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**Via email: [Nicolas.jimenez@bcferries.com](mailto:Nicolas.jimenez@bcferries.com)**

Attention: Nicolas Jimenez, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Nicolas Jimenez:

**RE: VESUVIUS BAY FERRY TERMINAL EXPANSION**

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board, and following a recommendation from the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission, I write regarding BC Ferries' plans for the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal. In particular, we wish to highlight the importance of ensuring these plans fully accommodate existing and future trail connections, including the Margaret Community Trail and the proposed Regional Salish Sea Trail.

As our island communities continue to prioritize active transportation and climate resilience, it is essential that major transportation infrastructure projects align with these goals. Ferry terminals are not only gateways for vehicles but also critical nodes within broader walking and cycling networks. Integrating safe, accessible trail connections at Vesuvius Bay will enhance mobility for residents and visitors alike, while reducing reliance on vehicle travel.

Trails such as the Margaret Community Trail already play a vital role in connecting neighbourhoods and supporting healthy, low-impact transportation options. Looking ahead, the vision for the Regional Salish Sea Trail represents an important opportunity to link communities across the region through a cohesive and sustainable network. Ensuring the Vesuvius terminal design accommodates these connections is a necessary step in realizing that vision.

This request reflects a broader community commitment to active transportation, environmental stewardship, and improved quality of life. By incorporating trail infrastructure into ferry terminal planning, BC Ferries can demonstrate leadership in supporting these shared objectives and in responding to the needs and aspirations of island communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith  
CRD Board Chair

cc: CRD Board  
SSI Local Community Commission, CRD  
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD