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Immediately Upgrade Hornby Ferry (Route 22) to a Newer Vessel With Serviceable Capacity



Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation

June 24 to Sept. 9, 2022

1765 SIGNATORS OVER THE SUMMER OF 2022:

Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement

Corporation started this petition to Jill Sharland (CEO of BC Ferries) and Mark Tremblay (Mid-Island BCF Authority Board), Rob Fleming (Minister of Transportation) and Josie Osborne (MLA for Mid Island-Pacific Rim)

Hornby Island residents, visitors, suppliers, and the Hornby/Denman Ferry Advisory Committee are calling on Jill Sharland, President and CEO of BC Ferries, BC Ferries Services and Authority Boards, and BC Ferries executives to Immediately provide a larger ferry to operate a safer, more serviceable, and accessible ferry service for Route 22, Hornby Island.

During the off-season, a trip to Hornby Island takes only 1 hour from Vancouver Island. Last summer, trips from Vancouver Island to Hornby

were taking up to 6 hours. The long ferry waiting times are causing the cost of living to skyrocket on Hornby and Denman Islands. Suppliers of food and construction materials are raising their delivery rates, which affects everyone on the islands.

In November 2021, the 21-car Kahloke, the main ferry to Hornby, was downgraded for the amount of vehicle and passenger weight it can carry. This is because the Kahole is 49 years old and Transport Canada safety testing requirements resulted in downgrading the weight it can carry.

With the new reduced capacity on the Hornby ferry, a worse situation this summer is inevitable.

The Hornby/Denman Ferry Advisory Committee is calling for the following steps to be applied:

- 1. Immediately get Route 22, the Hornby ferry, a newer vessel with serviceable capacity.
- 2. Immediately match increasing the ferry capacity on Route 22, with more capacity on Route 21 that provides access to Denman and Hornby from Buckley Bay on Vancouver Island.

BC Ferries' own calculations show that the Hornby and Denman ferries have the worst performance ratings in the entire fleet in terms of summer overloads and ferry waits. Census information shows a 19 percent increase in population on Denman and more than 20 percent on Hornby between 2016 and 2021.

In February, BC Ferries announced that the capacity on the Hornby and Denman ferries will increase in 2026. Please sign this petition to tell BC Ferries that 2026 is not soon enough. Change needs to happen now.

COMMENTS, ADDITIONAL TO THEIR SIGNATURE:

Bridget Reed

1 week ago

I live on the Gulf Islands



James Emerson 2 weeks ago

I'm signing here because I can't stand to be late for EVERYRHING anymore. Missed doctor's appointments in Courtenay, missed vacations for my family and friends coming to see me. Late starts at work, resulting in getting in trouble. It's way out of hand.



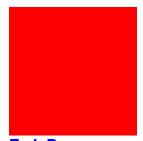
Chris Bolton 2 weeks ago

It's important to listen!

Brooklea Graham

2 weeks ago

I visit Hornby Island every summer and I support the residents and their need for more reliable transit.



E. J. Bouey
3 weeks ago

The current ferry is not large enough. I don't want to see Hornby overrun with tourists, but it should not be this difficult.

Curran Crawford

4 weeks ago

We stopped going to Hornby last few years because of the ferry situation and having young kids need a reliable service to avoid meltdowns

Beth Janz

4 weeks ago

Denman and Hornby residents require a reliable and adequate ferry service to and from their islands.



Lisa Ruttens 4 weeks ago

We often travel to our property on Hornby Island and must endure 5 to sometimes 6 sailing waits. This is difficult for passengers and not to mention how difficult it must be for the crew who's work continuously while in shuttle mode. This situation gets worse each year and is not sustainable.



Alisa Aiken 1 month ago

I am unable to go to Courtenay to shop for the entire summer. At 83 with severe back problems, I cannot sit and wait through so many sailings.

Joyce Hookings

1 month ago

I want to be able to make it to appointments on Vancouver Island as well as flights from Comox without having to park a car at the ferry terminal the night before.

Debbie Lumsdaine

Jul 25, 2022

Not the fault of the fabulous crew but the blame lies totally on BCFerries Administration for the totally unreliable, unacceptable ferry service. The popularity of Hornby and Denman have increased 100 % from the 1980's but other than the unreliable cable ferry no other service has improved but have in fact gone backwards.

