



Statement from the SCRD Board on BC Ferries Trial Project

Sechelt, BC – April 23, 2021- The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board is providing further information and clarification on a trial project just announced by BC Ferries.

On Thursday April 22, BC Ferries management provided a presentation to the SCRD Board on a proposed trial project that includes changes to the BC Ferries service on the Horseshoe Bay to Langdale route. This was one of three presentations provided by BC Ferries to local governments on the Sunshine Coast over the past week. The trial project was provided endorsements from the SCRD, Town of Gibsons and the District of Sechelt.

The SCRD Board would like to clarify that these proposed changes are not an SCRD decision nor did BC Ferries require an endorsement from the SCRD Board in order to implement this trial project.

After the presentation, BC Ferries issued a news release titled “Statement in Response to Endorsement by the SCRD.” Again, to be clear, this trial project was not an SCRD decision. As outlined above, the SCRD was one of three local governments that endorsed this trial project being led by BC Ferries.

The SCRD Board is aware that BC Ferries conducted engagement activities with the community and that this project is being initiated as a direct result of this engagement. However, based on feedback the SCRD has heard directly from residents, there is a need for further engagement and information sharing by BC Ferries.

The SCRD Board, along with other local governments from the Town of Gibsons and District of Sechelt are asking for immediate action from BC Ferries to ensure that feedback provided from the community in the past 24-hours is taken into consideration.

As this trial period continues, the SCRD Board expects continued consultation and updates from BC Ferries.

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