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# **BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) September Update**

At its regular September meeting, the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) welcomed new trustee Claude Pope, who was appointed by the Village of BHI to replace John Fisher, whose term had expired. Treasurer David Jessen reported that the Authority’s annual audit, which is required to be received by the Local Government Commission annually by October 1<sup>st</sup>, is nearly complete. BHI Limited CEO Chad Paul discussed the impact of COVID-19 on the operation of the transportation system. He reported that ferry ridership for the month of August represented 82% of 3-year historical demand, with ferries running at 50% capacity of 75 passengers plus crew. This is lower than the 86% previously reported for both June and July. The number of days that individuals are parking on the mainland increased over historical demand, indicating that people are staying on BHI longer. Revenue is ahead year-to-date on parking and barge operations while ferry operations are behind — again, perhaps because people are staying on the Island longer. Paul also reported there have been no confirmed COVID-19 cases among employees.

The next meeting of the Authority is October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am and will be held electronically. Contact Daralyn Spivey at [dspivey@villagebhi.org](mailto:dspivey@villagebhi.org) with questions.