

# NORTHERN SUNSHINE COAST FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 05, 2002

12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Malaspina Room, Coast Town Centre, Powell River

## Attendees:

### *Committee*

Sid Allman  
Ted Cooper  
Ed Liebich  
Bert Linder  
Colin Palmer  
Pete Stiles  
Glen Walker  
Lou Wynen

### *BC Ferries*

Captain Tony Monaghan  
*Marine Superintendent*  
Martin Doyle  
*Senior Captain*  
Ann Carpenter  
*Regional Communications Coordinator*  
Melanie Christensen  
*Secretary - Marine Superintendent*  
Gary Leitch  
*Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Consultation*  
Peg Wabie  
*Terminal Manager*

1. Call to Order – 12:35 pm.
2. Captain Monaghan welcomed everyone to the Spring Meeting of the Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee (NSC FAC). Self-introductions were made by all present. The agenda was revised to:
  3. Presentations to Retiring Members
  4. Public Presentations
  5. Previous Minutes
  6. New Business
    - 6.1 Summer Schedules for Saltery Bay, Route 7; Comox, Route 17; and Texada, Route 18
    - 6.2 Update on Membership Renewal
  7. Other Business
  8. Next Meeting
3. Presentations to Retiring Members - Captain Monaghan presented certificate plaques of appreciation and monogrammed fleece vests on behalf of BC Ferries to Colin Palmer, Sid Allman and Ted Cooper, who are stepping down from the committee. Dennis Watson & Rob Parsley were unable to attend and will receive theirs at a later date.
4. Public Presentations: None
5. Previous Minutes: Update on action items
  - 4.1 Peg Wabie has requested that public announcement systems be installed at Westview and Earl's Cove Terminals by April 01, 2002.

Ann Carpenter and the Senior Masters hope to have the public announcements reference manual completed within one month.

Feedback was not favorable from the trial project using a small computerized signboard for current information on sailing delays/cancellations, and will not proceed at our terminals.

Martin Doyle will forward information pertaining to a vessel's start up and clearance procedures to Ann Carpenter, who will produce a "Just so you know" pamphlet.

5.1 Little River parking fees – parking fees have been revised, effective April 02, 2002 and are:

- \$3.00 per 24 hour period
- \$60.00 per month
- \$500.00 per year (no change)

## 6.0 New Business:

### 6.1 Schedule Reviews:

Saltery Bay to Earl's Cove, Route 7 – After review and discussion, the committee agreed to a new Summer 2002 schedule (*as attached*). Residents of Powell River can still travel to Vancouver and return within the same day.

**Action: At the Fall 2002 meeting, the committee members will provide feedback regarding the Route 7 summer schedule, to consider if the midday sailing should be year round, or continue with the early morning sailing.**

**Action: Melanie Christensen will track traffic patterns and statistics with the new Route 7 summer 2002 schedule compared to the summer 2001 schedule. These statistics will be forwarded to committee members monthly for July and August 2002.**

Texada Island, Route 18 – 7:50 pm. sailing will change to 7:40 pm. to enhance the exchange of the Comox and Texada ferries in/out of Westview Terminal.

Comox, Route 17 – The first sailing departing Little River was changed in January 2002 to 6:30 am. After review, the Committee agreed to revise the Comox to Westview ferry schedule as follows:

- 10:00 am. departure from Little River to 10:10 am.  
*To accommodate passengers from Westjet Airline for connections through to Powell River.*
- 12:00 noon departure from Westview to 12:10 pm.  
*To allow connections from Saltery Bay's new schedule through to the Comox ferry at Westview.*

6.2 Update on Membership Renewal: Advertisements have been placed in the Powell River Peak for persons interested in becoming elected to the Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee. Deadline for applications was March 07, 2002 to Mayor Stewart Alsgard.

7.0 Other Business:

Discussion regarding Dangerous Cargo sailing on Texada Island, Route 18 centered on requirements for gasoline tandem trucks. Imperial Oil will begin to use the Dangerous Cargo sailings in June 2002. Consideration will be given to removal of concrete trucks on Dangerous Cargo sailings as their project on Texada Island is now complete.

**Action: The committee will forward to Peter Hughes, Assistant Vice-President, Inter-Island Services, the recommendation to purchase a self-ticketing machine for Westview Terminal. This would speed up traffic through the ticket booth by allowing walk-on passengers to purchase their tickets from the machine.**

**Action: Peg Wabie will check with Rory Kulmala, Project Manager for Westview Terminal, on providing a covered area for ambulances at Westview Terminal. Peg will respond directly to Lou Wynen with that information.**

**Action: Melanie Christensen will provide fiscal year 2001 and current fiscal year to date traffic statistics to each committee member.**

8.0 Next Meeting: Fall 2002