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Dear Mr. Druel,

Thank you for your letter dated June 20th, 2017 regarding possible car service to Bamfield and Ucluelet. As our summer has been a very busy one and our season is not over yet, I will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for the September 18th.

Lady Rose Marine purchased a retired BC ferry named the MV Tenaka now called the MV Alberni Legacy in 2016. This vessel has the capabilities to carry 400 passengers and a total of 29 cars and 3 semi tractors with trailers. We plan to certify this vessel for 250 passengers and for the full capacity of cars and trucks as needed.

We are in the process of getting the paperwork and the blessing of Government, Transport Canada and Lloyds Canada to put this vessel into service. Once these entities have given the green light we anticipate a two-year infrastructure development window to get the ramps docks and parking completed and in place.

The infrastructure needed to load and unload cars and trucks will be on the east side of Bamfield on the old Ostrom Ice Plant property now owned by the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. We will also be installing the same infrastructure on our property in Port Alberni. Ucluelet's infrastructure will be installed on an old float plane base.

This proposed car service has inundated our office all summer with requests for car service to Bamfield. Please remember we have not advertised this option and yet we still have so many requests. We are receiving 20 to 25 calls a day for car service as well as for truck, campers, and sport fishing boats. We had over 170 requests for the Music by the Sea festival alone.

We have also had people who are interested in purchasing property's in Bamfield contact us as they don't want to travel the existing logging road. The ambulance service has shown great interest in using our ferry so that they can give the people of Bamfield better service as well. This ferry is designed with power hookups so that an ambulance can be powered up for the duration of trip.

I feel this new service will dramatically help the businesses that are currently operating in Bamfield and dare to say there will be more that open in the future. Tourism will become a huge factor for the summer months and these ferry's will guarantee safe passage to Port Alberni when the road cannot during the winter months.

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The East side of Bamfield will see the main changes as the ferry infrastructure will be located on that side. We have purposely not tried to connect to the west side out of respect for the people who live on that side. We do however see more traffic travelling to the west side due to the lodges and beaches etc.

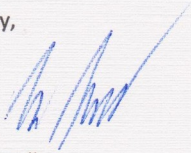
This project is a win-win situation for the community of Bamfield. Firstly, a safe alternative to travel to Port Alberni on a Transport Canada certified car ferry instead of an active logging road, especially in the winter months. Secondly an opportunity for Bamfield to grow its tourism base and to have more people and families move there. A chance for your community to grow and prosper as well as businesses to move there and do business. If people are given a more viable option to travel to Bamfield there will be an increase in traffic of all kinds.

We have expressed interest in another BC ferry which is soon to be retired. We would like to make that one our new freight and backup car ferry for when the Alberni Legacy is in refit or suffers a mechanical breakdown. This vessel is currently in service and has a car carrying capacity of 16 cars and lots of freight. This second ferry will guarantee Bamfield a solid car service with redundancy.

We have the full support for this project from the ACRD, BC ambulance, the city of Port Alberni, City of Ucluelet, BC Ferries, MLA Scott Fraser, MLA Gord Johns, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Bamfield Marine Station and the list goes on and is considerable.

Imagine the traffic once we advertise and start to operate this service.

Sincerely,



Mike Surrell
Owner