

An Update on BC Ferries' Langdale Terminal Development Plan

Hello Sunshine Coast Residents,

We continue to make progress on the Langdale terminal redevelopment project and I'd like to update you on the secure dog area I mentioned in last month's column.

As of our print deadline, we were just putting the finishing touches on the secure dog area (pictured below, left). The area is fenced with two gates; one for customers with dogs to access and one to help accessibility for maintenance. The surface is covered with clear round gravel so it stays clean. We expect this dog area will be well used and prove to be a welcome addition to the terminal, while we continue the terminal upgrades.



Location of secure dog area.

Our Universal Design consultant reviewed the preliminary design for the Langdale

terminal redevelopment project. Although we are waiting to receive the final report, the early feedback we received at the end of our kick-off meeting was that our design team has made good choices to ensure the accessibility needs of all passengers will be met in the building and terminal designs.

We want to hear from you and I continue to enjoy the feedback that I receive regularly. I get back to each email with the latest information.

I'd like to report back on another question I received recently that I believe we can address with this project. This question concerned the possibility of having electric vehicle charging stations at the terminal. Here is my response:

I heard from you that electric vehicles (EVs) are becoming increasingly popular on the Sunshine Coast and this trend is expected to grow. The concern was raised that when upgrading the terminal, we should consider installing a number of appropriate EV charging stations. We know it's critical to ensure that the terminal's design meets current demand and is flexible to accommodate future growth as the popularity of EVs increases. While the terminal design continues, and the number of stations has not been confirmed, the design will include EV charging stations with flexibility for future

growth. Your feedback is important to us and this is exactly the type of input we will be looking to hear from you in our next phase of public engagement. Langdale terminal will be our first terminal with EV charging stations included in its design.

Since my last update in February, we have also been working hard to find a way to put an overhead walkway into service as soon as possible. We know how much this will improve the foot passenger experience and help the vessel stay on schedule. We are making progress, so don't be surprised if you see this portion of the proposed upgrades getting started before the terminal redevelopment. We know it's important to you and it's important to us as well.

The rezoning process for the Langdale terminal continued with the conclusion of the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD's) Public Hearing that took place on February 21. BC Ferries staff was on hand to support SCRD staff in responding to the community's questions about the proposed zoning changes at the terminal.

We have also recently started a public engagement process for the Horseshoe Bay redevelopment project, with the goal of the project to better connect our customers and the communities we serve, support growth in the region



and accommodate emerging and future transportation needs. We know anything that affects the Horseshoe Bay terminal also has an effect on Langdale. We will be looking for your input to help shape our plans. For more information visit bcferries.com/about/hsbvision.

Please continue to send me your questions about the Langdale project and what lies ahead. If you have any specific project questions you would like me to talk about in this column, please let me know by emailing michael.pearson@bcferries.com. We hope you have been finding these updates helpful.

Thank you,

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