Byron Corner

Jul 25, 2022

Full-time resident of Hornby ... we need and deserve better, service suited to the island's needs and our 2 ferry requirement (ie Denman).

Victoria Gray

Jul 25, 2022

Hornby Island is a popular destination which deserves better service!

Philip Bailey

Jul 20, 2022

As a resident of Hornby Island for over half my life we are due for adaquate ferry service

Carmen Bilac

Jul 13, 2022

Waiting for hours to take a ferry is unacceptable, it is not like the residents have any other option. Maybe BC Ferries needs some competition?

Jennifer Veale

Jul 12, 2022

I live on Denman and something needs to be done to improve the ferry service! Staff shortages and increased summer traffic make it impossible to plan for appointments or commitments on Vancouver Island

Lyza Del Mar

Jul 11, 2022

Annual summer holiday rental for family



Gina Lazarowich Jul 11, 2022

40 years of travelling to Hornby & 20 years as a property owner there, the ferry is the worst transportation route I have ever travelled, very stressful with long ferry waits. If fact it is so bad we sold on Hornby and bought on Bowen Island, which seems to have the ferry system down right... Why can't the Hornby ferry mirror the Bowen ferry in getting people moved without too much inconvenience and stress?



Jane Nielsen Jul 7, 2022

The ferry is antiquated and needs to be brought up to the same level as ferries on other routes. Ie- 2 new ferries for Gabriola.



Carol Nielsen Jul 7, 2022

I regularly travel to Hornby. An upgrade to the ferry service is desperately needed.

Anne Hatlelid

Jul 6, 2022

I own property on Hornby and make approximately 20 return trips each year and the sailing waits , particularly in the summer months, are unacceptable

peter walford

Jul 4, 2022

The current service level is unacceptable; crew are overloaded and exhausted, the crowding at the terminals is unsafe, and your very own metrics say it is the worst performing route in the fleet. Are you waiting for an accident? Surely you are building conditions that will generate one. It is time to get your act together.

Dr. Peter Walford, Hornby Resident and dentist to Hornby and Denman for 36 years.

James Kungl

Jul 2, 2022

Recreational property is on Hornby Island

Kathryn Kungl

Jul 2, 2022

Difficulty getting off of the island to attend medical appointments on time. Often have to park the night before or stay over night in town.

June Fairchild

Jul 2, 2022

After enjoying many years as a Guest of Hornby Home Owners I think they deserve more frequent and Larger vessels on Route 22.

Jeffrey Bernstein

Jul 1, 2022

I'm desperate to have a decent ferry service

Jack Trembath

Jun 30, 2022

WE WANT A COASTAL CAFE TOO

Rachel Fredbeck

Jun 30, 2022

I use the ferries and it is awful trying to get across when there are limited sailings.



Stani Veselinovic

Jun 30, 2022

the current ferry capacity is insufficient.



vincenza eppich Jun 30, 2022

I have a property on Hornby and it can take more than four hours in a lineup to get off or on the island. Causing a misconnect with the mainland ferry and reservations being missed.

Marcia Singer

Jun 29, 2022

We are not being properly serviced by BC Ferries. For the next 2 months Hornby is flooded with tourists. Wait times are crazy



Linda Armstrong

Jun 29, 2022

it is important that we can access Vancouver Island services and now it is next to impossible to make appointments in town with a VERY unreliable ferry service...our residential population has increased radically on both Hornby and Denman and the ferry service has not.

Marie Jackson

Jun 29, 2022

The summer ferry service is not acceptable with the volume and downgraded carrying capacity of Kahloke



Susan Ross Jun 29, 2022

I visit friends on Hornby every summer but the lack of space on the ferries has become a huge problem

Christophe Bolduc

Jun 29, 2022

I used the ferry plenty of time and I agree it should be upgraded

Paula Wardle

Jun 29, 2022

Waiting potentially 3-4 ferries to get off the island makes planning connecting ferries between Nanaimo and the mainland nearly impossible. In addition, planning to go over to Courtenay/Comox for supplies or appointments is difficult and forces people to purchase through online stores such as Amazon instead of supporting local businesses in Courtenay/Comox.

