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### BC Ferries Commits to Funding the Restoration of the Persephone

*December 8, 2020* – The Town of Gibsons today announced that BC Ferries has committed to funding the restoration of the ‘Persephone’ – the wooden vessel made famous by the long-running ‘Beachcombers’ television series. The Town also announced the release of a short video created to help promote the restoration project, which features several Beachcomber luminaries and long-time Persephone fans.

*“BC Ferries is proud to make a donation to this project, as revitalizing the Persephone will have a lasting and positive impact for many years to come,”* said Mark Collins, President and CEO of BC Ferries. *“We understand the importance of supporting coastal community initiatives that encourage travel and economic development and we know the Persephone is a treasured landmark in the community.”*

The 55-year-old boat has been a popular Town attraction since 2007, when it was first placed at the Five Corners intersection of Gibsons Landing.

*“Every summer people line up to take their picture with the Persephone,”* said Mayor Bill Beamish. *“We certainly want that to continue for many years and are grateful to BC Ferries for helping us with the resurrection of this piece of history.”*

*“The Persephone is very ‘Canadiana’, very BC,”* added Jackson Davies, who played Constable John Constable on the Beachcombers for 16 years. *“She’s an iconic part of the film industry in Canada – and around the world.”*

In addition to a major restoration, the Persephone needs a new home, as the lot where she now sits is slated for development. The aim is to have the restoration and relocation project completed in 2022, which would coincide with the 50th anniversary of The Beachcombers debut on CBC-TV.

For more information about the Persephone Restoration project, please visit: [gibsons.ca/Persephone-restoration](https://gibsons.ca/Persephone-restoration). To view the related video, [please click here](#).

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