August 4, 2020

The Honourable Darryl Plecas  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is a report regarding the BC Ferries Medical Travel (COVID-19) Order (Ministerial Order 256/2020) which was made on July 30, 2020, under section 10 of the Emergency Program Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 111. This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (1) of the COVID-19 Related Measures Act, S.B.C. 2020, c 8 (CRMA).

Subsection 4 (4) of CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

M256/2020 requires the British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. to implement all procedures necessary to ensure that an individual that arrives at a ferry terminal is loaded on the first ferry that sails after the individual arrives, if the individual:

- Arrives at the terminal at least 30 minutes before the ferry is scheduled to sail,
- Is travelling to or from medical treatment, and
- Presents
  - a letter, dated and signed by a medical practitioner, stating that the individual requires priority loading, and
  - a completed Travel Assistance Program form.

In addition, the M256/2020 stipulates that a letter from a medical practitioner stating that the individual requires priority loading is valid for up to one year.

Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulation.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General
WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was declared on March 18, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS individuals require transportation on BC Ferries for medical treatment;

AND WHEREAS section 10 (1) of the Emergency Program Act provides that I may do all acts and implement all procedures that I consider necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;

I, Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, order that the attached BC Ferries Medical Travel (COVID-19) Order is made.
BC FERRIES MEDICAL TRAVEL (COVID-19) ORDER

Application

1 This order only applies during the period that the declaration of a state of emergency made March 18, 2020 under section 9 (1) of the Emergency Program Act, and any extension of the duration of that declaration, is in effect.

British Columbia Ferry Services - medical travel

2 (1) British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. must implement all procedures necessary to ensure that an individual who arrives at a terminal at least 30 minutes before a ferry is scheduled to sail is loaded on the ferry, along with any vehicle in or on which the individual arrives and any other individual travelling in or on that vehicle, if the individual

(a) is travelling to or from medical treatment, and

(b) presents both of the following:

(i) a letter, dated and signed by a medical practitioner, stating that the individual requires priority loading;

(ii) a completed Travel Assistance Program form.

(2) A letter under subsection (1) (b) (i) is valid throughout the period

(a) beginning on the date of the letter, and

(b) ending on the earlier of

(i) the date that is one year after the date of the letter, and

(ii) the date, if any, specified in the letter as its expiry date.