

Affordable & Accessible Transportation Report

Setting the Stage

- »» Transportation Acts,
Legislation and Policy
Resources

Acts and Legislation

- ▶ Passenger Transportation Act
 - ▶ Commercial Transport Act
 - ▶ Coastal Ferry Act
 - ▶ Transport Canada
 - ▶ Forest Road Regulation
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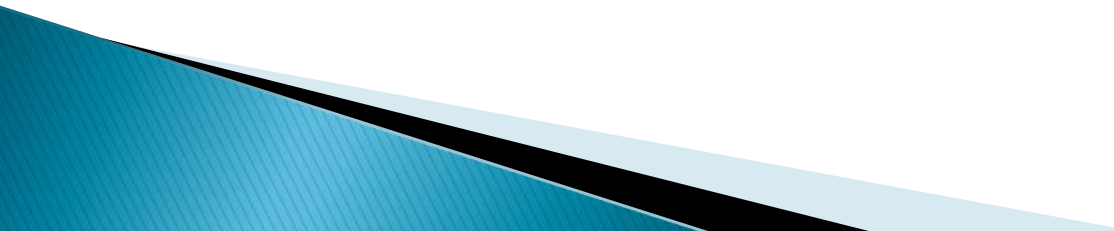
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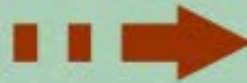
How We Get From Here To There: Accessible and Affordable Transportation in the Alberni Clayoquot

Affordable & Accessible Transportation

- ▶ Background to issue
 - ▶ Consultation Report highlights
 - ▶ Recommendations
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How do we get from here to there??

Share stories of your transportation experiences around the region



How do we get from here...

School



Health & Medical Services



Employment

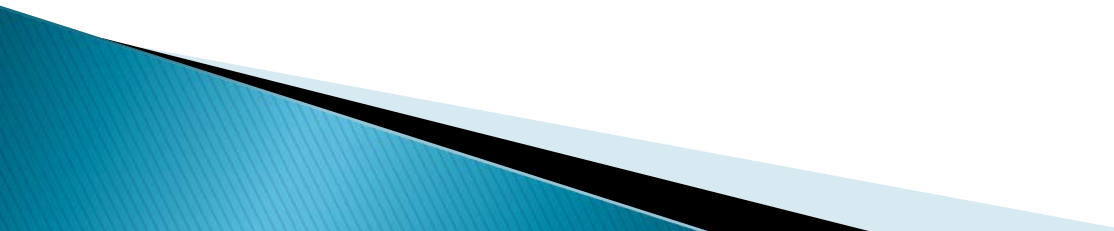
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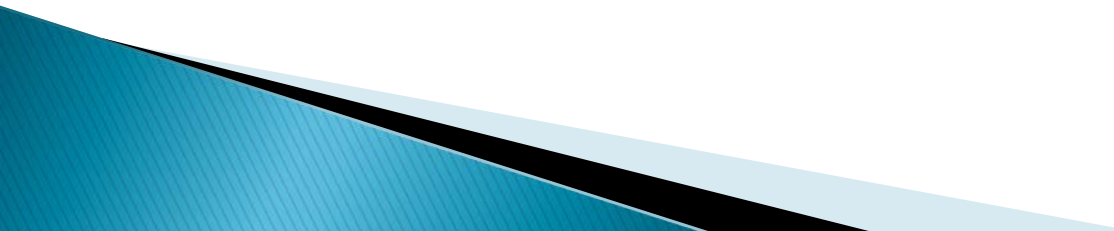
Leisure Activities

How do you currently get around? What are the current challenges? What are the opportunities for change?

