



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
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Dear Minister Robertson, Minister MacKinnon, and Minister Champagne,

RE: Letter of support for Motion M-35 – Federal Operational Support for BC Ferries.

On behalf of Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, we are writing to express our strong support for Motion M-35 which calls on the federal government to modernize outdated ferry funding policies and establish fair, stable, long-term operation support for BC Ferries.

For coastal communities across British Columbia, ferries are not a luxury. They are essential marine highways that connect residents to jobs, health care, education, family, tourism, trade and economic opportunities. The affordability and reliability of BC Ferries directly affect the economic and social well-being of our communities.

We respectfully urge the federal government to modernize outdated ferry funding arrangements to better reflect the essential role ferry services play within Canada's transportation system. A modern funding framework would help ensure reliable, accessible, and affordable service for coastal and island communities.



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Most importantly, BC Ferries should be recognized as essential national transportation infrastructure, comparable to highways, bridges, and other key transportation corridors that receive ongoing federal support. Reliable ferry service is fundamental to the economic resilience and quality of life of many British Columbians.

We encourage delegates to support Motion M-35 and advocate for a renewed federal commitment to BC Ferries and the communities it serves.

Sincerely,

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