

**CAMPBELL RIVER/ QUADRA and CORTES ISLANDS
FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
21 OCTOBER, 2002
11:00 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Island**

Attendees:

Committee

Jim Abram
Bob Brown
Terry Hooper
Noel Lax
Les Lengyel
Lynn Nash
Ralph Nursall
Michael Stahnke

BC Ferries

Chair, Captain Tony Monaghan
Marine Superintendent
Senior Captain Harry Breurkens
Cortes Island/Quadra Island
Senior Captain Jock Palmer
Campbell River/Quadra Island
A/Senior Captain Jim Huffman
Campbell River/Quadra Island
Ann Carpenter
Communications Co-ordinator
Gary Leitch
Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Consultation
Judy Cryer
A/Manager, Terminal Operations
Melanie Christensen
Secretary, Marine Superintendent

1. Call to Order – 11:05 a.m.

2. Introductions: Captain Monaghan welcomed everyone to the fall meeting of the Campbell River/Quadra & Cortes Islands Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting. Self-introductions were made by all present.

3. Meeting Process & Terms of Reference:

Gary Leitch presented each member with a binder outlining ferry advisory committee members roles and meeting processes. Michael Stahnke will be the committee Chair for one year. The Chair serves as a point of contact to BC Ferries staff and committee members, as well as chairing the meetings. The Chair will chair and facilitate the committee meetings. Jim Abram, and either John Sprungman or George Sirk will be the Coastal Council representatives. Les Lengyel and Terry Hooper are the appointed alternates for Coastal Council representation.

Action: Michael Stahnke will advise Gary Leitch the identity of the second Coastal Council representative.

Melanie Christensen's contact information will be added to the membership list.

Melanie Christensen will attach the updated version of the membership list to these minutes.

4. Public Presentations:

Paul Ryan, Manager Quadra Island Harbour Authority raised the concern of the Cortes Island ferry's speed and wake when approaching the entrance to Heriot Bay.

Action: Captain Monaghan will investigate previous instructions communicated to the Cortes Masters. Mr. Ryan was requested to communicate further concerns directly to Captain Monaghan.

5. Terms of Reference:

Previously discussed with agenda item #3.

6. New Business:

6.1 Community Communication Strategy

Ann Carpenter will provide support to the committee members to liaise with their constituents and assist them with feedback on local issue 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 e-mailing updates@bcferries.com, or faxing (250) 703-2340.

Action: Ferry advisory committee members will submit 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 the BC Ferries Service Interruption Plan for both routes. The plan was well received. Jim Abram complimented BC Ferries for their progressive attitude and policy.

6.3 Routine Review of ferry schedules for Whaletown/Heriot Bay (Route 24) and Quathiaski Cove/Campbell River (Route 23).

Campbell River bus schedule has changed and affects commuters and school children connecting from the daily 7:05 a.m. sailing from Quathiaski Cove. The first two sailings from Quathiaski Cove can not be changed due to the extremely tight schedule and turn around time.

Concern still exists for Cortes Island travelers leaving on Route 24's first sailing and not being able to connect with Route 23's 9:00 a.m. sailing to Vancouver Island.

Action: Ralph Nursall, Sr. Captains Harry Breurkens, Jock Palmer and Captain Monaghan will create an alternate proposed schedule for Route 24. The proposed schedule information will be sent to all ferry advisory committee members to reach a consensus and decision.

7. Other Business:

7.1 Statistical Issue –

Action: Request for Melanie Christensen to provide ferry advisory committee members with the number of overloads per day on Route 23 during May 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002.

7.2 Quathiaski Cove Update

BC Ferries intention is to proceed with work on existing BC Ferry property only. This will include the waiting room, electrical room, washroom and disabled washroom. The work has been deferred until April 2003. Residents concerns as to the character of the building were discussed.

Action: Captain Monaghan will ask for the design information to be forwarded to Michael Stahnke, Chairperson.

7.3 Disabled Access on Vessels

Discussion concerned lack of disabled person's access to the vessels' passenger deck.

Action: As the sailing is ten minutes and the vessel cannot be modified, action has and will include – Campbell River Terminal is now disabled accessible; Quathiaski Cove Terminal's washrooms will be accessible after completion of the April project; engineers are working to improve access to the trailer on the vehicle deck of the Powell River Queen.

7.4 Core Review

Any written information received by BC Ferries will be shared with ferry advisory committee members.

8. Next Meeting: Spring 2003

Note: These meeting minutes have been reviewed by Jim Abram due to Michael Stahnke's (Chairperson) absence.