

MINUTES OF MEETING

SALT SPRING ISLAND FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 17, 2001

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Harbour House Hotel

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Doreen Hewitt, Chair
Gerrard Farry
Bob Jones
Lee Middleton

Regrets:

Janice Harkley
Doug Mitchell

BC Ferries:

Bob Lingwood, President and CEO
Capt. Trafford Taylor
Steve Clapton
Gary Leitch
Mia Aleksich
Stephen Nussbaum

Guests:

Neville Atkinson
Bev Byron
David Borrowman

- 1.0 Call to Order – Captain Trafford Taylor
- 2.0 Introductions:

Salt Spring Island Committee members:

Gerrard Farry
Bob Jones
Lee Middleton
Doreen Hewitt

BC Ferries:

Bob Lingwood, President and CEO
Gary Leitch, Public Consultation Manager
Captain Trafford Taylor, Marine Superintendent, IIS(S)
Steve Nussbaum, Communications Coordinator
Steve Clapton, Terminal Manager, IIS (S)

Mia Aleksich, Secretary to the Marine Superintendent, IIS (S)

Guests:

Neville Atkinson, past committee member

Bev Byron, Islands Trust, Trustee

David Borrowman, Islands Trust, Trustee

- 3.0 David Borrowman provided an overview of the role of the Islands Trust on Salt Spring Island and the relationship of the Ferry Advisory Committee with the OCP process. The Islands Trust, as the Land Use Authority in the islands, along with the CRD, represent the local Governments and assisted BCFC with the formation of the FAC.

The Islands Trust expressed concern over the future of Fulford Village. The Islands Trust would not like to see transportation needs supercede the character of the village: BC Ferries is expected to meet but not exceed the transportation needs of the island.

David Borrowman will provide copies of excerpts from the Land use bylaw for distribution to the Committee.

- 4.0 Gary Leitch explained the review of public consultation which BC Ferries had undertaken during 2000 and the results of that review. The review called for a renewal of BC Ferries consultation program with appropriate changes to increase accountability and improve effectiveness of consultation procedures. Draft "Terms of Reference" for BC Ferries consultation committees were reviewed and explained. Mr. Leitch would welcome any comments on the proposed terms of reference.

Mr. Leitch indicated that later this year BC Ferries expects to present its proposed 15 year Corporate Strategic Plan to the committee for review and that early in 2002 BC Ferries anticipates beginning the second round of consultations on the tariff. This second round will be focused on social policy and discount issues.

ACTION:

The Committee members will review the draft "Terms of Reference" for discussion at the next SSI FAC meeting.

Communications assistance will be provided to communicate with communities.

- 5.0 Bob Lingwood provided the Committee with an update of the long term solution for the M.V. Skeena Queen which consists of replacing the existing high speed engines with medium speed types. Senior engineering staff are finalising the details with Mitsubishi for replacing the engines. It will be withdrawn from service this spring for the engine replacement.



Bob Lingwood also provided a brief overview of the Fast Ferry Inquiry being headed up by independent financial consultant Fred Wright of Vancouver, to be completed by the end of November 2001. The inquiry is in addition to the province's government-wide core services review that will look at the mandate and delivery of services for all ministries, crown corporations, agencies and boards to be completed by the end of October.

- 6.0 Capt. Trafford Taylor provided a brief review of the issues raised at the public meeting of June 19, 2001 and asked the committee to review and prioritize the issues raised for discussion and resolution by the committee.

Action:

The committee will review the issues identified at the public meeting and categorize them into Local and Short term issues, local and long term issues and corporate issues.

BC Ferries will circulate the notes taken at the public meeting by Glen Champion and BC Ferries.

- 7.0 The Committee deferred the appointment of representative to the Southern Gulf Islands FAC to the next meeting.
- 8.0 The Committee appointed Doreen Hewitt as Chairperson.
- 9.0 The Committee appointed Gerrard Farry and Lee Middleton as representatives to the Coastal Council.
- 10.0 The next meeting will be held in mid November.

Approved:

Captain Trafford Taylor
Marine Superintendent, IIS (S)

Doreen Hewitt
Chair, SSI Ferry Advisory Committee