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Mayor and Council
City of Powell River
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Dear Mayor Woznow and City Council,

Re: Jervis Inlet and Agamemnon Channel Power Line Replacement Project

I'm following up on my February 18, 2025 presentation to City Council introducing the Jervis Inlet to Agamemnon Channel Power Line Replacement Project, to provide Mayor and Council, and staff, the dates of the planned marine closure at Jervis Inlet.

The purpose of the project is to ensure public safety and electricity reliability to the Powell River area by replacing the old 138 kilovolt (kV) power lines that cross Jervis Inlet and Agamemnon Channel which are at high risk of failure due to age and ocean spray corrosion.

There is also a 230 kV line providing electricity to the region. We plan to replace the 230 kV power lines and the aviation marker balls at the two marine crossings at a later date.

Jervis Inlet marine closure October 2025

We are planning to remove the 138 kV power line at Jervis Inlet. During this project there will be a nine day period where no marine traffic will be permitted under the lines.

Dates: Wednesday, October 1 to Thursday, October 9, 2025

Times: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm each day

Alternate access: The wider Jervis Inlet area can be accessed by boating through Agamemnon Channel.

This marine closure is required for both public and crew safety. Pilot boats will be positioned on either side of the power line marine crossing to warn boaters who may have missed the closure notice.

A Navigable Waters application has been submitted to Transport Canada regarding this marine closure. As part of this process, an advertisement will be placed in May 2025 in the local newspaper about the closure and provide a 30-day comment period.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, removing power lines over a long marine area like this, is a challenging undertaking. Should we be unable to complete the power line removal work over the

nine day period, an additional marine closure at Jervis Inlet may be required from October 14-16.

A communications protocol is being developed to advise boaters and BC Ferries on the marine closure status. Boat marinas along the Sunshine Coast have been notified of the upcoming closures. Additional marinas such as those on the east coast of Vancouver Island, will also be contacted.

Next Steps

Once line removal work is done, we will be scheduling the restringing of the new power lines. We are planning to confirm these dates in spring 2026.

BC Ferries

We have been engaging with BC Ferries on the project since spring 2024. To ensure communities remain connected and essential service is maintained, BC Ferries is currently developing alternate service, which includes:

- An alternate schedule; and
- alternate route options, including options to sail around Nelson Island via the Agamemnon Channel during the Jervis Inlet closure.

BC Ferries will post schedules on www.bcferries.com and update impacted communities through a service notice.


Agamemnon Channel marine closure spring 2026

At Agamemnon Channel, the 138 kV power line removal and restringing will take place in spring 2026. Early plans anticipate this marine closure may be around 18 days, for about ten hours per day. BC Ferries does not sail through Agamemnon Channel. These spring marine closure dates will be confirmed by December 2025.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me – my contact information is below. We encourage people to follow the project website at www.bchydro.com/jervisagamemnon.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this important work.

Sincerely,



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