, Stakeholder Relations is responsible for putting a publicly accessible electronic storage and retrieval system in place and for designing templates for record keeping. The Chair questioned accessibility of issues raised in the past. Capt. Taylor indicated that records for the past 7 years had been reviewed and a list of issues created. {This list is attached as appendix A}.

b) Traffic Statistics and Planning.

**Action: Captain Taylor will invite a staff member from Corporate and Strategic Planning to review traffic statistics and planning assumptions developed from them on which future capital planning is based.**

6. Next Meeting: mid-September, at the call of the chair.

7. Meeting adjourned: 12:00

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Wohlleben

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Capt. Trafford Taylor