Monica Laws-Eiche

Jun 29, 2022

I have a friend on a small island who needs medical care in Vancouver.



albini Lapierre Jun 29, 2022

this is unacceptable.

Tania Suzuki

Jun 29, 2022

No one living on Hornby needs to put up with this...

Hannah Weibel

Jun 28, 2022

I use to live on Hornby Island and I remember the awful waiting time, especially in the extreme heat where it becomes a health risk for the children and the elderly. It's disturbing what the locals have to endure.

Such a beautiful community deserves more respect.

Judith Walmsley

Jun 28, 2022

THe need is desperate, we need bigger ferries to Hornby and Denman.

Carollyne Sinclaire

Jun 28, 2022

We gave our ferries away and now we can not afford them as well as they are not often enough with a growing population

Serena Laskin

Jun 28, 2022

I am a 50plus year Hornby resident. Abd i sm in my 80's Getting on and off the island is vital to my health and general well-being. PLEASE bring us a new larger ferry.

Joanna Vaughan

Jun 28, 2022

I am signing because I have been going to Hornby for 40 years and people on Hornby deserve a larger ferry.



Jean Macdonald Jun 28, 2022

I have owned property on HOrnby Island for almost 50 years. I am signing for two reasons. First, we live .5kms from the ferry, and on weekends our drilveway is often blocked by the ferry line-up. Secondly, I am tired of having to put my car in line the night before in order to ensure that I can get the first ferry off the island when it is essential that I get off the island before noon.

Chris Aikman

Jun 28, 2022

Please return the MV Quinitsa to these waters for the summer season.



Daniel Theal Jun 28, 2022

I camp on Hornby Island in the summer and the current ferry is far too small for the number of passengers who use the ferry. Hornby needs a larger ferry and the sooner the better.



Brandi Legere Jun 28, 2022

As residents of Vancouver Island we deserve safe, reliable transportation. BC Ferries has us at the mercy of their staffing levels, fuel prices and ticket prices. Knowing this, there is an obligation by BC Ferry Corp. to make sure that anyone using their services is traveling with the best (read highest) level of safety and timeliness possible. As the ONLY available mode of mass vehicle transport, BCFC must be accountable to its users.

Valerie Way

Jun 28, 2022

I go to Hornby every summer.

Jan Vandenbiggelaar

Jun 28, 2022

People on these islands should be able to commute to work on time. It's forcing people to move off the islands to provide a living for themselves

Natasha Dow

Jun 28, 2022

We need ferry service that accommodates the Population .Seniors and people with disabilities waiting 5 to 6 hours in the 30 degree heat is unacceptable.



boni Hoy Jun 28, 2022

boni hoy

Willow Auswald

Jun 27, 2022

Thank~you for your wisdom, action and integrity to protect and provide for the WELL~BEING of ALL People; NOW and in the future.



chardonnee easterly Jun 27, 2022

because my family lives here and its so emotionally and physically taxing to go visit my mom and dad or friends in the summer with 3 or 4 hr wait times that for the first time in my life while living in BC I didn't visit either of them last season for the whole summer as I could not fathom waiting 4 sailings on the Buckley bay ferry to then probably have to wait another several hour sailing wait on the Denman hornby ferry. this is a huge issue for cost of living. I also used to do cleaning jobs on hornby but had to tell my clients I just couldn't feasibly come to hornby for a night or 2 to clean for them if I had to wait for hours and hours in ferry line ups. hornby desperately needs a better suited ferry for the summer months and to give visitors to our province and island a positive experience to remember and not just the horrendous ferry wait times. these wait times are bad for tourism as well as the people who depend on all off island goods and services. please find a solution as soon as possible. thank you



Susan Healey Jun 27, 2022

As a person with a spouse who needs cancer care, service has deteriorated so much that we must often stay overnight in town to be sure of making critical appointments. The waits are too tiring for my husband.

Bailey Gathright-Gingras

Jun 26, 2022

Bc ferries needs to sort out their shit, especially in the summer when it's extremely busy. The island is only getting busier with each year, and We need a bigger ferry. A 4 hour ferry wait is absolutely ridiculous. Sort it out bc ferries.



