
Appendix C – Stakeholder Support

The following organizations provided letters to BC Ferries, indicating their preliminary support of ICEP:

Municipalities and Regional Districts

- Capital Regional District
- Nanaimo Regional District
- Island Trust Council
- Regional District Mount Waddington – Electoral District A
- qathet Regional District
- qathet Texada Regional Electoral District
- City of Nanaimo
- City of Campbell River
- City of Powell River
- Village of Alert Bay

First Nations

- We Wai Kai First Nation
- Wei Wai Kum First Nation
- 'Namgis First Nation
- Tla'amin Nation

Business

- Corvus Energy
- Ralmax Group of Companies (Point Hope Shipyard)

Industry Associations

- Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA)
- South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP)
- Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)
- Victoria Chamber of Commerce
- Parksville Chamber of Commerce
- Qualicum Chamber of Commerce
- Westshore Chamber of Commerce
- Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce
- Tourism Vancouver Island
- Parksville Qualicum Tourism Association
- Innovation Norway
- Salt Spring Community Energy Society

- Transition SaltSpring

Non-Government Organizations

- Green Marine
- Ocean Networks Canada
- WWF-Canada

Training Institutions

- British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)
- Camosun College
- Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Ferry Advisory Committees

- Alert Bay, Sointula, Port McNeill – Route 25
- Powell River, Texada Island – Route 18
- Nanaimo, Gabriola Island – Route 19
- Campbell River, Cortes Island – Route 23
- Vesuvius Bay, Crofton (Salt Spring) – Route 6
- Quadra Island, Cortes Island – Route 24
- Chemainus, Thetis Island, Penalekut Island - Route 20
- Denman Island, Hornby Island – Route 22

Port Authorities

- Nanaimo Port Authority
- Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Victoria Harbour Authority

January 15, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI), I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

ABCMI represents a wide variety of companies in BC's industrial marine sector. This includes shipbuilding and ship repair, industrial marine services and marine infrastructure, marine professional services, marine products, small craft marine construction and repair, and ocean science and technology. In all of these sub-sectors, innovation and a consciousness of building a sustainable industry that contributes towards a reduced environmental and ecological impact is paramount.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Alex Rueben
Executive Director

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January 27, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
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Dear Mr. Collins,

I was pleased to hear about the proposed electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and the associated terminal infrastructure. There are benefits for BC Ferries, for the province and for post-secondary institutes, including the BCIT community.

This wide-reaching project embodies values of strategic importance for BCIT including sustainability, innovation and becoming future-ready. In addition it is relevant both to our Applied Research and our workforce development strategic plans.

BCIT's Applied Research Capabilities include a small emissions research facility, The Emissions Research and Reduction Test Hub (ERRTH) and there are other related projects involving electrification and sustainability within the transportation sector.

BCIT partners learners and industry for success through workforce development. This project potentially creates rich opportunities for our students, faculty and graduates. The Schools of Transportation, Energy, Construction and the Environment, Business and Media all could contribute and benefit from this endeavour. The skills required in this project will have continued demand in BC long after the project is completed and the experience will prove valuable in many industries. The BCIT emphasis on job-readiness, critical thinking and problem-solving skills creates graduates who can contribute, whether the team's focus is electrical design, systems integration or project management. For young students in in our rigorous apprenticeship programs, mature students reskilling or those pursuing interdisciplinary studies credentials, this project would allow our graduates to gain experience and expertise at the leading edge of technology, while developing specialized workforce skills in high demand across different industries. Our Marine Campus Engineering Graduates could well be involved in implementing, operating and maintaining the system.

BCIT supports this project for the environmental benefit, social value and economic impact it will have and we encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Kinloch
President



January 12, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of Camosun College, I am writing to encourage you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would have a positive impact on workers in British Columbia. It is expected to create jobs in industries including ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Our alumni, many of whom are employed in the marine industry, are highly skilled workers who possess specialized training and have undergone a rigorous apprenticeship. This project would allow many BC marine sector workers to gain valuable new experience that will allow them to enhance their expertise and will contribute to increasing the size of a specialized workforce in high demand across many different industries.

Moreover, electrification of the ferries will provide a positive impact on the greening of our industries which I know is a priority for your government. This is also a priority for Camosun College as we develop more and more programming targeting environmentally sound construction and industry practices.

We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

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Sherri Bell
President

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

27 January, 2021

David Hendry, CPA, CMA
Director, Strategic Planning & Community Engagement
Strategy & Community Engagement
British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.

Via email: David.Hendry@bcferries.com

RE: Letter of Support- for BC Ferries – Ferry Electrification Project

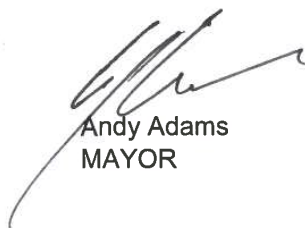
City of Campbell River Council are pleased to learn of BC Ferries Inc's significant investment in your long-term emissions reduction strategy. Please accept our letter of support to accompany your funding application in your efforts towards ferry electrification.

Council recognizes the importance of creating a healthier environment for our marine wildlife, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and eliminating criteria air contaminants to protect the health and wellbeing of our community members.

We appreciate the economic recovery and marine innovation aspects of your plan, and we look forward to learning more about creation of jobs and training opportunities for our community, and your work to establish Canada as a leader in clean, green marine technology.

We wish you success in your application.

Sincerely yours,



Andy Adams
MAYOR

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January 20, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Letter of Support – B.C Ferries Island Class Electrification Project

As Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, and on behalf of Council, I am pleased to provide this letter of support to B.C. Ferries Island Class Electrification Project.

We urge the federal government to provide financial funding for this important project. This project would enable the conversion of Island-class ferries from hybrid-powered to all-electric vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries as passengers embark and disembark from the ferry during docking. We believe that the project would result in significant community benefits for the City of Nanaimo.

Electrifying the Island Class Ferries and its associated terminals, such as the Gabriola Island terminal in downtown Nanaimo, would help the City reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Through the City's Official Community Plan and Council Strategic Plan, greenhouse gas emissions reduction is seen as a significant priority to promote the long-term wellbeing and the future of our growing community. In April 2019, the City of Nanaimo also declared a Climate Emergency and is currently reviewing and updating its current climate plans and policies to speed up implementation of our GHG reduction goals. The Plan being proposed by BC Ferries will greatly help the City implement this effort.

