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VIA EMAIL

Attention: Mr. David Graham, Chair, Gambier Island Local Trust Committee

Dear Sir:

Re: Divestiture of New Brighton Dock, Gambier Island

Thank you for your letter dated January 21, 2013.

As per Lorraine Gill's email, dated November 16, 2013, to Ms. Kate-Louise Stamford, Gambier Island Local Trustee, I wish to reiterate that Transport Canada is currently in discussions with an interested party with regards to the proposed divestiture of the New Brighton Public Port Facility on Gambier Island, BC. Please refer to the following link for more information regarding Transport Canada's Port Divestiture Program <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs/ports-menu-1127.htm>.

In early summer of last year, Transport Canada sent out letters to a number of local parties, including the Gambier Island Community Association, to solicit interest in taking over the operation and maintenance of this port. As a result, Squamish Nation stepped forward indicating their interest in entering into discussions with Transport Canada for the proposed divestiture. Hence, we are proceeding with the divestiture of this facility in accordance with the Guidelines and Directives for Port Divestiture. If this port is divested, the new port operator will be bound to operate the port at New Brighton as a public port facility in accordance with the terms and conditions of transfer.

In most cases, once the port is divested, the new port operator receives funding for the continued operation and maintenance of the port. Expenditures related to maintaining or bringing the port up to minimum safety standards or for rendering the port compliant with regulatory or insurance requirements are eligible expenditures as per the terms and conditions of the transfer agreement.

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Transport Canada is not considering a public meeting at this time. However, please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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