

BC FERRIES - PARITY AND RELATIVE FARE CAPS

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: June 28, 2007

Board Resolution: WHEREAS communities served by the 'minor' ferry routes are facing ever increasing hardships in direct relationship to continual fare increases; and WHEREAS the ferries are an extension of the highway system and are essential to ensure tourism, economic development and sustainability of ferry dependent communities;
THEREFORE the Union of British Columbia Municipalities requests that the provincial government give 'minor' ferry routes the same consideration it has given the northern routes by paying the minor route fuel deferral costs and that B.C. Ferries' capital costs be supported by general taxpayer funding as are the highways and the ferries which link British Columbia's mainland communities

This resolution was referred to UBCM on, June 28, 2007

A response was received on November 19, 2007

Response from UBCM: Presented to the members of the UBCM Executive for their consideration regarding submission to the 2007 UBCM Convention in September. Grouped with Coast Ferries resolution (record 18) UBCM Resolutions Committee comments please refer to 2007 UBCM Resolutions B18 and C15 and 16.