

Meeting Details:

Committee:	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Date:	December 8, 2005
Location:	Boardroom, 1112 Fort Street, Victoria, BC
Time:	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

<i>BC Coalition of People with Disabilities:</i>	<i>BC Ferries:</i>
Pat Danforth Information & Referral Coordinator Disability Resource Centre, Victoria	Patrick Morris - Chair
Valerie Thoem Director BC Coalition of People with Disabilities	Gregg Clackson
Linda Bartram President, Victoria Chapter Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians	Roberta Chartier
Julie Caudle Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians	Gary Leitch
Guests:	Bruce Paterson (part time)
Bruce Gilmore and Brad McCannel For Barrier Free Access (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	
David Hahn President & CEO BC Ferries	
	Regrets: Barbara Britton-Wilson Jeff Davidson

1. Introduction: Gary Leitch

This is the first meeting of the committee since a site visit to the Spirit of Vancouver Island (SOVI) and Swartz Bay Terminal on September 26, 2005. The purpose of the September 26 site visits was to document issues requiring attention from BC Ferries. These issues, combined with those identified by Valerie Thoem, are summarized in the document to be discussed in detail at this meeting.

Since the meeting on September 26 there have been personnel changes at BC Ferries. Gary introduced Pat Morris, Manager of Operational Planning who replaces Chris Frappell as co-chair of the committee.

2. Review of BC Ferries Issues Analysis – presentation by Patrick Morris, Manager of Operational Planning

Patrick Morris presented a summary of the issues raised in the paper by Valerie Thoen and identified during our September 26 site visit. This summary was reviewed in detail by committee members and has been amended as a consequence.

The summary is attached to these minutes as a record of that discussion.

3. Welcome from David Hahn, President & CEO, BC Ferries

David Hahn attended the meeting for a few moments to thank the BC Coalition members for volunteering their time to assist BC Ferries in this important work and to assure them of his personal support.

4. Presentation by Barrier Free Access – Bruce Gilmore & Brad McCannell

Messrs. Gilmore and McCannell made a presentation on behalf of their company. They are advisors to YVR and the Olympic organizing committee to the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. They wish to offer their services in the context of a retainer agreement with BC Ferries.

5. Next Meeting: March/April 2006