



BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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Lorne Doerkson, Interim Leader of the BC Conservative Party
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Dear Interim Leader Lorne Doerkson:

Ferry and marine workers keep B.C.'s coastal communities connected. As voters, our members want to know what your party will do on the issues that affect their working lives.

The BC Ferry & Marine Workers' Union is non-partisan. We're sending the same questions to all provincial parties and will publish their responses on our website so our 5000 plus members can make informed choices.

Please outline your party's commitments on these six questions:

1. What will your party do to support fair wages, dependable hours and secure union jobs in B.C.'s ferry and marine sector?
2. How will you strengthen workplace protection from violence, bullying and harassment, address unsafe workloads and fatigue, and ensure workers' concerns lead to action?
3. How will you make marine training more accessible and affordable, including course fees, travel and living costs? Will you advocate for federal EI support for workers taking marine training?
4. What will you do to make housing more affordable in coastal communities so workers can live near their jobs?
5. How will you support reliable, affordable ferry service and ferries built in B.C.?
6. How will you protect union jobs and strengthen collective bargaining rights?

Please respond to mailroom@bcfmwu.com by **October 16**. We'll publish your responses as received and identify any parties that haven't responded by the deadline. Our members deserve clear answers from the people seeking to represent them. Thank you for taking the time to respond.

Sincerely,

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