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#### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Thursday, April 20, 2017 SCRD Board Room, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

#### **AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER:	2:45 p.m.
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#### **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of Agenda

#### **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

2. Harvey Kooner, ICBC Presentation Regarding ICBC Road Safety

#### **MINUTES**

**3.** Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations Annex A of January 19, 2017 - *receipt* pp 1-3

#### COMMUNICATIONS

4. <u>Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory</u> Annex B
Committee
Regarding BC Ferries Updates, Message from Mark
Collins, BC Ferries New President and CEO

5. Transportation Choices (TraC)

Regarding Bike to Work and School Week, Dip in Highway
at Flume Road, Reed Road

Annex C

#### **REPORTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE**

**6.** Lorne Lewis, Director, Electoral Area E, Chair - Reed Road Update Verbal

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING July 20, 2017** at 2:45 p.m.

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### January 19, 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

PRESENT: Director, Electoral Area E, Chair Lorne Lewis
(Voting Members) Director, Electoral Area A Frank Mauro
Director, Electoral Area B Garry Nohr
Director, Electoral Area F Ian Winn

Director, Electoral Area D Michelle Morton (Alt.)

Director, District of Sechelt Doug Wright School District No. 46 Christine

Younghusband

BC Ferries, Langdale Terminal Manager
Transportation Choices (TraC)
Insurance Corporation of BC
Hanna Josephson
Alun Woolliams
Harvey Kooner

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting) Manager, Transit and Fleet Gordon Dykstra

General Manager, Ian Hall

Planning and Community Development

Operations Manager, Ministry of Don Legault

Transportation and Infrastructure
Chair, Southern Sunshine Coast

Diana Mumford

Ferry Advisory Committee

RCMP S/Sgt Vishal Mathura Recorder Susan Fernandez

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CALL TO ORDER 2:45 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as amended:

Correction: NEXT MEETING, April 20, 2017 at 2:45 pm

**MINUTES** 

**Recommendation No. 1** Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended the recommendations of the Oct 20, 2016 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Recommendation No. 2** Communications

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the following communications be received:

- Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, regarding BC Ferries Updates, Traffic Statistics and Schedule
- Todd G. Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding Highway 101 at Oceanview Drive
- Transportation Choices (TraC), regarding TraC Survey Results and Cycling Community Infrastructure Comment

#### Ferries Updates, Traffic Statistics and Schedule

Diana Mumford reviewed the documents she had submitted for the Committee, and discussion followed around several items.

- Langdale, Berth 1 is now closed for refurbishment; two smaller ferries will be used for hourly service from Berth 2. Hourly ferry service has less capacity per sailing, but slightly more capacity over two hours than previous service, until the smaller Island Sky is introduced at Spring Break. Ticket sales cut-off still occurs approximately 10 minutes prior to sailing, as this is a safety issue.
- BC Ferries is considering the idea of passengers not being able to stay in their vehicles and must go to the passenger levels, as a response to Provincial regulations. Comments were made in support of following Provincial requirements in not forcing open deck car passengers on Route 3 to go upstairs.
- Experience Card discounts vary by route, and the Route 3 discount is lower than several others; Diana Mumford to inquire with BC Ferries as to the rationale behind their discount structure.
- A copy of the new hourly schedule was distributed.

#### Highway 101 at Oceanview Drive

• Don Legault commented that they talked with BC Hydro and an overhead luminaire on the north side of this intersection will be installed in the next couple of weeks; lowering of the speed limit is not planned at this time.

#### TRaC 2016 Cycling Survey

- TRaC had received 160 completed survey responses, both online and at the 2016 Biking and Walking Open House. The resulting list of priorities were:
  - Bike lane clearing (increasing the frequency of sweeping)
  - Regular meeting of area planners to meet and coordinate projects and design decisions
  - Marine Drive, and ferry to ferry bike routes.
- Some discussion occurred regarding the priority and cost of Marine Driver bicycle access.

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

- Gordon Dykstra noted that as requested, a letter was sent to the Vancouver Coastal Health inviting them to regularly attend the Transportation Advisory Committee meetings.
- Comments were made regarding the need for pothole repair and road maintenance, along the Port Melon Highway. Don Legault will pass this issue on to Capilano Highways. Specific pothole locations should be reported to Capilano Highways via the 24 hr reporting number on their website.
- Christine Younghusband introduced herself as the new representative for the School District #46, which is in the budget process for the 2017-18 school year. She informed the Committee that School District #46 has been granted transportation grant funding of \$380,000, which will be ongoing. In the short term, they have purchased five activity buses for district use. Input was requested on the most effective way to spend future funds, please submit to Nick Weswick, the S.D.#46 Secretary-Treasurer
- Frank Mauro reported that new pavement along the highway at Trout Lake reflects light differently, making it difficult to see when combined with darkness and rain. He also noted that at the North end of Halfmoon Bay hydroplaning now seems more prevalent along the uphill passing lane. Don Legault will review the passing lane in regard to the hydroplaning problem.
- An erosion problem at Keith Road was noted; some work has been done.
- Discussion occurred regarding poor visibility of white fog lines in Roberts Creek.
- The ferry schedule for Gambier and Keats has been updated and is available online, along with the shuttle bus schedule in place during the Berth 1 refurbishment as Langdale.
- Sunshine Coast Transit has adjusted their bus schedule to match the hourly ferry sailings occurring during Berth 1 refurbishment.

