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## **BC FERRIES COMPLETES MAJOR UPGRADES AT PRINCE RUPERT TERMINAL**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries recently completed a \$12 million project that will improve customers' experience by providing a more comfortable covered and wider walkway, a new waiting room for walk-on passengers and a wider trestle for vehicles loading onto the vessel at Prince Rupert terminal. Connecting communities is important to BC Ferries, and investing in infrastructure provides safe, reliable service for customers who rely on ferry service to and from Prince Rupert.

Before undertaking this project, BC Ferries engaged with the community through the regional Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC). BC Ferries completed the project without any sailing cancellations.

"BC Ferries has an ambitious capital plan to independently fund over \$3 billion worth of ship and terminal upgrades over the next 12 years," said Corrine Storey, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "This project replaced infrastructure that was at the end of its service life, and now provides a more modern and pleasant journey for our customers travelling on the north coast."

"I am pleased to see investments like this and others in the northern and central routes," said Barry Cunningham, Prince Rupert FAC Representative. "I believe BC Ferries is taking note of the importance of the ferry service to the residents of coastal B.C. as a transportation link and to our tourism trade."

The project was substantially completed at the end of February 2018 and feedback received from the community has been positive. The upgrades will improve safety and efficiency at the terminal and will be a welcome addition to the Prince Rupert terminal enjoyed by customers for years to come.

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### **Photos attached.**

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The new vehicle access ramp, covered customer walkway and waiting room at BC Ferries' Prince Rupert terminal.



BC Ferries employees in the new customer waiting room. From l to r: Hank Glowinski, Brittany Benson and Shawn MacDonald.