In addition to emissions reduction, we see the electrification of the Island Class as a valuable opportunity to collaborate with BC Ferries on a community decarbonisation strategy that incorporates local resident and business perspectives. Since the Island Class ferries serves a number of inter-island communities, we see this project as an opportunity to also strengthen community resiliency and adaptability.

We feel the issue of climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing our province and country. This project would be a first on the West Coast and represents an essential step in the right direction to the transition towards low carbon energy. It would help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

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We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

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Leonard Krog
MAYOR

cc:

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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From the Office of the Mayor

File No. 0420-20-0003

February 8, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mr. Collins:

Re: Letter of Support for Electrification of BC Ferries

On behalf of the Powell River City Council, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrids to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions creates jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact.

Yours truly,
CITY OF POWELL RIVER

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David Formosa
Mayor

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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January 12, 2021

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: Support for the Electrification of BC Ferries Island Class Ferries

On behalf of Corvus Energy, we are writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals.

Corvus Energy is the supplier of the batteries recently selected by BC Ferries for six newbuilt Island Class ferries. The batteries were manufactured by Corvus, supporting employment for hundreds of people at Corvus in Richmond, B.C. and at our local suppliers' facilities.

This new project would enable the conversion of these six ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric vessels, by augmenting battery capacity as well as upgrading shore power infrastructure at BC Ferries terminals to recharge the batteries. It will showcase Canadian decarbonization and noise-reduction technology in maritime environments.

The Corvus lithium-ion batteries that are under consideration for BC Ferries' electrification program are developed (with support from NRC IRAP, WD WINN and ISED Ocean Supercluster) and manufactured in Richmond, B.C. For a decade, the majority of Corvus' product has been exported to Northern Europe and China, earning the company its reputation as the foremost battery technology experts and the world's leading supplier of marine energy storage systems. The ~100 Corvus employees in Richmond, B.C. are proud and excited that our innovative technology is now being deployed in Canada.

We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact to re-energize the local economy, strengthen low-carbon maritime infrastructure, and improve Canadian knowhow of vessel electrification. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Best Regards,

Geir Bjørkeli
CEO

Sean Puchalski
EVP, Strategy and Business Planning

cc The Hon. Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change
The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
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January 21, 2021

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Mr. Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer
BC Ferries
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Via email: mark.collins@bcferries.com

Dear Mr. Collins:

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – ISLAND CLASS ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD), please accept this letter of support to accompany your funding application to the federal government for your proposed Island Class electrification project. This project would enable the conversion of Island-class ferries from hybrid-powered to all-electric vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during passenger loading. The CRD agrees in principle with the objectives of this project proposal.

The CRD is committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and greatly accelerating efforts around regional climate action, as recognized by the CRD's 2019 climate emergency declaration. Electrifying the Island Class and its associated terminals would help reduce GHG emissions. We see this and future related projects as a valuable opportunity to collaborate with BC Ferries on community decarbonization strategies that incorporate local perspectives.

We feel the issue of climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing our region, the province and Canada. We recognize that this project is an essential step in the right direction in the transition toward low carbon energy and reduction of GHG emissions from our transportation sector. We are encouraged by this innovative project. We hope that BC Ferries will learn from this work and continue to transition its vessels serving the capital region to zero carbon fuel sources in the future.

The CRD supports this project and encourages the federal government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Larisa Hutcheson, P.Eng.
General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services

cc: Hansi Liu-Atkinson, Energy Manager, BC Ferries
Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, Environmental Protection, CRD
Nikki Elliott, Supervisor, Climate Action Program, CRD



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January 18, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
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BRITISH COLUMBIA
FERRY SERVICES INC.

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Presidents Office

Dear Mark,

On behalf of Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

As residents of the northern Gulf Islands, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our communities. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our community health and well-being.

The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our community that will support future economic and local business growth.

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In our view, this effort would be a first on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

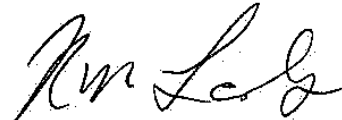
We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce



Lynden McMartin, Chairman



Mark Lasby, Secretary-Treasurer

File:

March 11, 2021

Mr. Mark Collins
President and CEO
BC Ferries

Via email: mark.collins@bcferries.com

Dear Mr. Collins;

Re: Federal funding for the Island Class Ferry Electrification Project

On behalf of the council of the District of West Vancouver, I am writing you in support of securing federal funding for the Island Class Ferry Electrification Project.

The project goal of fully electrifying the BC Ferries Island Class vessels which are currently hybrid powered will transition the fleet away from fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by 18,000 tonnes of CO₂e (the equivalent of 3,800 vehicles on the road) per year when the full Island Class program of six vessels is built out.

The move towards quieter ship operations will also help reduce noise impacts on local communities and marine life, such as endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific salmon and cetaceans, according to BC Ferries literature provided to Nanaimo city council.

One of our strategic goals is to protect our natural environment, reduce our impact on it, and adapt to climate change. We feel your project reflects our goals and vision and urge the federal government to support this project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Booth', written in a cursive style.

Mary-Ann Booth

cc:

Council, District of West Vancouver

Mayor Gary Ander, Bowen Island Municipality

Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Village of Lions Bay

Mayor Elliott, District of Squamish

MP Patrick Weiler, West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country

MLA Karin Kirkpatrick, West Vancouver - Capilano

MLA Jordan Sturdy, West Vancouver – Sea to Sky

Robert Bartlett, CAO, District of West Vancouver

01/26/2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of my constituents, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

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Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Sandra Daniels
Regional Director
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C.C. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

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January 12th, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of Green Marine, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

Green Marine is a voluntary environmental certification program for the North American marine industry. It was developed and is being constantly updated in partnership with several NGOs, government agencies and scientists. The program encourages its participants to reduce their environmental footprint by taking concrete actions, including the development of clean alternative renewable energy solutions. BC Ferries joined Green Marine in 2015 and has demonstrated great commitment to improve its environmental performance.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions represent a very significant step on the road to decarbonization of the maritime industry. It is highly compatible with Canada's stated objectives in fighting climate change. This project will also create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a sustainable way in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

David Bolduc
Executive Director, Green Marine

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

January 18, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Prime Minister,

As CEO of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, a community-based not-for-profit organization, I am fully supportive of the move by BC Ferries to pursue electrification of some of its vessels and terminals. As the owner and operator of the Victoria Cruise Terminal and deep-water port, our organization is exploring the introduction of shore power connections for ocean-going vessels; this project would bring a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air contaminants to southern Vancouver Island. Collective efforts – such as our shore power project and BC Ferries' electrification plans – to move marine industries toward electrification and emissions reductions provide a benefit to everyone on the west coast of Canada.