NEXT MEETING	April 20, 2017 at 2:45 p.m.	
ADJOURNMENT	3:38 p.m.	
	Committee Chair	

# Annex B Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee

# **Updates:**

#### Langdale Berth 1 Upgrade now Complete

As of April 7th, the upgrade work on Berth 1 in Langdale has been completed and service on the Langdale—Horseshoe Bay route and the water taxi service to Gambier and Keats Islands have returned to Spring shoulder service schedules. With the re-opening of the double-deck berth, it is back to a single vessel using upper and lower vehicle decks, and sailings approximately every two hours.

Ferry users were happy having the two ships with hourly service to and from Horseshoe Bay. However Corrine Storey, BC Ferries Vice President of Customer Services states that this type of service delivery is not sustainable in the near to medium term with the current ships, as the cost of operating two vessels basically doubled the fuel and labour costs of the regular service provided by the Queen of Surrey. The temporary service of two ships was also used as a trial for potential future service options with two smaller vessels when the C-Class ships, including the Queen of Surrey, need to be replaced in the 2020s.

#### Community Engagement process

BC Ferries has made some operational changes over the past few years to help address on-time performance on Route 3, but more still can be done in order to meet customers' expectations. One option presented to the Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee (SSCFAC) was to increase the space between sailing times. In consideration of the complexity of changing schedules to meet the needs of all users, the FAC requested a more robust community engagement process for this discussion. To that end, BC Ferries will begin an engagement process with the public later this month to obtain feedback on how to make improvements to the schedules. Details about this engagement process will be announced in the near future.

#### Funding Announcement

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, representatives from the Federal Government made a funding announcement at Langdale for the Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component -National and Regional Projects. The funds are for several BC Ferries projects, but the one of interest to Route 3 users is the revitalization of the Langdale terminal with a new administration building, overhead walkway, improvements to toll booths etc.

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### A Message from Mark Collins, BC Ferries New President & CEO

April 3, 2017

As I take over the helm as BC Ferries' new President & CEO, I want to share some thoughts on our future direction, both short and long-term. I have been with BC Ferries for 11 years, as Vice President, Engineering and most recently as Vice President, Strategic Planning & Community Engagement. These diverse roles have given me a broad view of what it takes to lead BC Ferries, both operationally and with a big picture perspective, from the day to day to the years ahead.

At BC Ferries we are very proud of our award-winning safety program, Sail-Safe. Safety is always top of mind for us and is integral to our company culture. It is our highest value as we seek continuous improvement for our customers, the communities we serve and the environment around us. We are pleased that SailSafe's contribution to safe and efficient service has been recognized locally and internationally.



In 2016, BC Ferries launched its new Strategic Plan that charts our course for the next 10 years. The Plan calls for us to focus on continuously improving the travel experience for our customers, reflecting the commitment, expertise and pride of our employees. However, we recognize the world is changing fast so our plan is dynamic. We will revisit it annually to ensure our priorities reflect those of our customers and our operating environment.

With summer on the horizon, we are preparing for a busy peak season of welcoming local residents and visitors on board BC Ferries. All indications show British Columbia will have a banner year for tourism and BC Ferries is an important part of the B.C. experience. We'll have two new ultra-clean natural gas-fueled ships entering the fleet this summer, *Salish Orca* and *Salish Eagle*, and a third, *Salish Raven*, arriving soon. The Coastal Naturalists will be back to share their knowledge of the marine life and geography of coastal B.C. A special symphony performance is planned on our Comox-Powell River route as part of the Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy (PRISMA) in Powell River. A number of our smaller terminals in the beautiful Gulf Islands have been upgraded to improve the travel experience and of course, there are whales, eagles, bears and gorgeous scenery to thrill our guests while on board.

We also want to thank former President & CEO Mike Corrigan for the leadership he brought to our company over the past 14 years. Mike's accomplishments are too numerous to list so let me simply say, he nurtured our safety program, drove operational excellence and built our great team while never forgetting what's important to customers and employees. It is with sincere thanks that all of BC Ferries wishes Mike the very best in the next stage of his journey.

Let me close by saying I am excited to be working with you - our customers, communities and employees - in my new role. I look forward to seeing you on the coast this summer.

Safe travels,

Mark



#### TAC Agenda Item for April 20th 2017

#### **BTWW**

Bike to Work & School Week 2017 is May 29 - June 4

Registration is open at www.biketowork.ca

TraC would like to request that, as in prior years, Capilano Highways do a pre BTWW review and sweep of the roads.

#### Dip in Highway at Flume Road

There is a significant dip in the Highway heading north at Flume Road. This section is dangerous for motorbikes and is very noticeable in vehicles, especially school buses.

#### Reed Road

Reed Road, between Henry Road and North Road, is becoming busier.

This section is the default route for much of the ferry traffic. There is increasing industrial use, including logging trucks and new developments are bringing more people to the neighbourhood.

TraC would like to know what the short and long term plans are for pedestrians and cyclists on this section of Reed Road.

