



# TOWN OF SIDNEY

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#### **NEW MANAGEMENT PROPOSED FOR SIDNEY FERRY TERMINAL**

Today Mayor Larry Cross and David Hahn, President of BC Ferries, announced that, by mutual consent, they have agreed to transfer the lease of the Sidney International Ferry Terminal back to the Town of Sidney.

In making the announcement, Mayor Cross stated that, "*We have greatly valued our partnership with BC Ferries over the last 3 years. Under their management many significant upgrades and improvements have been accomplished and certainly the terminal looks so much better than it did three years ago*".

In his comments, David Hahn observed that "*Mayor Cross met with us and explained the Town's interest in a more active role in developing business and operational plans for the terminal. Our relationship with the Town and the community is important to us and so we agreed to work toward termination of the lease*".

Mayor Cross noted that this new direction may assist in pursuing a more secure and longer-term future for the valued Washington State Ferries Anacortes to Sidney service. "*Out of this process we intend to send a message to the legislators in Olympia that this direct international ferry link is vital to Sidney and the Saanich Peninsula and to our friends in Anacortes and the Olympic Peninsula and we aim to keep it running on into the future*". The Mayor added that he, "... *certainly would welcome discussing with BC Ferries any potential future service initiatives that they may propose for the terminal*".

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