



**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**
525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

November 5, 2009.

Mr. David L. Hahn
President and Chief Executive Officer
BC Ferries
1112 Fort Street
Victoria, BC Canada V8V 4V2

Dear Mr. Hahn: 

I am writing on behalf of the Executive of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities to register the Association's concern with respect to the recent reduction of ferry service between Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay and its impact on travel plans for Island residents, visitors and businesses.

This issue was discussed at the AVICC Executive meeting held October 29 in Nanaimo. Of particular concern is the manner in which the changes were made with minimal advance notice of the change and lack of consultation with the communities involved.

It was as recently as June 26 when Mike Corrigan spoke with the Executive at its meeting here in Victoria that we raised the importance of ferry scheduling and encouraged BC Ferries to consult widely with affected business and community leaders not only to identify issues, but also potential solutions.

We know that BC Ferries is fully aware of the impact ferry scheduling and service has for island and coastal communities and we also understand that business decisions are necessary. AVICC members would appreciate the opportunity to work together to ensure that both parties' needs and interests are met as best as possible considering the current economic situation.

Sincerely,


Mayor Christopher Causton
President