



# STAFF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**DATE OF REPORT** August 23, 2024  
**MEETING TYPE & DATE** Electoral Area Services Committee of September 4, 2024  
**FROM:** Inspections and Enforcement Division  
Land Use Services Department  
**SUBJECT:** Exemption to Noise Control Bylaw No. 3723  
**FILE:** 0510-20 BC Ferry Authority 2024

## **PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an exemption to CVRD Noise Control Bylaw No. 3723 while BC Ferries performs construction works to the ferry terminal located on Thetis Island.

## **RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION**

That it be recommended to the Board:

Subject to B.C. Ferries providing notice to residents and businesses on Thetis Island of proposed works and construction schedule for ferry terminal construction works, that sections 5.1, 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 to Noise Bylaw No. 3723 not be enforced continuous from mid-October to the beginning of November for construction works proposed by B.C. Ferries to the ferry terminal located on Thetis Island.

## **BACKGROUND**

CVRD Noise Control Bylaw No. 3723 is applicable to all Electoral Areas which includes Thetis Island.

## **ANALYSIS**

In 2023, BC Ferries conducted an engineering inspection of its infrastructure located at the Thetis Island terminal. It was identified that there is a need to replace and repair several structural elements of the timber trestle, vehicle ramp and other marine structures in order to maintain safe operation of the berth.

Most of the work will be completed between 7:00 am and 5:30 pm Monday to Friday, however some work will need to be completed during night shifts between 9:30 pm and 6:00 am. As some of the work will exceed the limitations of CVRD's Noise Control Bylaw, BC Ferries is making a formal request for a temporary exemption to Bylaw No. 3723 while this work is being performed.

BC Ferries recently made a similar request to North Cowichan's Council in order to complete works at the Chemainus ferry terminal.

Details of the scope of work are provided in attachment A.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

**COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS**

BC Ferries will provide communication to local residents through mail outs, BC Ferries' web site and other media.

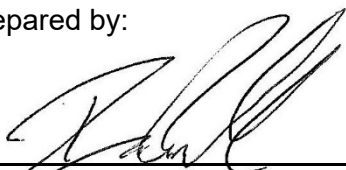
**STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

Referred to (upon completion):

- ☐ Community Services (*Cowichan Community Centre, Cowichan Lake Recreation, South Cowichan Recreation, Arts & Culture, Facilities & Transit*)
- ☐ Corporate Services (*Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legislative Services*)
- ☐ Operations (*Utilities, Parks & Trails, Recycling & Waste Management*)
- ☐ Land Use Services (*Community Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Development Services, Building Inspection & Bylaw Enforcement*)
- ☐ Strategic Services (*Communications & Engagement, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Environmental Services*)

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Resolution:

☒ Corporate Officer

Financial Considerations:

☒ Chief Financial Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – BC Ferries Noise Bylaw Exemption Request