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## **Morfitt to audit ferry safety**

Former Auditor General George Morfitt will start an independent review of BC Ferries' safety policies, procedures and practices at once, with a report to be made public towards the end of the year. Morfitt and his team will examine whether BC Ferries complies not only with the rules of the *Canada Shipping Act*, but also with its own safety management system.

'The safety of our customers and crew is our first priority,' said David Hahn, BC Ferries' president and CEO. But questions have been raised this year following the shipwreck of the *Queen of the North*, followed a few days later by the resignation of the company's newly hired safety director.

In a lawsuit against the company, he claimed that he had warned company officials that safety practices and training were inadequate; the company's statement of defence declared that he had not.

'It is our intention to carry out a major audit of this nature every five years,' says Hahn. Morfitt's team will collect information through management, union and employee interviews, reviewing documents, systems and processes, performing inspections and gathering relevant material from sources outside of BC Ferries. ☞

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