From: Jeff Morton
To: Public Comment; Sharoan Cohen
Subject: Proposed Wednesday Car Rate Change
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Hello,

I am a year-round Peaks Island resident writing to you with concerns about your proposed proposal to eliminate or change the reduced auto rate on Wednesdays.

I normally stay out of these types of things and bite my tongue but I had to write to you with strong disagreement about this change. Vehicle rates are extremely expensive in the summer and many island residents must rely on a vehicle to get to and from medical appointments or even get large freight on and off the island. The cheaper ticket fares allow islanders to plan these needs for Wednesdays in the summer.

I'd urge you to reconsider and perhaps limit the vehicle rate to only passenger vehicles and not commercial vehicles or other large vehicles that take up the entire boat. Also, what about considering something similar to what is being done with priority boarding? Couldn't you allow island residents to keep the Wednesday rates if they have a priority boarding pass?

I hope you take time and make a genuine effort to get islander community feedback before quietly making a drastic change such as this.

On a separate note, the terminal is beginning to look great with all the construction changes. Great work and thank you! One additional comment for your consideration……I've been part of many conversations with people who use the Baylines on a very frequent basis and we are wondering about the new electronic terminal signs. It seems that these could be utilized better if they listed "next departure time" and "Destination " on the signs instead of the time and date on every one. This just seems like a wasted resource that could be improved with some effort put into it, otherwise, it seems like a waste of money.

Thanks for considering these concerns and feedback and thank you for what you do for island residents.

Best,
Jeff Morton

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