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BC Ferry Commission
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Attention: Mr. Gord Macatee, BC Ferry Commissioner, and
Mr. Sheldon Stollen, Deputy BC Ferry Commissioner

Re: Commissioner's Discussion Paper #1

Thank you for your visit to the islands this past summer. We appreciate the time you took to solicit our opinions on the ferry system and hope that this type of public interaction will continue in the future.

The Village of Port Clement's Council would like to comment on section 38(1) related to the existing six guiding principles under which BC Ferries operates. Specifically, the Port Clements Village Council feel that the BC Ferry system is an extension of the BC Highway network which is an essential component of BC's transportation system, a system paid for by British Columbians, including the residents of Haida Gwaii. Our entire cost of living here on the islands is already directly linked with the cost of the BC Ferry system. Due to our remote location and limited options, the BC Ferry system is an essential service here on the islands.

We request that you recommend that the provincial government replace the six guiding principles of the Coastal Ferry Act with a single principle to "provide a safe, reliable, affordable ferry system for the residents of British Columbia".

Thank you for considering our request. Please keep us informed as to the outcome.

Sincerely,

Wally Cheer
Mayor

Cc: Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs
MLA Gary Coons