## NEW BRIGHTON DOCK, GAMBIER ISLAND

### Structure
- 110m drive-on pier structure
- 2 attached floats with approximately 22 small boat births
- 6.7 m depth at low tide at end of pier
- Accessible to float planes
- Originally built in about 1912 to service steamships
- No water or electricity available to the facility
- Not supported by any ongoing revenue streams or local taxation
- Costs approximately $110,000 per year to maintain and insure

### BC Ferries Water Taxi
- The Stormaway, contracted to BC Ferries services New Brighton Dock 10 times a day.
- This is the only Gambier dock facility serviced by BC Ferries
- 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'Kitsem apart from Snug Cove on Bowen Island.

### Ownership
The New Brighton dock was divested from the Federal Govt 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 is over as of November 2018.

It is currently managed by the Squamish Nation Marine Group

The Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumixw, through the Squamish Nation Marine Group, have informally indicated that they may want to “walk away” from continued management of the facility due to high maintenance costs and lack of revenue options.

### History of Divestiture
In about 2001, 10 Federal Docks in the lower Howe Sound/Sunshine Coast area were offered for divestiture by the federal government. The Sunshine Coast Regional District agreed to take over 9 of the 10 docks and the New Brighton Dock stayed as a federal facility due to its importance as a docking facility for larger coast guard vessels.

In 2013 the Transport Canada again put New Brighton out for divestiture. The Gambier Island Community Association was provided the option of taking over
management of the dock but indicated it did not have the capability to do so at that time and was reviewing options with the regional district when the announcement of an agreement with the Skwxwú7mesh Uxwumíxw to take on ownership of the facility was made by Transport Canada.

The federal government never provided any opportunity for community input or discussion when it decided to divest the New Brighton dock in 2013 despite repeated requests by islanders.

The Community that the New Brighton facility serves

| Population of the south west peninsula | • About 115 full-time residents including children  
• 300+ recreational property owners  
• About 285 occupied lots + 22 more recently opened for sale |
| Infrastructure and Services to the South West Peninsula | • The south west peninsula comprises 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.  
• There are no schools, shops or medical services on the island.  
• This part of the island is serviced by hydro, land lines as well as limited cell service and internet access.  
• On line to be connected by the new Connect BC remote community fibre optic project. |
| Other docks in the South West Peninsula | Gambier Harbour and West Bay also serve the south west peninsula area.  
• 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.  
• Gambier Harbour is well used as a recreational facility, but access is limited by storms in the winter and lack of parking in the upland area.  
• Managed by the SCRD  
Ongoing management of these facilities, as well as the other island docks, is of ongoing concern by the SCRD due to rising maintenance costs. |
| Governance | • Within the Skwxwú7mesh Temíxw and is considered a candidate area  
• Services are provided by the Sunshine Coast Regional District as part of Area F West Howe Sound.  
• Planning is within the jurisdiction of the Gambier Island Local Trust Committee, Islands Trust.  
• Provincial Area – Powell River-Sunshine Coast  
• Federal Area - West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky |