



## KOOTENAY LAKE FERRY SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE – JUNE 2018

In 2016 and 2018, the Province consulted with ferry users, area residents and businesses about the potential relocation of the Balfour Ferry Terminal and related proposed service, safety and infrastructure improvements to the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service.

The complete Round 2 Consultation Summary Report (2018) is now available. To demonstrate how the Province has considered some of the key themes raised in the Round 2 Public Consultation, a Consideration Memo is also available. Both documents can be found on the project's [Public Consultation webpage](#).

### BACKGROUND

On November 3, 2016, the Province [announced](#) its intention to retain the Balfour Ferry Terminal and implement improvements to the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service, including minor dredging in the West Arm of Kootenay Lake.

This follows the results of the first round of public consultation, held from June 15 – October 6, 2016, which provided information on issues facing the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service and sought input on the potential relocation of the terminal to Queens Bay, among other key considerations. A majority of respondents - 76% of 1,766 questionnaires received - expressed support for retaining the Balfour Ferry Terminal citing:

- local community and infrastructure already in place
- desire to retain the existing environment at Queens Bay
- desire to avoid environmental impact of constructing at Queens Bay.

The second round of public consultation picked up from the decision to retain the Balfour Ferry Terminal and asks for feedback on key areas of improvement to ferry service, such as:

- improving queueing safety
- increasing parking capacity
- new public washrooms
- greenspace options

### HOW INPUT IS BEING CONSIDERED

Input received through this public consultation is being considered by the Province, along with technical, environmental and financial considerations, in refining and finalizing the improvements to the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service.

For updates or to find more information about the Kootenay Lake Ferry Service Improvements, please visit [gov.bc.ca/balfourterminal](http://gov.bc.ca/balfourterminal).