

Caity Gildart

From: Laura Glendening <lrglending@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 2:46 PM
To: Rate Change; Jennifer Lavanture; George Higgins; Nate Cooper; Sharoan Cohen; Jean Hoffman
Subject: Proposed Car Ferry Rate Change

Dear Jennifer, Sharoan, Jean, Nate, Bud, and other CBL Directors,

As you work to develop a new rate structure and discount system for car ferry tickets to Peaks Island I ask you to do this with concern for the island resident that travels infrequently or lives with a low fixed income, thus does not purchase a 90 day or annual pass.

The present proposal benefits frequent travelers, but there are Islanders that also depend on CBL but travel only once or twice a month — and still need affordable car tickets.

In addition to your present frequency biased proposal that gives a discount to only people with a 90 day or annual pass, the proposed fee of \$100 for a PeaksVPass is too great a burden for many people and families.

There are a wide variety of reasons for needing affordable car tickets for all island residents including sustainability of island living, and health and medical concerns. Please develop a rate structure and discount system that assists all Islanders, including the infrequent traveler and the low fixed income traveler.

I had similar concerns when you raised passenger ticket prices last year, that you were not factoring in the needs of **all** Islanders — and that the cost of a ticket could prevent family members from being able to visit family on Peaks. I was told by some of you that you would work on a system that would allow Islanders to get family members out to the Island at a discounted rate, less than \$7 off peak and \$14 peak, like the old commuter book. Is this something that you continue to work on?

Is it the right time to develop a simple Island Resident discount system?

Sincerely,
Laura Glendening
Peaks Island

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From: Coralie Sherman <csherm54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 4:30 PM
To: Rate Change
Subject: Vehicle rates

I'm a senior living at the Fay Garman House Apartments and I take my car to town at least twice a month. The proposed rate hike will make that very costly for me. I am also concerned about how people needing any kind of work done on the island will tell workers to come on the cheaper days making it difficult for islanders to utilize the inexpensive tickets. I hope you can find a way to accommodate people like myself living on a fixed income.

Thank you your time.

Coralie Sherman

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