Roberta Cruz Jun 26, 2022

They need a better ferry there. For sure not only on summer ,all year long



Mae Burrows Jun 26, 2022

The decision-makers at BCFerries have created a dangerous and hazardous situation in intentionally putting a small ferry on Route 22 Gravelly Bay-Hornby for the summer runs. Since the line-ups are well over a km, people have to walk up and down steep hills to use the bathroom. Someone with heart, lung or mobility issues may very well die. This hazed can be corrected and should be immediately.

Sage Stobbart Jun 26, 2022

we need better and improved access to our beloved island that many of us call home.



Cindy Critchley Jun 26, 2022

As a resident of Denman Island, I witness the annual dangerous long lines on the roads near the terminals causing other drivers to have to weave along the wrong side of the road with people playing in their way. Someone is going to get hurt! My ability to get to and from Denman Island is severely impacted by the traffic to Hornby and our roads become unsafe as cars race across the island.

Alexander Macphail

Jun 26, 2022

Because the infrastructure is brutal!

Es Warwick

Jun 26, 2022

The inadequacy and Gong Show of the too small Hornby ferry is insane to live with. Our ferries are highways!! Privatizing has cost availability and access to the rest of the world To have to wait for 3-4 ferry runs to get home is ridiculous!!!

Robin Riley

Jun 25, 2022

4 + sailing wait last weekend makes me less excited to visit this island again, despite it being one of my faves!

Shannon Denton

Jun 25, 2022

We'd like to be able to get to medical appointments in the months of june-sept without 3-5hour sailing waits one way, in the heat of the summer!

Holly Fisher

Jun 25, 2022

We need a bigger ferry!!!



Mary Rose LeBaron Jun 25, 2022

We have family on Hornsby!

Kendra Hansen

Jun 25, 2022

I use this service

Kate Ortwein

Jun 25, 2022

Full-time employee and part-time Hornby resident



Michael Tomczak Jun 25, 2022

It's the right thing todo. Residents and visitors alike deserve better service!

Sandy Whitfield

Jun 25, 2022

This is the only way off the island for many Islanders

Laura Chalfin

Jun 25, 2022

As a family physician on Hornby, I can't talk patients into going for needed tests and consultations during the summer because of the many hours they'll have to spend on the ferry lines. Many are old and infirm, and this is not safe.



Helena Spears Jun 25, 2022

I want to be able to reach my elderly in laws. Currently we never go over all summer.



Susanna Morse Jun 25, 2022

The stress of not knowing if you will be able to get to appointments off island is getting unbearable. For my children , who live off island, it is increasingly difficult for them to visit , knowing that it can take a whole day to come and go. Especially now with little grandchildren in the car. And so difficult to get workers , services and supplies for any projects .

Lynne MacFadgen

Jun 25, 2022

I am a frequent summer visitor to Hornby (family property) and often have to wait several hours before crossing. A new, higher-capacity vessel is exactly what is needed for local and seasonal commuters. Creates more of an incentive to make the trek.

Jane MacFadgen

Jun 25, 2022

I M signing because I had a 4 sailing wait to get on the Hornby ferry last night

Tim Elkin

Jun 25, 2022

Because the current service is very poor and does not meet the needs of the community.



Robin Walford Jun 25, 2022

I have been a Hornby resident for 43 years and the past few years our ferry system have been very hectic and under serviced! The waits make the terminals unsafe and block the roads for local traffic which is super dangerous!! Please do the right thing asap!!!

Sara Ferguson

Jun 25, 2022

something that could take 20 mins should not take 6 hours!! It is isolating and detrimental to businesses



Catherine Gray Jun 25, 2022

I have to deliver refrigerated product from Hornby to Vancouver Island three times per week. It is a nightmare coming home in the summer.

Linda Croft Jun 25, 2022 Hornby needs a higher occupancy ferry during peak times!

Lisa Davis Jun 25, 2022

Not functional for the growing community

Lyn Frankel Jun 25, 2022

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I am living on Hornby Island I have been recently diagnosed with Herat issues and am having to go off island for Dr.'s appointments...

Forrest new2gen@yahoo.ca

Jun 25, 2022

My family is negatively affected by the downgraded ferry service.



