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Dear Chair Luckham:

Thank you for your correspondence asking the ministry to advocate for ferry scheduling changes and other ideas proposed by ferry advisory councils in the Islands Trust area. I was also pleased to have the chance to meet with you at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver last September.

As you know, the contract between BC Ferries and the provincial government sets out the minimum length of the operating day and the number of round trips for each route. BC Ferries works with communities to determine the schedules that will best provide these agreed levels of service and also sets its fares. For that reason, I have shared the ferry advisory councils' scheduling ideas with Mike Corrigan, President and CEO of BC Ferries, who is in the best position to determine if they can be implemented.

With respect to your comment about Bowen Island, Mayor Murray Skeels of the Bowen Island Municipality has been in direct communication with the provincial government. Ministry staff and his office have been discussing arrangements for a multi-stakeholder meeting on transportation-related topics, including ferry services. The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour has also been working with the Bowen Island Economic Development Committee on a similar multi-stakeholder session to discuss issues related to economic development.

I appreciate your offers for a tour of the Islands Trust area. While my schedule for the summer break in the legislature has not yet been finalized, I will keep in mind your "Tour des isles" suggestion.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Todd G. Stone

Minister

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