

Meeting Details:

FAC:	Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Islands
Date:	September 17, 2003
Location:	Quadra Community Centre, Quadra Island
Time:	11:00 a.m.

Attendees:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>BC Ferries</i>
Chair, Michael Stahnke Jim Abram	Chair, Captain Jay Holliday A/Marine Superintendent
Bob Brown Noel Lax	Senior Captain Jim Huffman Campbell River – Quadra Island
Lynn Nash Ralph Nursall	Virginia Moore Manager, Terminal Operations
John Sprungman	Pam Young A/Regional Communications Manager
Guests: Rory Kulmala, BC Ferry Services Inc. Project Manager	Melanie Christensen Secretary, Marine Superintendent
Darren Richards, Campbell River Transit	
Paul Ryan, Quadra Island Harbour Authority	

1. Call to Order:

Captain Holliday welcomed everyone to the Fall Meeting. Self introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Addition of Overload Policy

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

- a. Minutes of the meeting held on August 6, 2003 were approved and distributed on September 8, 2003.
- b. Review of Action Items: All complete.
- c. The committee would like future meeting minutes to reflect their opinion should their view differ from BC Ferries.
- d. The committee members do not approve of BC Ferry Services Inc. criteria for additional evening sailings at Cortes Island.

4. Public Presentation:

- a. Brian Ross – Mr. Ross questioned the legality of providing preferential treatment to one person over another. (Cortes priority loading) He felt that the current policy

was divisive, pitting one island against another. Service to both islands needs improvement.

5. New Business:

- a. Coordination of Campbell River Transit Buses and the Quadra Island Ferry Foot passengers off loading the Quadra Island Ferry at Campbell River can not easily connect with the Campbell River Transit schedule. The Ferry Advisory Committee agreed to form a sub committee to review and provide suggestions for better connections between the ferry and bus schedules. It was suggested that the sub committee to be formed would consist of:

Darren Richards	Campbell River Transit
Jim Abram	Regional District
Lynn Nash	Mayor, Campbell River
Noel Lax	Ferry Advisory Committee Representative
To be Determined	BC Ferry Services Inc.
To be Determined	Member at Large

It was noted that there could be no adjustments to the current schedule prior to April 1st, 2005.

- b. Summer 2004 Relief Vessel– Cortes Island, Route 24
The vessel "Tachek" is a 30 vehicle ferry with a service speed of approx 11.5 knots. Her main advantage as a summer replacement for the "Tenaka" is the lack of over-height restrictions. The ability to utilize the "Tachek" for summer relief at Cortes is dependent on the vessel's availability. Captain Monaghan has requested a change to the Tachek's refit schedule to accommodate its use as a relief vessel on Rt. 24 next summer. However the "Tachek" is also utilized as a replacement vessel on several other routes, which might interfere with its use. Captain Monaghan and Captain Holliday will continue to work towards freeing the vessel up for next summer's busiest months.
The M.V. Tenaka, current vessel on Cortes Island, is scheduled for refit on approximately February 9, 2004 until the end of March 2004. The refit can not be rescheduled due to regulatory requirements. The M.V. Nimpkish will be the relief vessel. The M.V. Tachek is not available as it is the regular Winter Vessel on another route.
A Cortes committee member raised the possibility of going to a longer service day for the summer months on Rt. 24. (i.e. Two 8 hour shifts instead of one 12 hour shift) Captain Holliday stated that the costs would be prohibitive, as this would require a total of three crews instead of two to maintain the shift rotation. Captain Holliday agreed to get back to the Cortes committee on an informal basis with a rough estimate of the increased costs.
- c. Review of Cortes Priority Loading Trial at Quathiaski Cove
BCFS felt that the Priority Loading Trial had been an operational success. There were only minor difficulties managing the traffic and relatively few complaints. The other committee members generally agreed that the trial had been successful to date. The committee members reviewed several dozen form letters protesting the trial or its continuation that had been submitted to a Quadra advisory member.

