

FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2003
Agi Hall, Gabriola Island
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Committee	BC Ferries
James Brown	Capt. Trafford Taylor
Gail Lund	Marine Superintendent
Gisele Rudisher	Ann Carpenter
Steve Wohlleben, Chair	Communications Coordinator
	Steve Clapton
	Manager, Terminal Operations
	Carl Mathisen
	Senior Ticket Agent, Nanaimo Harbour
	Capt. Trafford Taylor
	Marine Superintendent

Guests:**1. Call to order**

Capt. Trafford Taylor called the meeting to order and made introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

Capt. Trafford Taylor explained that the sole agenda item was the BC Ferries Core Review. It was agreed that other questions would be included after the main presentation.

3. Public Presentations

None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Not read

5. Correspondence

None

6. New Business**a BC Ferries Core Review presentation – Capt. Trafford Taylor**

- A Power Point presentation provided information on the following aspects of the Core Review:
 - Current problems and concerns. What needs fixing?
 - Vision statement for the new corporate structure
 - The new business and financial framework
 - New business structure, including the Coastal Ferry Services Contract, BC Ferry Authority, BC Ferry Services and the Independent Regulator
 - A review of the benefits of the new structure
 - Expectations for the future

- An overview of the current transition from BC Ferry Corporation to BC Ferry Services
- Handouts included a copy of the presentation slides, a customer information sheet, and the Dec. 9, 2002 media release with backgrounder. These materials will be archived with the Minutes at the local library.

During and following the presentation, general discussion included:

- The relative merits and/or shortcomings of the Vancouver Airport model.
- The protection provided taxpayers under the new business structure.
- Whether a new board of directors guarantees good business decisions.
- Suggestions on improved efficiency and reduced costs.
- The Minister's integrated transportation plan, a work in progress.
- The calculation of tariff under the new structure.
- Subsidy and/or service fees allocated to specific routes – cross subsidization and the need for smaller routes to have sufficient financial support.
- Public consultation continues under the new BC Ferries structure.
- The future of the existing BC Ferries Capital Plan, it remains in place.
- Status of the existing federal contract, it continues as before.

Co-Chair Steve Wohlleben provided a history of BC Ferries' financial history, and the involvement of the Ferry Advisory Committees in that aspect.

b Emergency Service update – Gail Lund

- Gail Lund provided an overview of the progress in setting up a contingency emergency evacuation plan for Gabriola.
- The water lease for the emergency access float is being transferred to the Nanaimo Regional District
- Preliminary engineering analysis is underway
- The float would be for after-hours use only, and only for emergency medical evacuation

General discussion followed:

- General discussion on medical callouts.
- Annual costs for the proposed new emergency service.
- Suggestions on funding for the emergency service. Comments on whether EHS or BC Ferries should contribute.
- Other suggestions that BCFC crew should be paid to be on standby – could be more economical than putting in a new contingency emergency service.
- Possibility of a medical clinic for the island, could reduce the number of off-island emergency medical calls substantially.

7. Next meeting

To be advised

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Approved: Captain Trafford Taylor: Date: February 11, 2003
 Steve Wohlleben Co-Chair: Date: February 20, 2003

Attachments:

- 1) Power Point slide presentation
- 2) Customer Information handout
- 3) Info Bulletin and backgrounder