

**CAMPBELL RIVER/ QUADRA and CORTES ISLANDS  
FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 13, 2002**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Island**

**Attendees:**

***Committee***

Michael Gibbons

Fran Jones

Lynn Nash

John Sprungman

***BC Ferries***

Chair, Captain Tony Monaghan

*Marine Superintendent*

Senior Captain Harry Breurkens

*Campbell River/Quadra Island*

A/Senior Captain Jim Huffman

*Campbell River/Quadra Island*

Ann Carpenter

*Communications Co-ordinator*

Melanie Christensen

*Secretary, Marine Superintendent*

Rory Kulmala

*Project Manager, Engineering & Construction*

Peg Wabie

*Terminal Manager*

**1. Call to Order – 1:05 p.m.**

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

**3. Public Presentations:**

Joe Duprey, Secretary Treasurer for the Harbour Authority stated the Quathiaski Cove development was a well thought out proposal that would enhance the flow of traffic as the community grows. Explanations of the Quathiaski Cove Phase 2 & 3 development helped to quell various concerns.

**4. Previous Minutes of October 31, 2001: accepted as written**

Action Review:

4.1 Traffic overload guidelines were reviewed for Route 24. If traffic is left at Heriot Bay when the ferry departs on its last sailing to Whaletown, the ferry will complete an additional round trip.

Tenaka refit update – see under New Business

Effective March 13, 2002, BC Ferries (BCFC) website has been updated. From the web page, select Current Conditions, then Important Service Notices and click on the route for access to current route updates.

**4.2 Action: Michael Gibbons will send Ann Carpenter the e-mail contact information for the person responsible for the Cortes Island website, so he can be invited to join the BCFC Heads Up service notice distribution list.**

## **5. New Business:**

**5.2 Tenaka Update** – The M.V. Tenaka is tentatively scheduled to return March 21, 2002 to Cortes Island. BCFC will provide a service update if there are any changes to the expected return date.

**5.3 Review of Cortes Schedule** – Concern was expressed for Cortes travellers leaving Whaletown on the first sailing, connecting through to Campbell River via Quathiaski Cove on its fourth a.m. sailing. Points considered throughout the discussion were:

- Changes to the schedule must remain within the current length of workday.
- Reservation system is for the major routes
- Any changes made to the schedule at this time would take effect for the winter schedule

**Action: A questionnaire will be mailed to households on Quadra and Cortes Islands seeking feedback on Cortes thru traffic having assured passage Monday to Friday on Quathiaski Cove's fourth a.m. sailing to Campbell River. Ann Carpenter will work with John Sprungman to produce the draft questionnaire, which will be forwarded to Tony Monaghan, Jim Abram, Lynn Nash, Fran Jones and Michael Gibbons for review. If a majority of the respondents are in favour, a conference call involving BCFC and all Ferry Advisory Committee Members will take place to discuss future actions.**

**5.1 Feedback from Quathiaski Cove Open House** – FAC members reviewed a summary of public input from the Quathiaski Cove Open House. The open house provided positive feedback on the design process. BCFC has sent a letter to FAC, Regional District, Harbour Authority and Ministry of Transport to advise the Quathiaski Cove Phase 2 & 3 development will proceed. This development is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2003.

**Action: Ann Carpenter will summarize the data results from the Quathiaski Cove Open House and publish the results in the Discovery Islander.**

## **6. Other Business**

**6.1 Core Review:** BC Ferries will present the requested analysis report to the government's Core Review Task Force in May 2002. Until advised to the contrary, BCFC operations remain status quo.

The Wright Report was an independent report about BCFC and commissioned by the provincial government.

Unrelated to the Wright Report is a tariff proposal, which must be approved by the provincial Cabinet. The current funding formula, as previously discussed at Coastal Council meetings, is in place to provide tariff equity. As part of this agreement, it was agreed that fares would increase by the Consumer Price Index of 3.2% over two years. Secondly, BCFC will consult with ferry user groups to review current discounts. The third part of the tariff issues will be discussion of the different fare categories.

**6.2 Route Statistics** – (Year to date = April 01, 2001 to February 28, 2002)

Route 23 (Campbell River to Quadra Island)

Year to date passengers decrease .38%

Year to date vehicles increase 1.17%

Note: As of August 2001, vessel capacity utilization is at 50%.

Route 24 (Quadra Island to Cortes Island)

Year to date passengers increase 1.33%

Year to date vehicles increase 2.76%

Note: As of August 2001, vessel capacity utilization is at 48%.

**7. Next Meeting:** Fall 2002