

# An Update on the BC Ferries Langdale Terminal Development Plan

## Hello Sunshine Coast residents,

I'm Mike, the Project Manager responsible for the Langdale Terminal Redevelopment project for BC Ferries. As we continue to move forward with this project, we want to keep you up to date on what's happening. Please keep your eye out for my new monthly column with updates on the project and how things are moving forward.

For this first update, I want to provide a bit of background on this development plan. In 2013, in order to improve the safety and efficiency of Langdale terminal, we developed a 25-year plan that lays the foundation for both short and longer term investments and improvements. As part of the development of this plan, we engaged with participants including Sunshine Coast customers, our employees, the local Ferry Advisory Committee and local, provincial and federal government agencies.

We were happy to work with the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), Town of Gibsons and District of Sechelt, who have been briefed on the proposed improvements and understand their importance in

supporting the economic vitality of the Sunshine Coast.

Our major aim with this project is to address some key areas of improvement we see for the terminal. The plan will include improvements to safety and operations through simultaneous access for walk-on customers and vehicles, and more efficient vehicle exits from the berths and parking lots to customer service areas with improved amenities. It will also better align with our asset replacement timelines.

Currently, we are in the process of engaging with the local First Nations to further our relationship and better understand the needs of all parties. This process started in February 2017 and we continue to communicate and facilitate the process.

Our next step with the planning process is a rezoning application that we are moving forward with through the SCRD. We have four separate lots at our terminal that we are planning to rezone. In mid-September we anticipate hosting a community information session to discuss the rezoning application. After a successful first reading with the



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Planning and Development Committee in June, we anticipate a second reading in mid-October.

Currently, we are working on a terminal improvement design that will be completed to a preliminary level by winter 2018. As with any construction project of this size and nature, there are a few outstanding considerations we need to better understand before completing the design process. We expect to be able to share the designs with you within the coming months, pending no significant site or design issues that require further investigation.

Our current draft schedule has construction beginning at the terminal in early 2019. However, there are some

findings we are still working on that may affect this schedule as we continue to move forward with this development plan. This is common for projects of this scope and we are doing our best to address these items.

If you are interested in following this project, please watch for these monthly updates in the local papers. We hope you find the information valuable and if you have any questions about the process, please don't hesitate to contact our customer relations team at [customer.relations@bcferries.com](mailto:customer.relations@bcferries.com).

Thanks for reading,

**Mike**