

BC Ferry Authority Appointments and Statement on Outgoing Chair

The BC Ferry Authority Board of Directors extends its thanks and appreciation to outgoing directors Joy MacPhail, Eric Denhoff and Dennis Blatchford, for their dedication and contributions to BC Ferries. We would like to recognize the directors for their efforts to stabilize service from the post-pandemic recovery period to today's record level ridership. Cathy McLay, the current vice chair will assume the acting chair position.

The Authority has appointed two new directors, Jessica Bowering and Marlene Kowalski.

- **Jessica Bowering** is a practicing lawyer and Senior Counsel at Hawkins Lang and Price. She brings extensive legal and governance experience including as in-house counsel for two BC health care unions and as Deputy Minister in the Policy Coordination Office of the Alberta government.
- **Marlene Kowalski** is a Chartered Professional Accountant and Certified General Accountant with more than 25 years of strategic business leadership and organizational transformation. Ms. Kowalski served as VP and Chief Financial Officer at Vancouver Island University, Vancouver Community College, and Fort McMurray Airport Authority.

The BC Ferry Authority Board of Directors would like to specifically acknowledge outgoing Chair Joy MacPhail for her transformative tenure and her fearless leadership. Joy's extensive experience was critical in the implementation of billions of dollars of new capital assets for the ferry system, which will allow the company to maintain its resilience as ridership continues to grow.

Recently the BC Ferry Services Board and the BC Ferry Authority Board [charted a new course for coastal ferries](#) to meet future demands on the system. We continue to build on that strategic vision in the service and investment planning for the upcoming performance term.

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