Lisa Fiederer Jun 25, 2022

I love hornby



Alexandra Lauzon Jun 25, 2022

I live on the island and would like to see good ferry service connecting Hornby Island to Vancouver Island.



Lorna Stevenson Jun 25, 2022

I have property on Hornby that has passed from my grandparents down the line. They came up here towed on a raft attached to Albert's boat. We were the "Undiscovered Islands" for years. But NOW we are extremely popular and the ferry service was bettrr BEFORE the cable ferry. At least both ferries took almost the same load! The wait situation has become totally absurd over the last 5 years. Getting to Hornby has become untenable! More residents, more guests, more cars = bigger ferry!!! The livelihood of residents is being sorely affected and family & friends do not want to visit due to impossible wait times with children and pets and supplies from the bigger Island. PLEASE FIX THIS SITUATION. WE HAVE BEEN WAITING LONG ENOUGH !!!

Tia Christie

Jun 25, 2022

Some of our family lives on Hornby Island. The time it takes to get there and back is ridiculous and sadly we worry that it will take over 6 hrs if there were to be any emergency on Hornby.



Bonnie Peterson Jun 25, 2022

My family live on Hornby Island. The ferry service needs to improve especially in the summer months. There are four to six ferry waits at times. The ferry is too old and too small

The car capacity is very limited. The community is rapidly growing therefore the ferry waits are getting longer. It is in desperate need of a change.

This BCFerry policy will ensure the collapse of Island culture. Hardly a public service.



michelle Nyberg Jun 25, 2022

5 plus sailing waits is just not acceptable.

elspeth armstrong

Jun 25, 2022

The traffic numbers clearly tell the story...Hornby needs a better, more efficient ferry...now!

Matt dickie

Jun 25, 2022

It's the only way off this little island

peter pantages

Jun 25, 2022

ferry "service" to hornby sucks



Robin Suchy Jun 25, 2022

The situation is really bad.

Natalie Foofat

Jun 25, 2022

The 5-6 hour wait times in the heat are not safe for elderly and pets.



Jack Wilson Jun 25, 2022

The ferry is a vital link for 1,000 permanent residents of Hornby and for thousands of visitors during the busy summer months.

Alyx Valdal

Jun 25, 2022

As a visitor, I would like to visit and support our beautiful BC islands. For residents, however, having serviceable ferry service is crucial and should be addressed as soon as possible.

Christine Goldsmith

Jun 25, 2022

The current ferry does not adequately take care of the islands needs.

Marc Atkinson

Jun 25, 2022

I live on Hornby island all year round and I have missed many appointments for my work my kids and now even health appointments... When Leaving my house at 6:30am an hour before the fist ferry in shoulder season on a Tuesday morning I was unable to get on and then I missed the connection to denman as well It took 3.5 hours on a Tuesday to get off the island

To catch a plane I have no choice but to leave the day before and get a hotel

There is 300 more year rounders on the island It's time for a bigger ferry!

Cheryl Yonin

Jun 25, 2022

It's bad enough for the residents that live there but know summer is here it's only going to get worse

Stephanie Wells

Jun 25, 2022

I'm signing because trips to appointments on Vancouver Island now take up to six hours. I am a community health worker and the seniors I care for cannot get to the care they need. That's just one reason, I have many others. BC Ferries is hurting our community.

Heather Travis

Jun 25, 2022

My parents and sister live full time on Hornby. They need to get to town for essential appointments regularly. The incredibly long ferry waits during the summer also make it prohibitive for me to get across with my two young boys to visit family regularly.

Patrick Lui

Jun 25, 2022

I'm signing because of the disregard to our community's needs, because of the disregard for the needs of the BC residents who use this route to come to Hornby during the summer, and I am signing because BC Ferries needs to recognize they are providing terrible service by refusing to listen to their customers who pay for the privilege.

Monica Bizzocchi

Jun 25, 2022

I'm signing because the ferry waits are so long. As a regular visitor and someone who comes here for work, it is very hard to reserve a ferry to Vancouver. I can be stuck on the island in a three ferry wait just to leave. A ferry at least with the capacity of the Denman boat would be a huge improvement.