Overload statistics 2002 (no priority loading) versus 2003 (priority loading in effect) indicated no negative impact on service. In fact, year to year, there appeared to be some improvement. On that basis and wishing to judge the impact of priority loading on the fall/winter/spring traffic, BCFS will extend the Cortes Priority Loading Schedule until the Spring Meeting of the Ferry Advisory Committee in March 2004. The committee has requested mid-term statistics.

d. Loading Procedures on the M.V. Powell River Queen

The 20 minute cut-off for Cortes traffic using lane 8 has caused considerable problems this summer for both Terminal staff and the Loading Officers onboard the "Powell River Queen". As a consequence it will be discontinued. A "space" cut-off rather than a "time" cut-off is proposed. This approach should be more consistent with BCFS's requirement to maximize the use of deck space on the "Powell River Queen". It is expected that an area approx 10 AEQ's in length will be established. When that space has been filled, arriving Cortes traffic will be placed with the regular traffic in the lot. Cortes traffic will be given "tags" to assist the Loading Officer while loading and discharging. Every effort will be made to ensure that the Cortes traffic is discharged in an orderly and timely fashion, however in no event will car-deck safety be compromised. Details of this proposal will be worked out over the next several months.

e. Development of the Quathiaski Cove Building

At the invitation of the Quadra Island Harbour Authority, Rory Kumala, Project Manager with BC Ferry Services Inc. held a preliminary meeting with representatives of DFO and Paul Ryan of Quadra Island Harbour Authority to discuss a joint venture to construct a facility. The discussion included each organization's proposed facility and associated requirements to provide service to the public and avoid duplication, thus keeping cost efficiencies in line. This discussion is at a very preliminary stage and any potential business arrangements have not been defined. The committee members expressed dismay that they were not involved or consulted regarding the meeting, as they are interested and concerned in the development of Quathiaski Cove.

f. Potable Water

The water in the current Quathiaski Cove washrooms is potable water originating in Campbell River and pumped from the vessel to a tank onshore. As this water doesn't come from Quadra, it is not tested as is done elsewhere at BC Ferry Services Inc. terminals. Consequently, signs are posted in the public washrooms that the water is not potable. Capt. Holliday noted that this year, Health Canada parameters for testing water changed and water must now be tested at the source, not just on the vessels.

g. Indemnity against Liability and Legal Costs for FAC Members

The committee would like assurance in writing that they are not liable for advice given to BC Ferry Services Inc. while on this committee.

h. Cortes Public Meeting

Gary Leitch, Manager Consultation and Stakeholders plan to have a public meeting on Cortes in late October.

- i. Shade Trees at Quathiaski Cove
Discussion on the potential of providing shade trees at Quathiaski Cove Terminal.

6. Action:

- a. Melanie Christensen to confirm the BC Ferry representative for the Campbell River Transit/Quadra Island Ferry Sub Committee Meeting and assist with planning the first meeting.
- b. Melanie Christensen will supply mid term statistics which provide the number of overloads on the Cortes Priority Loading Trial (9:00 a.m. sailing on Mondays and Thursdays) extended to March 2004.
- c. Pam Young will issue a Service Notice regarding the extension of the Cortes Priority Loading Trial.
- d. Captain Holliday will check with Gary Leitch regarding the indemnity against liability and legal costs for FAC Members.
- e. Rory Kulmala and Virginia Moore to check into costs and other factors related to providing shade trees at Quathiaski Cove.

7. Next Meeting:

- a. March 2004

8. Meeting adjourned: 2:40 p.m.

Approved:

Captain Jay Holliday
Michael Stahnke, Chair

Date: October 9, 2003
Date: October 27, 2003

Attachments:

1. Route 23 Overloads 2002 versus 2003

Route 23 Overloads 2002 versus 2003

2002 Depart Quathiaski Cove

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2003 Depart Quathiaski Cove

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