



## FACTS CONCERNING THE NEW BRIGHTON DOCK, GAMBIER ISLAND

<p><b>Structure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110m drive-on pier structure</li> <li>• Two attached floats with approximately 22 small boat births</li> <li>• 6.7 metres depth at low tide at end of pier</li> <li>• Originally built circa 1917 to service steamships</li> <li>• No water or electricity available to the facility</li> <li>• Not supported by any ongoing revenue streams or local taxation</li> <li>• Costs approximately \$110,000 per year to maintain and insure as stated by Squamish Nation Marine Group</li> </ul>
<p><b>Route 13 BC Ferries Passenger Ferry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Stormaway, contracted to BC Ferries, services New Brighton Dock 10 times a day.</li> <li>• The only dock on Gambier Island serviced by BC Ferries</li> <li>• Approximately 35,000 people trips per year embark and disembark from this point. By far the busiest of the island docks in Howe Sound/Atl'ka7tsem apart from Snug Cove on Bowen Island.</li> <li>• The only all-season sheltered dock on the southwest peninsula.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ownership</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The New Brighton dock was divested from the Federal government in 2013 to the Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw. The agreement was for five years and came with financial support for maintenance for that term. The agreement to maintain it as a public facility was extended and then completed as of November 2019.</li> <li>• It is currently managed by the Squamish Nation Marine Group</li> <li>• The Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw has determined it is in the best interest of their membership to divest the New Brighton dock.</li> <li>• The provincial water tenure lease that would be transferred with the New Brighton dock is still with the Province. Application for its transfer to the Squamish Nation under its current designation for "Community Institutional" is in process as of November 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>History of Divestiture</b></p>	<p>From 2000 to 2003, nine docks in the lower Howe Sound/Sunshine Coast area were offered for divestiture by the Federal government under their facility divestiture strategy. The Sunshine Coast Regional District agreed to take over the port facilities. The New Brighton dock stayed as a federal structure due to its importance as a remote access dock. The Federal government also proposed divestiture of the New Brighton dock in 2003 but withdrew the option seeing no interest, and push back from the community.</p> <p>In 2012 Transport Canada again put the New Brighton dock out for divestiture. The Regional District was considering options to take responsibility for the facility when Transport Canada announced an agreement with the Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw to take ownership of the facility as per federal policy with Rights and Title and First Nations.</p>

<p><b>Population of the southwest peninsula of Gambier Island</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 125 full-time residents including children</li> <li>• 300+ property owners, several bare land lots sold this year</li> <li>• About 300 occupied lots</li> </ul> <p>The full-time population commutes off-island for work, school, medical and shopping exclusively using the New Brighton dock where extensive parking infrastructure has been developed. The community has grown over a century based on the reliable year-round access to the mainland provided by the New Brighton dock.</p>
<p><b>Infrastructure and Services to the southwest peninsula</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The southwest peninsula is comprised of three “communities” clustered around the New Brighton, Gambier Harbour and West Bay docks. They are connected by roads; the only part of the island with a connective road structure. The New Brighton dock is the main access for all three communities.</li> <li>• There are no schools, shops or medical services on the island.</li> <li>• This part of the island is serviced by hydro, Capilano Highways, telephone land lines as well as limited cell service and internet access.</li> <li>• Scheduled to be connected by the new Connect BC remote community fibre optic project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other docks in the southwest peninsula</b></p>	<p>Gambier Harbour and West Bay docks also serve the southwest peninsula and are managed by the Sunshine Coast Regional District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Bay dock with it’s narrow 220m pier is not accessible by vehicle and has a very small float which is regularly unusable in winter due to its exposed location.</li> <li>• Gambier Harbour is well used as a recreational facility, but is a seasonal dock and not reliably accessible in the winter. It is currently damaged from a recent storm. There is very little parking in the upland area.</li> </ul> <p>Management of all island docks is of ongoing concern by the SCRD due to rising maintenance costs.</p>
<p><b>Governance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Island is within the Skwxwú7mesh Temíxw and is considered a candidate area.</li> <li>• Services are provided by the Sunshine Coast Regional District as part of Area F West Howe Sound.</li> <li>• Planning is within the jurisdiction of the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee, Islands Trust.</li> <li>• Provincial Area – Powell River-Sunshine Coast</li> <li>• Federal Area - West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky</li> </ul>