To signal our support for region-wide electrification programs, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

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Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Ian Robertson, CEO
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

CC:

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

January 15, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
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Dear Mark,

On behalf of Innovation Norway, owned by the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Innovation Norway's industry partners in Norway have always been impressed with the international leadership of BC Ferries. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will be successful and have a lasting and positive impact.

Sincerely,

Alana Prashad
Senior Advisor, Innovation Norway Toronto
Energy and Environment Lead, Americas

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January 19, 2021

File No.: 0400-20

Via email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support for the BC Ferries Island Class Electrification Project

On behalf of Islands Trust Council, I am writing to communicate our support for the BC Ferries Island Class Electrification Project. We urge the federal government to provide financial funding for this important project. This project would enable the conversion of Island-class ferries from hybrid-powered to all-electric vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers. We believe that the project would support the goals of the Islands Trust Climate Emergency Declaration.

Electrifying the Island Class and its associated terminals would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. On March 13, 2019, the [Islands Trust Council declared a climate emergency](#) and identified ways in which we will help address and mitigate impacts of climate change. Island communities have repeatedly voiced concerns about the greenhouse gas emissions associated with BC Ferries' vessels and reducing vessel emissions is a significant priority to promote the long-term wellbeing of communities and ecosystems. In addition, as the Island Class ferries serve a number of island communities, we see this project as an opportunity to strengthen community resilience and adaptability.

We are thankful that the federal government has taken a leadership position with regard to climate change. In our view this is not something that can wait. Proactive, ambitious actions are needed now with leadership from the House of Commons. This project represents an essential step in the right direction to the transition towards a low-carbon future.

In March 2019, [Islands Trust Council passed a Reconciliation Declaration](#) to commit to the guiding principles of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRC) Calls to Action. The Islands Trust is located within the treaty and territories of many First Nation governments and upgrades to the associated BC Ferries terminals could impact First Nations. We feel that for any electrification project to be successful it must include meaningful and respectful engagement between First Nations, all levels of government, Islands Trust, and BC Ferries, and we would advocate for this meaningful and respectful engagement to be part of this project.

With these thoughts in mind we urge you to support this project and encourage the Government of Canada to contribute financially to its success. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Peter Luckham
Chair, Islands Trust Council
pluckham@islandstrust.bc.ca

C.C. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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BC Ferry Commissioner
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'NAMGIS
FIRST NATION

28 January 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of 'Namgis First Nation, I am writing to express our support for the proposed electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

'Namgis support is conditional upon the 'home' terminal of the Island Aurora remaining in Alert Bay as any change would be quite disruptive on our community members who are commute daily for work employment purposes.

As a First Nation, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our territories. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our members health and well-being.

Unemployment in our First Nation is high at the best of times and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated levels of unemployment. The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our members. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our First Nation that will support future economic and local business growth.

The 'Namgis people have used and occupied the territory where BC Ferries' terminals are located and continue to do so to this day. Although today we express our support in principle of BC Ferries' proposal to electrify the Island Class vessels and their associated terminals, we do, however, reserve the right to be consulted and our support will not be construed as precluding our Nation from bona fide participation in any application, review, or approval process relating to the manner in which BC Ferries' terminals may in

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the future be constructed, operated, or maintained as a result. We look forward to establishing a good working relationship with BC Ferries in this regard.

We understand that this project would greatly enhance the environmental and socio-economic well-being of our community. Electrification is the way of the future, and we support the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessels and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success. Reducing greenhouse gases and its impacts on climate change are critical and we see this initiative as helping to do that. And, finally, should this initiative receive funding, we would welcome the opportunity to further engage with BC Ferries' to identify any potential economic opportunities or other areas of partnership.

Sincerely,



Don Svanvik, Chief
'Namgis First Nation

1 February 2021

Mr. Mark Collins
President & CEO, BC Ferries
Suite 500 , 1321 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 0B7
transmitted via email

Dear Mr. Collins,

I am delighted to write to you in support of your work to fully electrify your new Island Class vessels along with their terminals.

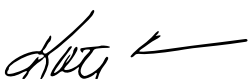
Ocean Networks Canada has been pleased to partner with you on our program together that captures ocean data while underway on three of your current routes . We hope to soon continue this program on the electric vessels too. This partnership demonstrated to us BC Ferries commitment to sustainable ocean use.

And now you are taking BC Ferries to another level of climate action with electrification and doing so as one of the world leaders in sustainable ferry operations. Electrification of your Island Class vessels not only supports the province's Clean BC Program and the federal government's Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, it is , simply put, the right corporate thing to do for taking climate action.

And the added benefit is a quieter ocean that helps to protect ocean species that are negatively impacted by noise, like the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales.

I applaud this initiative.

Sincerely yours,



Kate Moran, PhD, FCSSE, PEng
President & CEO



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January 15, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of The Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact.

Sincerely,

Kim Burden
Executive Director

Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce PO Box 99 Parksville, BC V9P 2G3
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PARKSVILLE QUALICUM BEACH

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January 19, 2021

BRITISH COLUMBIA
FERRY SERVICES INC.

JAN 22 2021

Presidents Office

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Parksville Qualicum Beach Tourism Association, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Patrick Jiggins, Chair

C.C.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

Jan 13, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of Nanaimo Port Authority, I am writing to express our support the initiative for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. We understand this project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

With this project and initiative, the environmental impact within the Port of Nanaimo would be significantly reduced and we support this bold step in leading the way to change in our community.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. We fully support companies that will source material and equipment for this project having significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled local individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact, and we urge our federal government to support this initiative.

Sincerely,



Ian Marr,
President & C.E.O.
Nanaimo Port Authority



January 29, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Re: Support for Electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class Vessels and Associated Terminals

On behalf of the qathet Regional District, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

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Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brabazon, Chair
qathet Regional District

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

Jan. 22, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

As the elected regional representative for one of the communities served by BC Ferries Island Class vessels (Texada Island) I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of these ships and their associated terminals. **This is an opportunity for the Government of Canada to showcase to the world how it is committed to reducing greenhouses gases and addressing the impacts of climate change.** This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. I'm confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. I urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Sandy McCormick
Director, qathet Regional District
Texada Island, British Columbia

C.C. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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January 15, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 - 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of The Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

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Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact.

Sincerely,

Kim Burden
Executive Director



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January 12, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

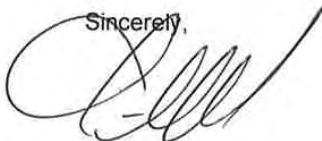
On behalf of The Ralmax Group of Companies, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Ian Maxwell
Owner / CEO

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February 1, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: Letter of Support - BC Ferries Island Class Electrification Project

Dear Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Regional District of Nanaimo's Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for BC Ferries Island Class Electrification project.

This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from hybrid-powered to all-electric vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during docking as passengers embark and disembark. Several of the inter-island routes served by the Island Class vessels lie within the Regional District of Nanaimo, and the electrification project would result in significant community benefits.

Electrifying the Island Class vessels and associated terminals would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2013, the Regional District of Nanaimo adopted our Community Energy and Emission Plan to address and mitigate impacts of climate change in our region. Under this plan, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is a key priority to promote the long-term wellbeing of our growing community. Additionally, climate change adaptation and mitigation, including a strategy for electric vehicle recharging and the goal of becoming net zero by 2032 are identified in the Board's current Strategic Plan.

Climate change is one of the most significant challenges facing our province and Canada. This project would be a first on the West Coast and represents an essential step in the transition towards low carbon energy. It would help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

In addition to emissions reduction, electrification of the Island Class is a valuable opportunity to collaborate with BC Ferries on a community decarbonisation strategy that incorporates local resident and business perspectives. Since the Island Class ferries serve inter-island communities, this project will provide prospects to enhance community resilience and adaptability as we position ourselves to optimize post-pandemic economic recovery opportunities.

The Regional District of Nanaimo Board strongly supports this project and encourages the federal government to provide funding to help make it possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Brown', is positioned above the printed name.

Tyler Brown, Chair
Regional District of Nanaimo

cc: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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Mark Collins, Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries

January 20, 2021

Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries

Suite 500 - 1321 Blanshard Street,
Victoria, BC,
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Dear Mark;

The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee strongly supports the electrification of the BCF Island Class ferries and of the terminals from which they will operate. This project will enable the diesel-electric Island Class to meet their full potential as all-electric vessels by allowing them to seamlessly and efficiently recharge their batteries in the berth while passengers disembark and embark. As Salt Spring Island's Route 6 will utilize Island Class ferries in the near future this program is particularly critical to us.

The Salt Spring Island FAC is very cognizant of how electrification of ferries would be a major benefit to the Salish Sea coastal environment by eliminating air contaminants generated by marine diesel operations.

The quieter electric engines will also be a major benefit both to marine life as well as to local onshore coastal communities.

The leading edge technology involved in the program will be a major benefit to the local economy and generate significant employment of a high caliber. As well, upgrading the electrical grid by greater interconnection and provision of three phase power will be a major benefit to future local economic and business growth.

In our view, this effort would be an innovative first step on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection. We therefore support this project and encourage the government to contribute financially to its implementation and success.

Sincerely,

Harold Swierenga
Chair, Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee
c/o 7734 McAulay Road
Powell River, B.C. V8A 0R4

January 18, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

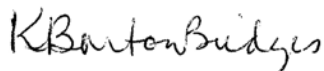
As a Ferry Advisory Committee, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our communities. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our community health and well-being.

The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our community that will support future economic and local business growth.

In our view, this effort would be a first on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Kim Barton-Bridges, Chair
Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee

January 13th, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC, V8W 0B7

Re: BC Ferries request for federal grant money for electrification of Island Class routes

Dear Mark,

I am writing to express the support of the Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This initiative would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

Like most Canadians, we are aware of the significant threats posed by climate change, and we support any efforts to reduce the use of fossil fuels in transportation systems, including the BC Ferries fleet.

We also value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other marine organisms within the waters of our communities. We understand that electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter and cleaner ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and on the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants that will help improve our community health and well-being.

The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. Interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our community that will support future economic and local business growth.

In our view, this effort represents an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

We support this project and hope that the government will contribute funding so that the conversions can proceed quickly.

Sincerely,



Steven Earle on behalf of the Gabriola Ferry Advisory Committee

January 13th, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer,
BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanchard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Chemainus-Thetis-Penelakut (Route 20) Ferry Advisory Committee, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

As a Ferry Advisory Committee, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our communities. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our community health and well-being.

The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our community that will support future economic and local business growth.

In our view, this effort would be a first on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

We support this project and strongly encourage both the Provincial and Federal Governments to financially contribute in a significant way to the success of this initiative.

Sincerely,

Keith Rush
Co-Chair
Route 20 FAC

January 18, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Denman/Hornby Island Ferry Advisory Committee, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals.

We realize COVID-19 is the government's major immediate concern. However, we also realize the government must begin to lay the groundwork for rebuilding our economy to face THE defining issue of our time, the climate emergency.

Here we have an industry, BC Ferries, a major employer on the west coast of Canada desirous of making changes in its operations that would assist Canada to fulfill its goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. Electrifying the Island Class ferries would be the equivalent of reducing GHG emissions by 18,000 tonnes or removing 3800 vehicles from our nation's roadways. Unfortunately BC Ferries, like many other industries, has watched as its revenues dropped to record lows while it continued to transport essential supplies to communities large and small up and down the Canadian Pacific coast. Therefore, it needs financial assistance to make this practical environmental project a reality.

May I remind you that Canada has a long history of industry and government working together to achieve social and economic goals. This cooperation began shortly after Confederation with the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway and has continued with numerous other projects deemed significant and/or in the national interest over the past 150 years.

The government is always concerned about creating jobs and encouraging training opportunities in emerging technologies. This project would generate significant new jobs in many areas including construction, manufacturing, high voltage electrical, and ship conversion, for example. The employment would stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. As well, interconnection upgrades would have the potential of benefiting the electrical grid by providing three phase power to our community that would support further local economic growth.

In our view, this effort would be a first on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Frank Frketich
Chairperson, Denman/Hornby FAC

January 26, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of our Route 25 Tri-Island Ferry Advisory Committee, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

As a Ferry Advisory Committee, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our communities. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our community health and well-being.

The employment generated by this project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our community. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our community that will support future economic and local business growth.

In our view, this effort would be a first on the West Coast and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Melissa Fletcher
Tri-Islands FAC Chair

Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee

January 15th 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mr. Collins,

On behalf of the Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Ferry Advisory Committee, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. We understand that this project will enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from the present diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers as well as at overnight berths.

We believe that the full electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations in order to reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value including the endangered Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our islands. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will contribute to our community health and well-being.

The interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power that will support future economic and local business growth. In addition, the employment generated by this project would be a welcome a boost to the local economy.

In our view, this effort would put British Columbia in the forefront of marine environmental protection technology and represent an essential step that will help Canada take meaningful action against climate change.

We support this project and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynch,
Chair, CRQC Ferry Advisory Committee



Salt Spring Community Energy Society
PO Box 123, Fulford Harbour
Salt Spring, BC, V8K 2P2

January 18, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Salt Spring Community Energy Society, I am writing to express our strong support for the BC Ferries Island Class electrification project and the need for federal government funding for this important project.

The Society is an active non-profit organisation, concerned about sustainability, encouraging renewable energy and clean technology development on Salt Spring Island and the entire Salish Sea region. We are especially interested in renewable energy projects that will inspire our community to embrace a rapid transition to a low carbon economy.

The BC Ferries electrification plan would enable the conversion of Island-class ferries from hybrid-powered to all-electric vessels to allow recharging their batteries at ferry terminals during the embarkation and disembarkation of vehicles and passengers. We believe that the project would result in significant marine environmental, public health, economic and other community benefits for the region and reflect the Federal Government's commitment to reducing GHG emissions, especially in the transportation sector.

Salt Spring has just completed an updated Climate Action Plan for our community and electrifying all forms of transportation is a major strategy in the Plan. BC Ferries on Salt Spring routes alone are estimated to produce over 17,000 tCO₂e each year. Electrifying the Island Class ferries and its associated terminals throughout our region would contribute significantly to the overall goal of a 50% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030.

Our regional and local governments have declared a Climate Emergency in the region and this project represents an effective step in the urgent transition needed from fossil fuels towards low carbon energy. It would demonstrate meaningful action by Canada on the climate crisis while positioning our region as a leader in marine environmental protection.

This project has our full support and we urge the federal government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Ron Watts

Ron Watts
Chair
Salt Spring Community Energy Society



Salt Spring Community Energy Society
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The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, Government of British Columbia
Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

25 January, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Island Class Ferry Electrification Project

On behalf of Simon Fraser University, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.'s Island Class electrification project. The project will overcome critical barriers to the use of renewably generated electricity within Canadian maritime transportation. It will advance Canada's goal of achieving net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050 while providing long-term benefit to Canadian infrastructure, communities, and industry.

The core values of SFU's School of Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE) are closely aligned with the scope and goals of this project. SEE is a unique program in Western Canada, dedicated to leading the transition to truly sustainable energy systems. SFU's vision for SEE received strong support from Provincial and Federal Governments, including over \$90 million for a brand-new, world-class facility to host the program and provide critical research infrastructure to drive sustainable energy innovation. SEE faculty are engaged in diverse fields of energy-related research, from developing nano-materials for CO₂ conversion to continental-scale modelling of energy systems. Clean transportation is a key pillar of the SEE program that dovetails perfectly with BC Ferries' aim of decarbonizing their fleet.

The Island Class electrification project fits well within SEE's core mission and the research expertise of our faculty. We envision SEE playing a key role in driving the long-term and wider benefits of this project, by providing:

- world-leading technical expertise in energy systems and the interactions between transportation technologies and wider societal use of energy;
- wide dissemination of results at industrial, policy, and academic forums nationally and globally, driving growth and raising the profile of Canada's clean-tech industry;

- evaluation of the role of policies and incentives in maximizing environmentally friendly development that provides benefits to society, with many benefits accruing to remote/island communities; and
- training, development, and inspiration of the next generation of energy engineers, through the active involvement of undergraduate and post-graduate engineering students in key parts of the project.

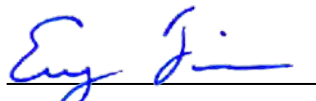
We would like to particularly highlight the value that this project will provide in training future leaders in clean energy technologies, a key enabler of future economic growth and job creation. We foresee a wide range of experiential learning interactions between our students and the BC Ferries team. Opportunities will range from undergraduate course projects and co-op employment to long-term post-graduate collaborative research projects and internships. The project would also underpin multiple opportunities with affiliated organizations in the public and private sectors, from technology development to system modelling to policy analysis. Similarly, SFU will be offering sustainable-energy focused course-based and professional graduate degrees that the project's industry experts can access for career-boosting training. All these interactions will focus on developing a robust long-term environment for low-carbon energy activities in the marine sector while driving skills development, job creation, and economic growth.

In closing, SFU is pleased to express our strong support for this initiative and we look forward to our SEE faculty complement and students supporting BC Ferries in this timely and immensely valuable project.

Best regards,



Dr. Kevin Oldknow, P.Eng.
Director, School of Sustainable
Energy Engineering



Dr. Eugene Fiume
Dean, Faculty of Applied
Sciences



Dr. Dugan O'Neil
Vice-President, Research and
International (pro tem)

January 11, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

SUBJECT: Support for electrification of vessels and supporting infrastructure across Canada's Pacific Coast

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of the South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP) in Greater Victoria, BC, please accept our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals; which will aid economic recovery while reducing GHG emissions of our country's and province's transportation system.

As the economic development alliance for the Greater Victoria region, SIPP convened hundreds of organizations and businesses (along with municipal, provincial, federal and First Nations governments) in discussions about meaningful and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The key themes that emerged from this work were captured in the *Reboot: Greater Victoria's Economic Recovery Plan 2020-2022* report and the need for a clean economy while also investing in the future workforce to ensure nobody gets left behind was loud and clear.

To aid this clean recovery, SIPP strongly encourages the provincial and federal governments to invest in BC Ferries' electrification initiative. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic and environmental benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain creating jobs in industries such as ship-repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions can be a key part of Canada's economic recovery, while also having a lasting and positive impact. Please connect with me anytime by phone (250-891-9220) or email ederosenroll@southislandprosperity.ca to discuss further.

