



April 14, 2026: AGM Report

The Gabriola Transportation Society's 2026 AGM was held at the Rollo Centre and featured guest speakers BC Ferry & Marine Workers Union President Eric McNeely and Ships Officers Component President Capt Chris Klassen. (see below BCF&MWU letter).



McNeely and Klassen spoke about “the scrapping of the FACs with a resultant lack of communications, and input between BC Ferries and the community,” the “increase in Experience Card top ups,” and noted that “our two ferry service is often at capacity

especially on late afternoon summer sailings to the island, yet BC Ferries has been deaf to requests for schedule adjustments that could prevent two and three hour lineups.”

They also focussed on BC Ferries' governance structure that results in “a sense where BC Ferries acts like a for-profit corporation rather than a necessary service or public utility.”



During the business portion of the AGM three directors were acclaimed for the 2026/7 term; Steven Earle as president, Tawny Maclachlan Capon as vice-pres, and Ivan Bulic as secretary/treasurer.

The highlight of the AGM was the **Director's Report** that listed the year's campaigns, events and actions, including:

Apr 25, 2025: Gabriola Safe Roads Initiative

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Oct 31, 2025: Letter to Vic Harbour Authority re scrapping cruise ship electrification

Oct 25, 2025: GTS presentation to RDN Board on Ferry Hill safety

Oct, 2025: GTS Pedestrian and Cyclist safety on Ferry Hill presented to RDN Board

Nov 25, 2025: CBC TV covered GTS safety concerns of Ferry Hill

Dec 01, 2025: Letter to PM and BC Premier supporting North Coast Tanker Ban.

Dec 15, 2025: CBC TV covered safety pylons appearing on Ferry Hill

Dec, 2025: GTS letter to MoTT on removal of Ferry Hill delineators

Jan ,2026: GTS Letter to BC Ferry CEO Jimenez re Experience Cards

Jan, 2026: Experience Card campaign during which Tawny and Susan Yates organized sending 217 letters to BCF about their top up policy.

Feb, 2026: Launch of GTS website ***gabriolatransportation.ca***

Feb 02, 2026: GTS issues Report on BC Ferries inoperable EV policy.

Feb 04, 2026: GtS letter to Ferries CEO Jimenez on EV policy

Feb 10, 2026: CHEK TV coverage of GTS EV Report

Mar 01, 2026: Letter to RDN re Ferry Hill pathway feasibility study

Mar 9, 2026: Press Release GTS initiates Ferry Ctte to replace disbanded FACs

Mar 13, 2026: Meet with RDN, MoTT and MLA re Ferry Hill pathway study.

Mar 16, 2026: Letter from Ferry CEO Jimenez re GTS EV report



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