

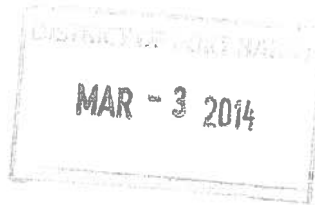
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February 20, 2014.

RE: BC Salmon Farmers Association Membership Renewal

Dear Mayor Parnham,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our important salmon farming community in British Columbia.

Your commitment allows the BC Salmon Farmers Association to each year provide public information about salmon farming and coordinate industry-wide initiatives such as research activities, various committees and community events. It also enables us to maintain targeted memberships with local, national and international organizations to represent the broader interests of our membership base.

As representatives for the many men and women who work on salmon farms and who provide services and supplies for the sector, it is important that we continue to act as a liaison between industry, government and the public, and play a proactive role in informing stakeholders that BC farm-raised salmon is not only good for you but that it is produced in an environmentally sustainable manner by community-oriented companies.

As always, a coordinated and consistent outreach to our retail customers, government, media and our communities is needed. Your continued support ensures that we are able to reach out to all of these important stakeholders, though a range of opportunities such as farm tours, media coverage, printed materials, public presentations, meetings and consultations and more. This coordinated strategy is crucial for engaging all parties and their representative level of government, and ensuring that policies and programs meet our industry needs.

Over the coming year, working with our Board of Directors, the Association will ensure that members continue to receive value for their membership in the association. We will continue to develop with the focus on informing the public and stakeholders of the important work our farming community is undertaking each day.

Thank you again for your continued support. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. We look forward to working with you for another year.

Sincerely,

Your staff at the BC Salmon Farmers Association

2014 - \$375
2013 - \$375



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Her Worship
Mayor Bev Parnham
District of Port Hardy
7360 Columbia Street
Port Hardy BC V0N 2P0

Reference: 223612
Your File: 510-20 BC Ferry
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Dear Mayor Parnham:

Re: B.C. Coastal Ferry Services

Premier Christy Clark has asked me to respond on her behalf to your recent letter regarding our coastal ferry system.

I recognize the planned service reductions will affect the tourism industry and local economies. These are part of the tough decisions the Province needs to make to ensure the long-term sustainability of the ferry service. As you may be aware, B.C. taxpayers have provided \$86.6 million to 2016 to help reduce the pressure for future fare increases. The additional funding has resulted in a significant amount of federal and provincial support, totalling more than \$200 million last year.

The Province's service reduction plan will help meet the immediate challenges and address the significant costs facing the ferry system. These service adjustments will save the ferry operator \$14 million in total net savings to 2016 and protect basic service levels. BC Ferries will also be looking for \$4.9 million in net service reduction savings on the major routes, which is in addition to the \$4 million in net savings they have already identified for these routes.

Going forward, the Province and BC Ferries will continue to look for opportunities to achieve additional savings and efficiencies. While a number of long-term measures are being explored to address affordability concerns, such as moving to liquefied natural gas, replacing vessels on the minor routes with "no frills" vessels and creating more interoperability in the system, these ideas will take time to implement.

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With respect to your comments about the Discovery Coast route (Route 40), I know that even with the year-round ferry service provided by the Nimpkish, the cancellation of Route 40 will affect communities along the Central Coast and in the Chilcotin. The utilization of the Discovery Coast route has averaged 30 to 40 per cent over the last 10 years, and the vessel serving the route, the Queen of Chilliwack, is also nearing the end of its service life.

The elimination of Route 40 will result in an estimated annual net savings of approximately \$1.5 million to 2016. In addition, by not having to operate and replace the Queen of Chilliwack, the savings beyond 2016 will increase by \$8 to \$10 million a year. The Nimpkish will provide a connection between Bella Coola, Ocean Falls, Shearwater and Bella Bella, where travellers can connect to the main north/south route between Prince Rupert and Port Hardy.

While the planned changes support the vision of an affordable, efficient, and sustainable coastal ferry system, the government and BC Ferries will undertake an analysis of the input gathered during the community engagement before finalizing any service level changes. BC Ferries will also be working with the Ferry Advisory Committees to explore modifications to the schedules, within the new service levels, to help mitigate the impacts to ferry users.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

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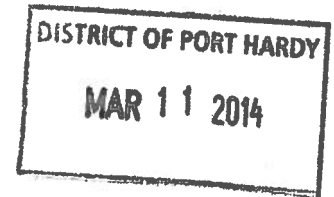


Todd G. Stone
Minister

Copy to: Premier Christy Clark



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March 7, 2014

Honorable Mayor Bev Parnham & Council,

On behalf of the Port Hardy & District Chamber of Commerce, I would like to formally invite you to attend our social event of the year; the upcoming 42nd Business Excellence Awards and Gala on Saturday, May 3rd, 2014.

This wonderful civic event provides the community with the opportunity to recognize and celebrate deserving individuals, businesses and organizations. We will be presenting Excellence Awards in the following categories: Retailer of the Year; Forestry/Forest Product Business of the Year; Insurance/ Financial Services Business of the Year; Hospitality/ Tourism Business of the Year; Trades Business of the Year; Ocean Products Business of the Year; Outstanding Contribution in Arts & Culture Award; Excellence in Sustainability or Green Business of the Year; Community Contribution Award: Non-Profit of the Year; Lifetime Achievement Award; New Business of the Year; Business of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year and the Don Cruickshank Community Spirit Award.

We are encouraging everyone in the community to have a say and submit their submissions online at <http://www.ph-chamber.bc.ca/> - Your attendance at this event would be greatly appreciated as we celebrate excellence in business and show our support to the businesses and community members who contribute considerably to our town. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber & Visitor Centre.

The doors open at 6:30 for cocktails, followed by the awards presentation, live auction and dance.

Sincerely,

Carly Pereboom, Executive Director

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*Tickets \$35.00 each