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Dear Mayor Douglas,

Thank you for your letter dated November 13, 2024, regarding the proposed Crofton Ferry Terminal Redevelopment Plan.

First, let me acknowledge the challenges that having to change course once we've presented options to community for consideration.

While I don't have a solution to provide today, I see the opportunity for a meeting with our team to look at the issues. Morningstar Pinto, Executive Director of External Engagement, will be reaching out to set up a meeting at your convenience, to discuss next steps.

Thank you again for your letter and for your offer to work collaboratively to see what possibilities exist.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon.

Attached is a letter from Mayor Douglas, Municipality of North Cowichan. A hard copy will not

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November 13, 2024

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Dear Nicolas Jimenez:

Re: Concerns regarding the proposed Crofton Ferry Terminal Redevelopment Plan

I am writing on behalf of North Cowichan Council to express our significant concerns regarding the proposed Crofton Ferry Terminal redevelopment plan. While we appreciate BC Ferries' efforts to enhance terminal facilities, the current proposal raises several critical issues that need to be addressed.

The chosen plan fails to move vehicle access away from Chaplin Street, a matter of great importance to our community. This oversight does not align with the interests and needs of our residents. Consequently, North Cowichan Council does not support the continued use of Chaplin Street for vehicle access as part of the terminal operations.

In 2019, BC Ferries presented two concept plans, and we, along with Crofton residents, preferred Concept 2, which proposed to relocate the terminal north of the existing location, create a new access road, and implement several upland improvements, such as a pedestrian trail, community park, bus exchange, foot-passenger building, a pedestrian pier with a market area, and an expanded waterfront park. This plan would have effectively diverted traffic from Chaplin Street and enhanced community amenities.

While we were disappointed to hear that BC Ferries had to indefinitely put on hold the plan to re-develop the ferry terminal due to financial constraints, we do understand the challenges your organization is facing with escalating capital project costs, as we are confronted with these issues at the local government level.

Recognizing that the upland improvements will not be moving ahead in the near term, we are writing to request a compromise where BC Ferries would develop a new access road, potentially incorporating a roundabout at the intersection of Crofton Road and York Avenue, to loop around into the existing terminal. This would require the purchase of a small amount of Paper Excellence land and would need



to ensure the existing skate park, boat launch and utility station can be safely accessed and utilized. We estimate that building this new access road would provide potential significant savings as compared to the original Concept 2 proposal put forward in 2019. In recent discussions with North Cowichan, Paper Excellence has expressed a willingness to work with BC Ferries on these changes that are crucial for the community's well-being. We have also relayed our concerns to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, who also need to be at the table for these discussions.

We look forward to working with you collaboratively to address this long-standing issue in our community.

Sincerely



Rob Douglas
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cc: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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