

**NORTHERN SUNSHINE COAST FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**30 OCTOBER, 2002**  
**12:45 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
**Malaspina Room, Coast Town Centre, Powell River**

**Attendees:**

***Committee***

Greg Aivazoff  
Ted Cooper  
Jennifer Hatch  
Ed Liebich  
Andrew Pinch  
Rob Stewart  
Glen Walker  
Lou Wynen

***BC Ferries***

Captain Tony Monaghan  
*Marine Superintendent*  
Senior Captain Martin Doyle  
*Saltery Bay/Earl's Cove*  
Sr. Captain Neil Keeper  
*Comox/Powell River*  
Sr. Captain Lance Lomax  
*Powell River/Texada Island*  
Ann Carpenter  
*Regional Communications Coordinator*  
Melanie Christensen  
*Secretary - Marine Superintendent*  
Gary Leitch  
*Manager, Stakeholder Relations and Consultation*  
Judy Cryer  
*A/Terminal Manager*

**1. Call to Order – 12:45 pm.**

2. **Introductions** - Captain Monaghan welcomed everyone to the Fall Meeting of the Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee (NSC FAC). Self-introductions were made by all present.

**3. Meeting Process**

Gary Leitch presented each member with a binder outlining ferry advisory committee members roles and meeting processes. Greg Aivazoff and Chuck Childress will alternate as the ferry advisory committee Chairs for one year. The Chair serves as a point of contact to BC Ferries staff and all FAC members, as well as chairing the committee meetings. Greg Aivazoff and Chuck Childress will be the Coastal Council representatives.

**4. Terms of Reference**

Previously discussed with agenda item #3.

**5. Public Presentations**

Mr. Ziegler, Director of Powell River Rod & Gun Club, thanked BC Ferries for listening and acting to their concerns and changing procedures for foot passengers carrying firearms on the vessels.

## 6. New Business:

### 6.1 Community Communications Strategy

Ann Carpenter will provide support to the committee members to liaise with their constituents and assist them with feedback on local issues through household mail outs, questionnaires, photo copying and draft notices.

Ann provides a “Heads Up” email and fax service which notifies community members of local ferry service issues, i.e. service notices, schedule changes and ship moves. Interested persons can add their name to the distribution list by sending a request to [updates@bcferries.com](mailto:updates@bcferries.com) or by fax to (250) 703-2340.

**Action: Ferry advisory committee members have submitted their preferred method of contact (email, phone numbers) for the membership list to be posted on the vessels and at the terminals.**

### 6.2 BC Ferry Service Interruption Plan

Captain Monaghan presented a slide show detailing BC Ferries Service Interruption Plan. Each of the three routes has a contingency plan unique to their location.

### 6.3 Routine Review of Ferry Schedules

When reviewing schedules, two unchangeable restrictions are:

- Must use the existing vessel
- Total length of employee work day cannot be lengthened

Route 17 – Ongoing discussion regarding 8:00 am. sailing from Westview. Considerations will be given to instituting a 5 minute checkin for vehicles at Westview.

**Action: Captain Monaghan will provide the “On Time” departure and arrival statistics for the 8:00 a.m. Westview departure to ferry advisory committee members.**

Route 18 – No changes

Route 7 – Results of Passenger Survey conducted in August and September 2002, resulted in 49% in favor of the current winter schedule and 44% in favor of the proposed schedule. Therefore, we will be maintaining the current winter schedule until summer 2003.

Discussion of summer 2002 schedule and proposals for the summer 2003 schedule. Consideration given to moving the 7:40 a.m. sailing to 7:30 a.m. on Route 7 Summer schedule in order to permit a connection between the 10:35 a.m. sailing from Earl’s Cove to connect with the 12:10 p.m. Westview departure to Little River.

**Action: After receiving confirmation of the Route 3 Summer Schedule (Langdale), Captain Monaghan will make adjustments to Route 7’s Summer Schedule and forward to the ferry advisory committee members for review.**

#### **6.4 Private Access to BCFC Dock at Blubber Bay**

BC Ferries purchase of the dock at Blubber Bay was to include the water lot so future development in Blubber Bay would not impact on the ferry operation.

#### **6.5 Replacement Vessel for Route 7**

The Queen of Capilano will replace the Queen of Chilliwack on Route 7 in 2004. The Queen of Capilano will be 127 AEQ (auto equivalents) compared to the Queen of Chilliwack with an AEQ of 115 and the Queen of Tsawwassen at 138 AEQ.

**Action: Captain Monaghan will provide passenger and vehicle statistics for last year on Routes 7, 17 & 18. (See attachment A)**

#### **6.6 Westview Capital Projects Update**

The business case is being developed for the Westview Administration Building to be built next year.

Replacement of the trestle at Westview is included in the Capital Plan. Rob Stewart requested that during the planning process, BC Ferries Terminal Construction Department liaise with Powell River Waterfront Development to look at alternatives.

#### **6.7 Reservations/Priority Loading**

The ferry advisory committee members would like priority loading or reservations on Route 3 (Langdale) ferry. The Terminal Manager at Langdale is investigating a reservations system for Route 3.

### **7. Other Business**

Captain Monaghan briefed the ferry advisory committee members on ramp and dolphin work at Blubber Bay to commence approximately January 7, 2003 to mid March 2003, before spring break. This will involve a 4 to 5 day ramp closure. BC Ferries is reviewing alternate plans for foot passengers, vehicles and commercial traffic (ambulance, fuel service, etc.)

**Action: Sr. Captain Lance Lomax will meet and liaise with the Texada Ferry Advisory Committee Members and representatives from commercial interests to get requirements before the end of December 2002.**

**BC Ferries will have a general public meeting on Texada Island in early 2003 to advise the public of what alternatives can be arranged and address any concerns. This meeting will also be used to elect Lou Wynen's replacement on the ferry advisory committee.**

### **8. Next Meeting – In March 2003 after the Texada Ramp Closure**

**British Columbia Ferry Corporation**  
**Traffic Reporting**  
**Total Vehicle and Passenger Counts by Route for Fiscal Year 2001**  
*Fiscal Year = April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002*

		Vehicles			Passengers		
		YTD Curr. Yr.	YTD Prev. Yr.	% to Prev. YTD.	YTD Curr. Yr.	YTD Prev. Yr.	% to Prev. YTD.
<b>Route 7</b>	<b>EARL</b>	86,977	84,918	2.42	178,823	179,017	-0.11
	<b>SALB</b>	84,947	82,721	2.69	182,249	180,419	1.01
<b>Route 17</b>	<b>POWR</b>	72,595	68,528	5.93	182,383	174,796	4.34
	<b>LR</b>	72,849	67,723	7.57	182,737	172,790	5.76
<b>Route 18</b>	<b>POWR</b>	52,021	48,340	7.61	111,695	107,230	4.16
	<b>TEX</b>	53,804	49,963	7.69	109,205	104,149	4.85