Sincerely,



Emilie de Rosenroll
CEO

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March 8th, 2021

Lorien Melnick
Manager, Indigenous Relations
Strategy & Community Engagement
British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.

Re: BC Ferries Island Class Electrification Project

Please accept this letter as a response to the email sent to the Tla'amin Nation on January 7th, 2021 requesting support for an application to the federal government for a ferry electrification initiative. We understand that the deadline for this application has passed but would like to thank BC Ferries for the information and request follow-up correspondence as the project progresses.

The description of the initiative includes a process to fully electrify the Island Class vessels and connecting terminals. The expected results of the project include a reduction in GHG emissions, improvement to air quality, reduction in sea noise, and several economic and green innovation benefits.

This preliminary information does appear to show great benefits to the economy and environment. The Nation would be interested in pursuing economic partnerships and employment opportunities that may come from this initiative. Any additional information would be appreciated as it becomes available. We would also like to ensure that we are informed of any environmental assessments or expected impacts that may occur during the life of the project.

Sincerely,



Shawn Tougas
Referrals Co-ordinator
Tla'amin Nation

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cc:

John Hackett – Hegus, Tla'amin Nation
Rod Allan – CAO, Tla'amin Nation
Denise Smith – Manager of Lands and Resources, Tla'amin Nation



January 27, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of Tourism Vancouver Island, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers. The project also closely aligns with the responsible travel and sustainability priorities of Tourism Vancouver Island and our stakeholders.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Furthermore, the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessels will help British Columbia and Vancouver Island to reduce travel related emissions and to position the region as a more sustainable destination. Tourism Vancouver Island and its partners have prioritized the development of a more responsible and sustainable tourism industry. An investment in BC Ferries' electrification would advance our region's vision for a more balanced tourism industry.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Everett", is positioned above the printed name.

Anthony Everett
President & CEO

CC The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

January 12, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of Transition Salt Spring, I am writing to express our strong support of the **BC Ferries Island Class electrification project** and urge the federal government to provide necessary financial funding for this important project.

The project is timely. Transition Salt Spring is preparing to publicly the **Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan** for our community which calls for the electrification of our ferries by 2030. As of 2018, ferries serving Salt Spring Island generated 17,400 tonnes CO₂e annually – one of the single largest sources of emissions for Salt Spring Island, behind passenger vehicles.

Electrifying the Island Class ferries would reduce emissions in this category by 95%, contributing significantly to Salt Spring Island's overall target of a 50% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030, and electrification of the Vesuvius to Crofton route would be a great step in the right direction.

Electrification also brings the following co-benefits:

- The dramatically-lower noise profiles of electrified marine vessels help our endangered resident and our transient orcas navigate our waters more safely and reinforce the leadership position that our federal and provincial governments are taking with respect to marine environmental protection.
- The project provides a valuable opportunity to collaborate with BC Ferries on a community decarbonisation strategy that incorporates local resident and business perspectives.
- Is a key opportunity to strengthen community resilience by adapting a key piece of infrastructure in the face of climate change.

Addressing the Climate Emergency is one of the most urgent challenges facing our province and, indeed, all of Canada. This project would be a first on Canada's west coast and represents an effective high profile step in the transition to a low carbon future.

In closing, this project has our full support and we urge the federal government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Bryan Young
President
bryan@transitionsaltspring.com

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries

January 11, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re. BC Ferries electrification of Island Class vessels

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Williams
CEO,
Greater Victoria
Chamber of Commerce

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Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries



January 18, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

On behalf of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, I am writing to encourage financial support for electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project will accelerate plans to enable conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This project will significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Investment in this project will generate direct economic benefits to coastal communities throughout the Vancouver Island and Gulf Island region. In addition, companies contracted for this work will have significant Canadian materials and equipment throughout their value chains.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Full electrification as proposed is embedded in the long-range plans of BC Ferries and we are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. Current circumstances necessitating government infrastructure investment, especially to assist rural economies, now serve to shorten the technical horizon and achieve GHG reductions while also mitigating diesel engine noise impacts on marine life.

Sincerely,

George Hanson, President & CEO
george@viea.ca, 250-667-5225

PS: Thank you again for providing a personalized video message for the virtual 2020 'State of the Island' Economic Summit.

C.C. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
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February 16, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Alert Bay Council, I am writing to express our support for the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels project – given that there will be no plans to change the homeport of Alert Bay.

This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers. Thus, reducing greenhouse gases.

This effort would significantly boost our economy at a time when we need it most. Every dollar invested in this project will exponentially generate benefits to our community.

We are confident the electrification of our BC Ferry terminal and vessel conversion will have a lasting and positive impact on the North Island.

Sincerely,

Dennis Buchanan, Mayor
Village of Alert Bay

WE WAI KAI NATION
690 Headstart Crescent
Campbell River, BC
V9H 1P9



Jan 29, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of the We Wai Kai Nation, I am writing to express our support for the proposed electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

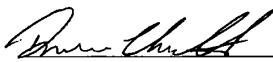
As a First Nation, we value the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales, Pacific Salmon and all other sea resources within the waters of our territories. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. We are also supportive of the elimination of air contaminants for cleaner air that will help improve our members health and well-being.

This project would help stimulate the local economy and be of benefit to our members. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our First Nation that will support future economic and local business growth.

The people of We Wai Kai Nation have used and occupied the territory where BC Ferries' terminals are located and continue to do so to this day. Although today we express our support in principle of BC Ferries' proposal to electrify the Island Class vessels and their associated terminals, we do, however, reserve the right to be consulted and our support will not be construed as precluding our Nation from bona fide participation in any application, review, or approval process relating to the manner in which BC Ferries' terminals may in the future be constructed, operated, or maintained as a result. We look forward to establishing a good working relationship with BC Ferries in this regard.

We understand that this project would greatly enhance the environmental and socio-economic well-being of our community. Electrification is the way of the future, and we support the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessels and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success. Reducing greenhouse gases and its impacts on climate change are critical and we see this initiative as helping to do that. And, finally, should this initiative receive funding, we would welcome the opportunity to further engage with BC Ferries' to identify any potential economic opportunities or other areas of partnership.

