



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

November 3, 2010

The Honourable Shirley Bond  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Government  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bond:

**RE: COASTAL FERRY CONTRACT AND CONTRACT TERM  
FOR BC FERRIES COMMISSIONER M. CRILLY**

As you are aware, ferry service is integral to our member communities. We understand that the next several months is a critical time period as the Province will decide on new provisions in the Coastal Ferry Services contract by next summer. As the terms of the Ferry Services Contract are renegotiated, on behalf of our members, I would ask you to consider carefully the significant concerns raised by members over the last number of years on the issues of ferry fares increases and service level reductions and the effects these have made on the island and coastal communities.

Further, it has come to our Executive's attention that the employment contract for Mr. Martin Crilly, BC Ferries Commissioner is not being extended beyond December 2010 despite the fact that he will not likely be able to complete his work on the approval of fare caps for the Performance Term 3 (April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2016) before that time. We understand that Mr. Crilly's work is very well respected and believe that it will be a challenge for a new Commissioner to get up to speed on the complex issues surrounding the fare structures in the short time available before these decisions need to be made. We request that you reconsider extending Mr. Crilly's contract until he is able to complete the work around the approval of fare caps for Performance Term 3.

Thank you for hearing our concerns and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Christopher Causton  
President