Mia Wood

Jun 25, 2022

Increased ferry capacity is critical for both islands. The problem is no longer limited to weekends in July/Aug, but negatively impacts all aspects of daily life and business for all but the winter months. Regardless of how prepared one is, excessive waits in both directions means it has become virtually impossible to schedule medical appointments (or any such as car, dental, physio, supplies, etc.) without committing an entire day and often needing to secure overnight accommodation. The 15 car 'assured loading' on the first ferry is completely absorbed by people who park the night before. it's apparent that it has become desperate. The stress of this has directly contributed to unsafe driving practises on Denman island in a bid to make connections, and to long unsafe waits on unserviced stretches of road for commuters (including elders, children, pets in hot cars with no access to food water or washrooms). This route is a highway for all who live here.

This is the only way home.

'Beautiful BC' tourism is promoted at every turn, and BC Ferries has failed to adequately service these islands for those who live here, much less address tourist capacity. Please fix this now!

Wendy Pratt

Jun 25, 2022

BC Ferries is part of our highway system and should be serving everyone properly... Hornby is a well established community. Apparently there's an easy solution. BCF you are letting us down big time these days



Carole Robertson

Jun 25, 2022

I'm signing this because we, my family and I, have encountered sailing waits of up to 4 hours several times going to and leaving Hornby Island. It's happening more often and can happen during the week as well as weekends.

We are property owners and are very concerned about being able to get to Vancouver Island in a timely manner for medical treatment.

We need to be able to move more cars from Hornby to Vancouver Island.

kathleen mukai

Jun 24, 2022

The service we have at present is ABYSMAL!!!

Richard Savory

Jun 24, 2022

This is not acceptable

Scott Smith

Jun 24, 2022

The combination of Long summer waits and early closures most of the week, it is nearly impossible to travel freely four months of the year. I feel for people with serious medical issues who need to commute in this it must be intolerable.



jennifer armstrong Jun 24, 2022

I live on Hornby. And the ferry waits are completely out of hand. If we have appointments on vancouver island, we're facing ferry waits in both directions almost every day. And it's not even summer. We've missed ferry connections due to overloads when traveling with our school kids to track meets and field trips. Not only is it making town trips next to impossible, it's also dangerous. If someone is traveling with snacks & water assuming it's going to take them 1 hour to get from buckley bay to hornby (or vice versa) & it ends up taking 4+ hour, people are running the risk of dehydration & hunger. What about the children? In the summer it can be incredibly hot, there's nowhere to get fresh water, there is inadequate facilities for that many people, the traffic on the roads is dangerous as more & more cars are left lining up along already narrow roads. BC Ferries is responsible to the people who are using their services and they must make immediate changes to the Hornby Ferry. Immediately.

Bonita Wexler

Jun 24, 2022

It is just ridiculous and inhumane to have people wait in the heat or the rain hours to get to their destination especially Hornby residents needing to come home after a grueling day at the Comox hospital. My experience today june 24 th a 4 hr wait to get home. Sure we can all fit on the BS but then what, can't all even begin to fit on the Hornby ferry to get home.



Jean-Paul Benoit Jun 24, 2022

Service in the summer is embarrassingly bad. People spend their days on the island stressing over what time they should be prepared to leave when it's time to go home. Locals suffer. Tourists suffer. The supply chain suffers. It's time for an upgrade. It makes no sense that it wasn't done with the Denman ferry. How does getting more people into Denman faster but not improving the route to Hornby, despite most of the ferry traffic actually going to Hornby, make any sense.

Toby Krell Jun 24, 2022

Safety issues especially at Gravelley Bay: no reliable signal, hours of wait in summer weather, no help if medical emergency, no staff, no potable water, or food. Escalating costs and lessening availability of service on Hornby Island due to costs and time of transport. No way to plan timing of any travel back and forth.

Holly Morgan

Jun 24, 2022

...of everything written in this petition. We avoid accessing some medical services in the summer because the waits are excruciatingly long; horrible if you suffer from certain medical conditions.

It is frustrating when you know BCF is hiding larger ferries at certain locations, just in case they might be needed elsewhere sometime.

Andrea Rutz

Jun 24, 2022

Today it took 4.25 hours for me to get home on my 'island highway' when it normally takes 1 hour. I had to go in for a dental appointment. This is not acceptable. And on Denman, when one waits THAT FAR from the terminal there is nowhere to go to the washroom. I heard people digging holes in the bush to do their business. You MUST be able o do better than this!



