

COASTAL FERRIES

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: November 27, 2006

Board Resolution: WHEREAS coastal ferry customers have recently been burdened with a number of substantial increases to ferry fares which are being attributed to a number of factors (including reduced Provincial subsidies to the BC Ferry Corporation, fuel surcharges and user-pay policies);
AND WHEREAS extra charges to customers on coastal ferry routes are unfair because ferries are as essential as any other components of our provincial transportation infrastructure (such as roads, bridges, rapid transit and buses) and all other forms of transportation continue to be substantially supported by government taxes and subsidies;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities petition the provincial government to work with local government and ferry advisory commissions to ensure that coastal ferries remain an affordable and viable part of British Columbia's transportation network.

This resolution was referred to AVICC on, February 2, 2007

A response was received on April 23, 2007

Response from AVICC: On motion, was ENDORSED at the annual convention. Resolution has been referred.