Sincerely,


Chief Ronnie Chickite



Wei Wai Kum First Nation

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January 14, 2021

Mark Collins
Chief Executive Officer, BC Ferries
Suite 500 – 1321 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 0B7

Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Wei Wai Kum First Nation, I am writing to express our support for the proposed electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

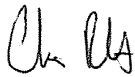
As a First Nation, we value all sea resources within the waters of our territories. We understand that marine electrification of the Island Class ferries will contribute to quieter ship operations that will help reduce noise impacts on local communities and the marine life that we value. Lastly, interconnection upgrades also have the potential of benefiting the power grid system by providing three phase power to our Nation that will support future economic and local business growth.

The Wei Wai Kum people have occupied the territory where BC Ferries' terminals are located since time immemorial. We look forward to our support to this project as a stepping stone of recognition and acknowledgement of our aboriginal rights over this area through relationship arrangements including commissioning of art from our artists and other agreements between Wei Wai Kum and BC Ferries. In addition, Wei Wai Kum has the expectation that the employment generated by this project would be of benefit to our members, as we move out of this COVID-19 age.

Although today we express our support in principle of BC Ferries' proposal to electrify the Island Class vessels and their associated terminals, we do, however, reserve the right to be consulted and our support will not be construed as precluding our Nation from bona fide participation in any application, review, or approval process relating to the manner in which BC Ferries' terminals may in the future be constructed, operated, or maintained as a result. We look forward to establishing a good working relationship with BC Ferries in this regard.

We understand electrification is the way of the future, and we support the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessels and encourage the government to financially contribute to its success. Reducing greenhouse gases and its impacts on climate change are critical and we see this initiative as helping to do that. And, finally, should this initiative receive funding, we would welcome the opportunity to further engage with BC Ferries' to identify any potential economic opportunities or other areas of partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Roberts', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris Roberts,
Chief Councillor

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

February 3, 2021

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the WestShore Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to urge you to financially support the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels and their associated terminals. This project would enable the conversion of Island Class ferries from diesel-electric hybrid to all electric powered vessels by allowing them to seamlessly recharge their batteries during the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers.

This effort would significantly boost the regional economy at a time when it needs it most. Every dollar invested in this project will generate economic benefits to British Columbian communities. Moreover, companies that will source material and equipment for this project will have significant Canadian content throughout their value chain.

The electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions create jobs in industries such as ship repair, heavy and civil construction, and leading-edge technical consulting. Many of these industries employ highly skilled individuals.

Canada will need to make sound strategic decisions as it looks to re-energize its economy in a post-COVID environment. We have no doubt that the electrification of BC Ferries' terminals and vessel conversions will have a lasting and positive impact. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,



Julie Lawlor
Executive Director

c.c. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, Government of British Columbia
Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries



04 February 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Letter of Support for BC Ferries Island Class Ferry Electrification Program

WWF-Canada is pleased to provide this letter of support to BC Ferries for its proposed *Island Class Ferry Electrification Program*. This bold program seeks to achieve meaningful Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction within the BC Ferries fleet and demonstrates the feasibility of a fleet decarbonization transition that is both needed and required.

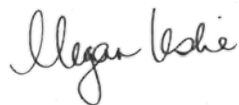
The waters off the Pacific coast where BC Ferries operates are a microcosm where decreasing environmental quality and increasing changes in the ocean are playing out, affecting the wellbeing of wildlife and people in the region. Amidst the dual crises of biodiversity loss and accelerated climate change, initiatives such as this ferry electrification program are more critical than ever. The benefits of a fleet decarbonization transition are not limited to lower GHG emissions, rather, can extend to environmental benefits such as improved local air quality, reduced oil spill risk and quieter ocean space. There are economic benefits related to new vessel builds and associated infrastructure as well as tremendous opportunities for innovation in technology that can protect biodiversity and help us define a new relationship with nature.

Building quieter vessels is an important way to reduce anthropogenic underwater noise impacts on marine life in what is an excessively noisy Salish Sea. The Salish Sea contains critical habitat for the southern resident killer whale, Canada's most endangered whale population and underwater noise is a principal threat, preventing its recovery. Underwater noise is linked to reduced foraging success among southern resident killer whales, which already have difficulty finding enough salmon, their main food source. Constant vessel noise also masks or alters the calls of killer whales, affecting communication and inducing chronic stress. Vessel traffic remains the dominant source of underwater noise in this region.

The Island Class Ferry Electrification Program presents a tangible opportunity to advance quiet ship building, helping Canada create solutions for underwater noise, and lead innovation to catalyze the transition to clean energy. Such initiatives need not only occur; they should be scaled up across the marine transportation sector. This initiative can contribute to BC Ferries own underwater radiated noise management plan and ambitious long term noise reduction goal to reduce underwater noise pollution from its fleet by half.

WWF-Canada enthusiastically supports the proposed Island Class Ferry Electrification Program and encourages all governments and other entities to support and work with BC Ferries to implement this program and meet ambitious goals for decarbonization, underwater noise reduction and realize other associated benefits for both people and nature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Leslie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Megan" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Leslie".

Megan Leslie

President and CEO



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Port Authority**

January 15, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, I am writing to encourage financial support of BC Ferries' Island Class Electrification Program (ICEP), a key initiative towards reducing marine greenhouse gas emissions while boosting the regional economy.

Funding for this project would enable BC Ferries to convert its Island Class fleet from diesel-electric hybrid to all-electric powered vessels, including the provision of innovative, plug-in electric charging facilities, resulting in an estimated 28,000-tonne reduction in annual GHG emissions when fully built out. This project will represent a milestone achievement in the decarbonization of marine activities in Canada – a key step toward helping Canada fulfill its climate commitments of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Importantly, the electrification of these vessels would also help to achieve quieter and cleaner ship operations in the southern resident killer whale (SRKW) critical habitat off British Columbia's coast. On this front, BC Ferries has already played an important role through its participation in the port authority-led Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program, which advances initiatives aimed at better understanding and reducing the cumulative effects of commercial shipping activities on at-risk whales.

We are confident the electrification of BC Ferries' Island Class vessels would mark an important step towards meeting Canada's emissions reduction commitments while creating jobs and stimulating the regional economy. We urge the government to financially contribute to its success.

