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Via email: [Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable Claire Trevena  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Minister Trevena:

Travellers on BC Ferries' Route 22 (between Denman Island and Hornby Island) experienced unprecedented delays due to overloads this summer. While delays are certainly to be expected in the peak summer season, the number and length of delays were unprecedented in 2018, with resulting impacts upon the community.

The journey between Buckley Bay and Shingle Spit, which usually takes about an hour, often took multiple hours this past summer. Travellers who wanted to be sure to connect through to Vancouver Island on the first sailing off of Hornby Island needed to leave their vehicle in the line-up the night before (which is of course not possible for everyone), or else had to be in the line-up one and a half to two hours ahead of the sailing.

Route 22 had the highest capacity utilization of any BC Ferries' route in July and August of 2017: 99% and 102%. Route 22 also had the highest percentage of overloads of any route: 14.9% (up from 9.2% in the previous year). It seems likely that a high proportion of these overloads are happening in the peak season. From what we have heard, traffic seems to have substantially increased this year.

It seems clear that the current level of service for Route 22 contracted between the Province and BC Ferries is inadequate to address the actual level of traffic during the summer months.

At its August 3rd, 2018 regular business meeting, the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee passed the following resolution:

**HO-2018-047**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED,**

that the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee request the Chair to write to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure asking the Province, in advance of the next performance term of the Coastal Ferry Services Contract, to engage in

discussions with the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee to explore amending the contracted level of service on Route 22 to address the high level of summer traffic that cannot be met by the present contracted level of service (with the letter copied to the CEO of BC Ferries, Hon Scott Fraser, MLA, the BC Ferry Commission, the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee and the Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association).

**CARRIED**

The Hornby Island Official Community Plan includes the following Policies:

5.7.10 BC Ferry Corporation and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are encouraged to:

- a) achieve a level of service that follows rather than precedes community needs and that is established in consultation with community representatives; and
- d) consult on a regular basis with a local advisory committee (or in the absence of such a committee, the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee) with respect to future planning for and any changes to ferry service between Hornby Island and Vancouver Island

The Hornby Island Local Trust Committee has also written to the CEO of BC Ferries (letter attached), asking that BC Ferries explore options to address summer overloads on Route 22 with the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC). We also ask that the Province explore changes to the contractual level of summer service with the FAC.

Thank you for your consideration of the above matter.



Laura Busheikin, Chair  
Hornby Island Local Trust Committee

Attachment: Copy of letter to Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

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