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Via email: brian.green@bcferries.com

Brian Green
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Dear Brian:

Re: Consideration of Water Taxi Use in Terminal Development planning for Descanso Bay, Gabriola Island

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) understands that BC Ferries has undertaken a terminal development planning process for its Descanso Bay, Gabriola Island terminal. During the planning process, the LTC requests that BC Ferries consider results from a recent community questionnaire for the Gabriola Island Water Taxi Zoning Review project.

Results from the questionnaire indicate strong community support for water taxi use in Descanso Bay. Eighty-two percent (82%) of respondents supported or strongly supported zoning to permit water taxi use within the Water Commercial 3 – Marine Transportation (WC3) zone, which includes an area of Descanso Bay. Ninety-two percent (92%) of respondents indicated Descanso Bay was the preferred location for water taxi use because there is existing infrastructure and it is accessible for most of the island's population.

Thank you for your consideration of the information provided.

Sincerely,

Laura Busheikin, Chair
Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee

cc Melanie Mamoser, Gabriola Local Trustee
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