Sincerely,

Robin Silvester,
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc. The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport
The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P., Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change
The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Government of British Columbia
The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Government of British Columbia
The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Finance, Government of British Columbia
Mark Collins, CEO, BC Ferries
Duncan Wilson, VP, Environment, Communities and Government Affairs, VFPA
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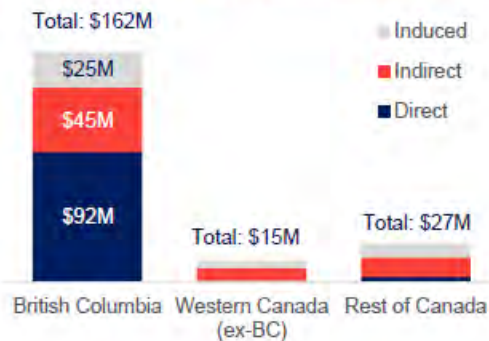
Appendix D – Economic Impact Assessment Overview

The following charts summarize the findings of the Economic Impact Assessment.¹⁵

Economic impact assessment – ICEP Stage 1

By 2024, the economic impacts associated with construction costs of ICEP Stage 1 would include:

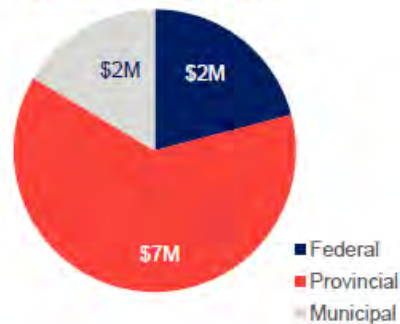
\$205M impact on Canadian output



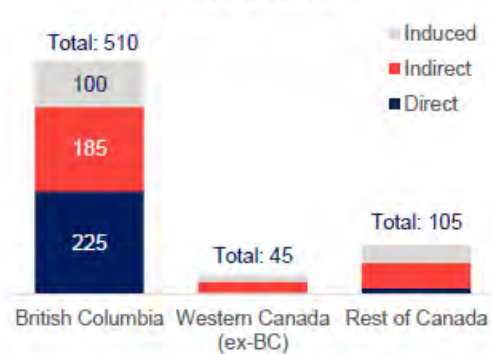
\$100M impact on Canadian GDP



\$11M in tax revenues



660 jobs created



Note: Western Canada includes Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Employment figures are in full-time equivalent jobs. Tax revenues include only indirect taxes and include expected HST tax rebates.
Source: CPCS estimates based on Statistics Canada IO model.

¹⁵ Reference: CPCS Final Report. Economic Impact Assessment – BC Ferries Island Class Electrification Program, dated February 17, 2021.

Appendix E – Index of Responses to BC Ferry Commission Questions

Commissioner's Determinations

A. Is the proposed project reasonably required?	<i>Sections 1.1 & 3.7</i>
B. Does the proposed capital expenditure demonstrate good judgment, based on wisdom, experience and good sense?	<i>Section 3.7</i>
C. Does the proposed capital expenditure indicate a wise use of resources?	<i>Section 3.7</i>
D. Does the proposed capital expenditure show due consideration for the future?	<i>Section 3.4.2</i>
E. Has it been demonstrated that the proposed capital expenditure would not reasonably be considered excessive?	<i>Section 4.4</i>
F. Does the proposed capital expenditure provide good value, at a moderate and fair price? Is it affordable?	<i>Section 4.4</i>
G. Is the proposed program reasonably required? i) Is the total cost different in any respect from what was approved in the capital plan? ii) Is the total cost different in any respect from what was indicated in the BC Ferries' last submission to the Commissioner for price cap setting purposes? iii) Does the scope of the proposed capital expenditure differ in any respect from what was included in the latest capital plan approved by the Board?	<i>Sections 1.1, 3.7 & 4.4</i>

H. Is the proposed capital expenditure consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Ferry Services Contract?	<i>Sections 1.1 & 3.5</i>
I. How does the proposed capital expenditure support the government approved long term vision for the future of coastal ferry services?	<i>Section 3.5</i>
J. Is the proposed capital expenditure in the public interest? Specifically, does the capital expenditure ensure, or enhance, a ferry service that remains safe, reliable and affordable?	<i>Section 3.6</i>
K. Does the capital expenditure contribute to reduction in GHG emissions?	<i>Section 3.4.2</i>

Options Analysis – Financial

What are the total estimated capital expenditures by year by option?	<i>Section 4.2</i>
What is the estimated IDC that will be capitalized?	<i>Section 4.2</i>
What are the estimated operating costs for each option?	<i>Section 4.2</i>
What are the estimated maintenance costs for each option?	<i>Section 4.2</i>
How were the capital, operating and maintenance cost estimates derived? Entirely with BC Ferries' staff or was there an external review?	<i>Section 4.3</i>
Does BC Ferries intend to capitalize any of its own internal costs with respect to the capital expenditure?	<i>Section 4.2</i>
<i>Vessels and Terminals:</i> Does the vessel/terminal design have any impact on labour costs? If so, how?	<i>Section 4.2</i>

Is there an allowance in the estimate for inflation from the date of acceptance of a proposal to the completion date (escalation clause)?	Section 4.2
Is the net present value analysis done on a lifecycle basis for relevant comparison of options?	Section 4.2
What is the rationale for the discount rate used?	Section 4.2
Has a sensitivity analysis been done on key assumptions, such as costs, revenues, discount rate, timing and inflation?	Section 4.2
What are the major risks? Have they been taken into account in the NPV analysis?	Section 4.2
How was the contingency amount determined?	Section 4.2
Explain any impact on future price caps.	Section 4.4

Preferred Option Procurement and Risks

What is the expected in-service date? How was it determined? How confident is BC Ferries of the in-service date? Will electrification cause any delay in delivery of any of the vessels?	Section 3.2.3
What are the consequences of a delay in the in-service or deployment date?	Section 3.2.3
What is Plan B if the program is delayed?	Section 3.2.3
What is the estimated impact of the proposed capital expenditure on future price caps assuming no change in non-passenger related revenues?	Section 4.4
Does the proposed program include significant features that are innovative or untried?	Section 3.4.4

Describe any major risks that could affect the program's success, costs and timely implementation.	Section 5.3
Describe mitigation strategies for major risks that have been identified.	Section 5.3
What are the procurement options and process for the vessels and the terminals?	Section 5.2.1
What are the procurement risks and how will they be mitigated?	Section 5.3.3
<i>Vessels and Terminals (if applicable):</i> Will BC Ferries require the shipyard/contractor to bear the design and construction risk?	Section 5.3.2

Other

Please provide any public feedback you have received on the program.	Section 3.3
Will the program have an impact on future vessels and terminals in the long-term capital plan?	Section 4.3