

Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) - Record of Meeting

Date:	May 16, 2018
Committee Name:	Chemainus-Thetis-Penelakut
Routes:	20

Attendees:

<p>For the FAC:</p> <p><i>Chair(s):</i> Keith Rush, Sharon Cross</p> <p><i>Members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Frankel, Sue French • Joan Brown, Ken Hunter 	<p>For BCF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Hendry • Peter Simpson • Mark Wilson • Camrin Hillis • Lewis MacKay • Darin Guenette
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Points of Information/Agreement:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BC Ferries overview. New 'route reports' have been sent to the FAC in advance to provide info/data on many operational issues; members are free to send suggestions for change. An overview was given on the government review underway, fare discounts, the Performance Term 5 process, fuel costs rising and expected reduction in the current fuel rebate soon, near record traffic levels and reservations/website changes upcoming. Some general discussion followed. 2. Fare reductions and how they were financed. It was clarified that the recent fare reductions/seniors discount were financed between BC Ferries and the Province, who contributed almost half of the total approximately \$120 million needed to make these changes. These adjustments are set to apply through until March 31, 2020; the end of Performance Term 4. 3. Dangerous goods sailings. The previous idea to move the current DG sailing to 'one sailing earlier' still appears to be supportable, and ideas were explored around when would be a good time to make this change (after the end of the school year). 4. Thetis terminal safety concerns. Previous concerns around safety issues near the Thetis dock were shared, and FAC wonders if progress on improvements is happening. BCF does share concerns with terminal/roadway interfaces with the Ministry, and they suggest the community needs to keep raising this with the Province. 5. Penelakut lineup problems. Previous concerns had been expressed because people were parking on the roadway leading to the terminal, and BCF installed signage to discourage this. 6. MV Kuper refit. This is scheduled for Oct 9 to Dec 2 this year and the Kahloke will be a relief vessel during that time. Notes: seats are hard and there are too few of them, so if benches are possible, please install them.

7. Thetis dock work. Scheduled for Aug 1-17 to address buoyancy of the ramp. There should be one sailing cancellation only, and this will be promoted via Service Notice.
8. Minor 47 update. There are currently two Minor 47 vessels under construction, due to enter service in early 2020. This is intended to be the smallest class of vessel in the fleet. BCF is also exploring building further Minor 47s to replace other vessels in the early/mid-2020s, and these may be available for deployment on any route that needs it. They are being built as diesel-electric hybrid, and the technology should allow for conversion to full electric mode in the future.
9. Atlantic ferries opportunity. Nothing new from previous information provided to the FAC, but a reminder that BCF only examines opportunities for new lines of business if this means it would result in revenue that could be added to the current coastal service. As for the Atlantic service, federal government has given the current provider a two-year extension on their contract to provide service.
10. Friday morning schedule. There are still problems keeping on-time throughout the year, even after the changes made last year to 'add 15 minutes' to the schedule. BC Ferries recognizes that this day does experience cumulative sailing delays. Keith provided Peter with a specific schedule idea.
11. Misc. Concerns were expressed about vehicle vandalism/break-ins at Chemainus.

Action Items¹:

Item	Who	By When
1. Work on planning for changing the DG sailing; talking to DG carriers and ship crew.	Cam/Lewis	Completed; no changes.
2. Inform the Province of continued safety concerns at Thetis.	Mark	Continuing
3. Come to Penelakut to view roadway concerns on a Friday, and discuss possible improvements.	Cam/Jessalyn	Completed.
4. Look at options to increase capacity during the Kuper fall refit by changing/adding to the schedule.	Peter/Lewis	Prior to next meeting
5. Double check if Quinitsa could be deployed as a relief vessel, including conducting any Thetis dock changes that could be done at a reasonable cost/time.	Peter	Completed: not possible.
6. Share/analyse Keith's Friday schedule idea and return a mock schedule to match.	Peter	Completed: not workable.

¹ Significant Service Request (SSR) requiring detailed analysis and formal decisions from BCF should be submitted using the SSR process. Submission of a SSR should be noted as an Action Item.