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Capt. Keith Hopkins
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Elgin McKillop
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Western Pacific Marine
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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Lasqueti Island community, the Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee wishes to express to you its disappointment at the lack of consideration shown by the sudden appearance, without notice, of a smaller replacement ferry while the Centurion VII is undergoing a major refit.

The community is willing to cooperate with our ferry service provider, and is able to be flexible and to adapt to whatever circumstances are necessary, but it seems completely unreasonable and inconsiderate that no mention of this change has been made to the community since October, 2012. Western Pacific Marine (WPM) management knew how to contact the community to inform them of the change and enlist their cooperation, but this was not done.

The community has had a Lasqueti Ferry Advisory Committee, under the mandate of the Lasqueti Community Association, for decades. In the past it has worked directly with BC Ferry Corporation (BCF) senior managers, largely on drawing up the specifications for service when the contract was first awarded, eventually, to Western Pacific Marine.

The community wishes to re-establish a positive and cooperative relationship with WPM and BCF through our Ferry Advisory Committee, and would like a commitment from both WPM and BCF to communicate with, consult with and involve the Lasqueti Ferry Advisory Committee in ongoing operations, and especially changes to the Lasqueti ferry service.

We request that both your corporations establish contact the Lasqueti Ferry Advisory Committee, through the Lasqueti Community Association president (name and contact information below), and that you enlist their cooperation and support to help you provide effective and efficient ferry service to the Lasqueti Island community.

Please be aware that the current situation is now known to and accepted by the community, and WPM, through Mr. McKillop, has been communicating with the community through one of our local trustees, Peter Johnston.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Graham', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Graham, Chair
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cc: Andrew Fall, President, Lasqueti Community Association andrew@gowlland.ca