

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Regular Board – February 13, 2025

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCRD NOISE CONTROL BYLAW NO. 597 FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA FERRY SERVICES INC. (BC FERRIES)

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (1) THAT the report titled Request for Exemption from SCRD Noise Control Bylaw No. 597 for British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) be received for information;
 - (2) AND THAT enforcement against British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) be waived according to the following schedule for British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) to perform maintenance at the Langdale Ferry Terminal (Electoral Area F):
 - From 7:00 a.m. on February 20, 2025 to 4:00 a.m. on May 16, 2025 at the Langdale Ferry Terminal;
 - (3) AND FURTHER THAT British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) be requested to attempt to minimize disturbances and that appropriate notice be provided to area residents.
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BACKGROUND

On February 3, 2025, a representative from British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (hereafter referred to as BC Ferries) reached out to SCRD staff to request an exemption from *Sunshine Coast Regional District Noise Control Bylaw No. 597, 2008* to facilitate berth improvements of the Langdale terminal's secondary operating berth, Berth 2, in Electoral Area F, Howe Sound.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to put forward an exemption request as received by BC Ferries from SCRD Noise Control Bylaw No. 597. The location of the BC Ferries Langdale berth is located within SCRD Electoral Area F, Howe Sound, and is therefore subject to SCRD Noise Control Bylaw No. 597. BC Ferries included the following information in their request:

- The project is expected to begin February 20, 2025 and run ten to twelve (10 – 12) weeks, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (day shift) and 5:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. (night shift), with an expected completion date of on or before May 16, 2025;
- The project involves general refurbishment of Berth 2 including structural components, installation of self-tensioning winches, and stabilization of the shoreline;

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- The work is not expected to generate excessive noise and will consist primarily of generators and welding units.

Sunshine Coast Regional District Noise Control Bylaw No. 597, 2008 section (4) (c) prohibits noise that may interrupt or prevent sleep before 7:00 am and after 11:00 pm on any day that is not a holiday, or before 9:00 am and after 11:00 pm on any holiday.

BC Ferries has requested this exemption to allow their contractors to work both day and night to facilitate completion of the work ahead of peak travel seasons, and to align the required work with tidal considerations. Therefore, exemption from SCR D Noise Control Bylaw No. 597 is requested. If the Board supports allowing work on this project to be done during normal ‘quiet hours’, a resolution can be made to indicate that enforcement of the SCR D Noise Control Bylaw No. 597 will not be undertaken during the specified time periods.

COMMUNICATIONS

BC Ferries informs staff that they intend to communicate this project through a service notice posted to their website. The SCR D will share any public notices provided by BC Ferries on the SCR D Corporate Facebook Page.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

n/a

CONCLUSION

BC Ferries has requested an exemption from *Sunshine Coast Regional District Noise Control Bylaw No. 597, 2008*, during normal quiet hours to allow for berth improvements in Howe Sound (Area F) between February 20th and May 16th, 2025. Staff recommend granting the exemption.

Reviewed by:			
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