Dave Wishart Jun 24, 2022

As a resident and I can speak for all of us, we're sick and tired of waiting 4,5 or 6 hrs in the ferry line ups to go home. Is debilitating!

Shannon Cupper

Jun 24, 2022

The long waits are dangerous!



Richelle Lamont Jun 24, 2022

I hate waiting for hours in the hot sun with my 3 kids, with no bathrooms in sight. We waited 4.5 hours to get to Hornby today. Not cool.

Michael Deane

Jun 24, 2022

Today there were 6 sailing waits at Buckley Bay and itus nit uncommin to take 4 hours or more to travel through to Hornby and the summer travellers are not coming yet.



aj Martirano Jun 24, 2022

I'm a contractor on the island and the lack of service drastically effects my ability to keep my business running without huge delays and expenses in both labor and time lost , this is our only hyway and with the over advertised tourist industry most of the locals have to pay the price

Alex Christie

Jun 24, 2022

bc ferries sucks ass and the least they could do is not put a smaller ferry on in the summer when the island needs a bigger one because they want to have a backup for the politicians in saltspring

Craig Heath

Jun 24, 2022

Service is not acceptable and dangerous at line ups.

arlene mason

Jun 24, 2022

This is an essential service long overdue.

Dierdre Atkinson

Jun 24, 2022

the ferry waits are unacceptable particularly for elders, parents and mobility impaired people who sometimes have to walk more than a kilometre to use the public washrooms, Hornby based school kids who miss making it on time to their district track meets despite being at the ferry in the wee hours of the morning, and people missing important medical (and other) appointments even when arriving hours in advance of a ferry that would get them there on time. This does not make any sense when there are bigger ferries in

the fleet that would serve our island's growing needs much better. This is our highway for our community essential needs and the current situation is unacceptable.

Rae Maté

Jun 24, 2022

A bigger ferry is needed. This island community is sorely underserved and greatly inconvenienced by long waits in both directions. In the summer season the wait times are very long, and very hard on everyone.

Judith Coleman

Jun 24, 2022

Adequate ferry service is essential.



Matt Collinge Jun 24, 2022

Ferry service here is insufficient for demand and even lower than in the past



Melisa Devost Jun 24, 2022

I live on Hornby and have to travel for work. I'm not going to Hornby for a holiday, I'm going home.



Brittany Andrews Jun 24, 2022

Every summer the ferry shuttles back and forth all day to try to keep up with the traffic going to and from the island. There are cars lined up along the road sides on both ends. People with small children and animals just sitting in the heat with no facilities and no one to direct traffic. It's dangerous and it's poor planning.

Lorraine Bennett

Jun 24, 2022

BC Ferries' service to Hornby Island is an utter failure. Until BC Ferries has failed to recognize the screamingly obvious for too many years. Increase capacity now!

Cindy Anderson

Jun 24, 2022

I want to be able to actually get to appointments on time, medical especially, without having to go in a day early and pay for overnight accommodation.



Julia Platt Jun 24, 2022

I'm writing this from a six sailing wait line up on Denman Island. It took 1 1/2 hours to get this far. This inadequate ferry service makes it difficult for Hornby Islanders to access many essential services. There's a kilometer-long line of families with young children waiting on the road here for hours, with local traffic driving by. There are very limited food and drink services. I suggest that BC Ferries management come to Hornby for weekly meetings to fully comprehend how ridiculous this situation is.

Eulala Mills

Jun 24, 2022

This situation must be addressed, ferries are essential to the heath and wellbeing of the island and its residents

Paj Moon

Jun 24, 2022

I want to be able to get to health appointments on time & catch other ferries.

Sheila McDonnell

Jun 24, 2022

I know there is a simple solution, the Quinitsa is sitting as a standby ferry at Saltspring island which is served by at least 3 ferries. Return it, or similar capacity ferry to Hornby. This will not create more traffic, as our visitors are limited by accommodation availability. But it will make life bearable for the local residents you are supposed to be serving.

Brandt Watkins

Jun 24, 2022

It's ridiculous in 2022, poor service.