



Executive Committee Addendum

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Electronic Zoom Meeting

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Executive Admin <execadmin@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Ken Hunter <kehunter@islandstrust.bc.ca>; Peter Luckham <pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Subject: Ship Anchorages Gulf Islands

Dear Island Trust Executive:

I would like to have the issue of ships anchorage added to the December, 2022 Agenda. I am concerned that the Port of Vancouver (POV) and Transport Canada are going to use their community engagement process to justify making the anchorages permanent with no input from Islands Trust. This is why I think it is important that Islands Trust act quickly.

I am wondering whether a new Island Trust Executive should rethink whether their current strategy of simple opposition to ship anchorages will lead to a long-term solution? Maybe it's time to call on the Transport Canada minister to ask POV, Transport Canada, and Islands Trust to negotiate a long-term protocol? At least then, Island Trust is part of the process.

Below is the string of email and why I think it is time for a more active approach.

Paul Duncan, Thetis Island

From: VFPA Active Vessel Traffic Management <avtm@portvancouver.com>
Sent: November 25, 2022 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: VFPA Active Vessel Traffic Management <avtm@portvancouver.com>; admin@lucentquay.ca; marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca
Subject: RE: Active Vessel Traffic Management Program online information session

Hello Paul,

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback on Tuesday's online information session, as part of the port authority's Active Vessel Traffic Management Program phase 3 engagement.

This email is to thank you for your participation and to confirm that your feedback during the session, and this follow up email, will be included as part of the engagement summary report. If you have already completed the online survey and wish to submit additional input, you can email AVTM@portvancouver.com.

Regards,

The AVTM project team



Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
100 The Pointe, 999 Canada Place
Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6C 3T4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: November 24, 2022 8:24 AM
To: 'admin@lucentquay.ca.' <admin@lucentquay.ca>

Cc: 'marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca' <marinesafety-securitemaritime@tc.gc.ca>

Subject: Active Vessel Traffic Management Program online information session

Dear Sir/Madam & Ms. Joanna Manger, Director General, Marine Safety & Security, Transport Canada:

Thank you for asking for feedback on the Port of Vancouver (POV) online information session on Nov. 22, 2022 dealing with ship anchorage in the Gulf Islands.

I believe the input process is not dealing with three fundamental issues. 1. There is growing demand for ships entering the port of Vancouver and a limited supply of free Gulf Island anchorages. 2. Overlapping jurisdictions. While POV is accountable for the management of ships entering the port, Transport Canada is accountable for the Gulf Island waters. 3. A lack of planning from Transport Canada to deal with the Feb. 2018 interim protocol for 33 ship anchorages in the Gulf Islands which was only to last 1 year. That was 4 years ago. These 3 fundamental issues have resulted in a lower standard of care for the Gulf Islands than the POV and who is to say the POV standard dealing with the environment and anchorage fees is adequate? These 3 fundamental issues risks an environmental disaster in the Gulf Islands.

The solution is for Transport Canada to commit to an action plan dealing with the above 3 issues. The attendance of 2 representatives from Transport Canada at the information session is not a commitment.

Paul Duncan, Thetis Island

From: Peter Luckham <pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 3:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Susan Yates <[REDACTED]>; Tobi Elliott <telliott@islandstrust.bc.ca>; Vanessa Craig <vanessa.craig@rdn.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Fibre optic line severed

Thank you Gavin, I will advance this as late correspondence to the Dec 6th EC meeting.

Peter Luckham
Islands Trust, Chair.
Trustee Thetis Island
250-210-2553

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:25:20 AM
To: pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca <pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Susan Yates <[REDACTED]>; Tobi Elliot <telliott@islandstrust.bc.ca>; Vanessa Craig <vanessa.craig@rdn.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Fibre optic line severed

Hello Chair Luckham

I would like this email chain included as an addendum to the agenda at the Dec 6 executive trust meeting.

I would like the trust executive to discuss mission critical wireline distribution services across the trust area and how fail safe provisions can be made. The CRTC takes wire line and 911 emergency connectivity very seriously so should the Islands Trust and their respective regional districts and municipalities.

The current situation on Gabriola with no backup system in place is in excusable and needs to be rectified immediately.

Yours Sincerely
Gavin Coford
Gabriola island

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: gavincoford@gmail.com
Date: December 3, 2022 at 5:46:39 PM PST
To: Tobi Elliott <telliott@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Vanessa Craig <vanessa.craig@rdn.bc.ca>, Susan Yates <[REDACTED]>

northinfo <northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Fibre optic line severed

Hi Tobi

Thanks for your reply and seasons greetings to you as well.

The meeting I was referring to would be the December 6 executive committee meeting. I would like my letter discussed at the highest level of the trust. This issue that affects Gabriola currently, could be an issue that affects other islands, Trust wide in the future.

Backup communication systems are essential,

The CRTC takes internet communications very seriously so should the Islands Trust and there respective Regional districts and municipalities

Mission critical components always have fail safe backup. I would say emergency 911 wireline communication is mission critical.

Let's spend our tax money on mission critical areas

I would like this email chain included at the next Islands Trust executive meeting as well.

With all due respect when one of your constituents requests a letter be included on the agenda of a trust meeting it is beholden on the elected representatives to do so.

Yours Sincerely

Gavin Coford

On Dec 3, 2022, at 1:51 PM, Tobi Elliott <telliott@islandstrust.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your letter, Gavin. I can assure you we are all thinking very hard about how our communications systems can be made more adaptable to challenging and changing environments. Nothing is ever going to be "fail safe" but I'm sure our emergency BC team, emergency medical responders, and the other valuable sectors that link up our health and care network are working through backup plans and scenarios, as they did when COVID first appeared on the scene. I'm hopeful that a much improved support system for the vulnerable and at-risk members of our community will be the outcome.

As for your letter, if you send it to northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca it can be included as correspondence for our information. It may or may not be discussed at the meeting, depending on how the agenda is set up. Our next LTC meeting is Jan 26th.

Best regards for a safe and warm season!

Tobi

On Dec 2, 2022, at 1:41 PM, gavincoford@gmail.com wrote:

Hello

RDN Chair Vanessa Craig
Island Trustee Tobi Elliott
Island Trustee Susan Yates

I am wondering why we have no communication to the outside world other than cellular at this point in time.

The reason I ask is because the aerial line between Mudge and Gabriola has been severed, however we did at great length and debate have a submarine cable land on Gabriola during the summer which appears to be merely a convenient landing pad for the company owning the submarine cable connecting other islands.

Why was it not made a condition of landing on Gabriola that it should connect to our own communications systems as a fail safe backup?

I am hoping this is corrected so we do not have the same lack of communication and 911 services down as we do now. NOT everyone on the island has cellular service or a cell phone, they do however pay tax to both the trust and the RDN.

Please ensure that there is a cabled fibre backup system of communication for the future.

Clearly this has to go to the top of the priority list.

Please make this letter part of the agenda of the next RDN board meeting as well as the next Islands trust meeting on DEC 6.

Yours Sincerely

Gavin Coford

Gabriola