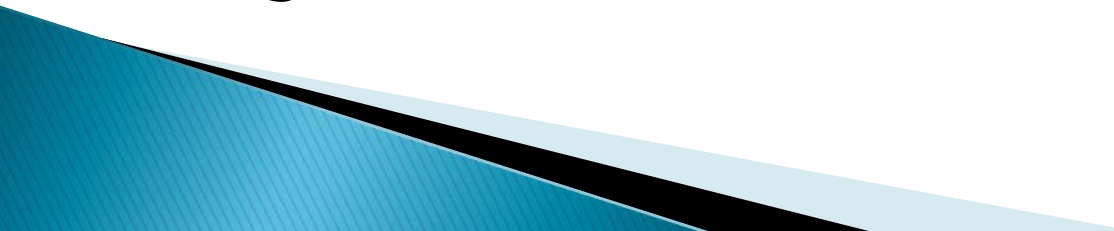
Background to Issue

- ▶ Access to basic and essential services
 - ▶ Access to employment, recreational and educational opportunities
 - ▶ Current blend of private and publicly funded transportation options in region
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Consultation Report

- ▶ 31 interviews completed
 - ▶ 4 community sessions held
 - ▶ C2C Forum – roundtable discussion
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Interview Questions

- ▶ How accessible and affordable is the existing transportation network in the ACRD for residents to fully participate in Society?
 - ▶ What gaps are evident in the accessibility and affordability of transportation in the region?
 - ▶ What are the opportunities for collaboration among stakeholders in the ACRD that will enhance the transportation system in the region?
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What does it look like?

Community perspective

One of the biggest barriers I see are the general lack of driver's licenses among our multi-barriered [sic] population... The bus system is heavily used, but it is challenging with kids and grocery shopping, laundry mats etc. Also the obstacle of affording a car, gas, repairs and insurance. I do think that transportation is a huge issue among many in our region, and presents a barrier to employment and access to community supports and engagement.

What are the gaps?



Community perspective - Travel snapshot

Travel one-way from Hot Springs Cove to Tofino = \$82 Walk with bags from dock to bus depot

Travel to Port Alberni on Tofino Bus = \$29
Snacks/Lunch = \$10

Taxi from Tofino Bus to hotel to drop off bags = \$12 Taxi from hotel to medical appointment = \$10

Taxi from medical appointment to hotel = \$10
Dinner = \$20

Hotel = \$85
Breakfast = \$10

Taxi to Tofino Bus = \$12

Travel to Tofino on Tofino Bus = \$29 Walk with bags from bus depot to dock

Travel to Hot Springs Cove from Tofino = \$82

Total travel expense: = \$391

*This is a cost estimate for one person traveling from Hot Springs Cove to Port Alberni for a medical appointment. This snapshot does not account for lost wages, child minding services (if children are left at home) or additional people traveling (if children or other dependents must travel with patient).

What are the opportunities

Community perspective

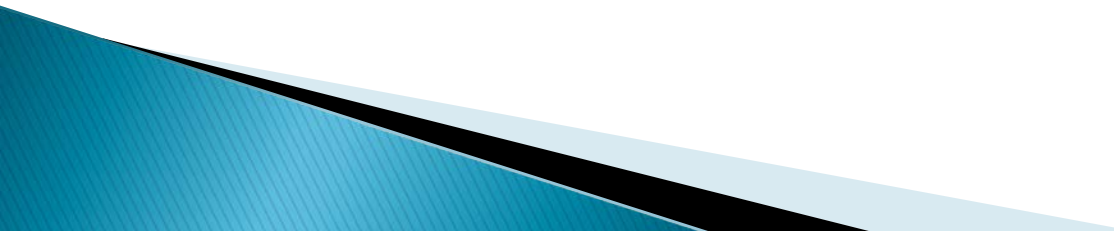
A big bonus for us at Tofino Parks and Recreation is having a 15-passenger van that we can use for our programs to try to remove the barrier of transportation and increase the number of kids participating in our programs. Off shore communities are still a large challenge for us (as I'm sure its an ongoing challenge for the people who live there) to try and meet up with boat transportation going back and forth. Often the boats don't come in early enough to meet up with our programs, and in the winter when it's dark so early organizing boat transportation home from after school programs can be challenging.

Ground transportation to the further reaches of town, such as Esowista and Ty-Histanis is also challenging as we don't always have the staff to offer a shuttle for all of our programs and kids travelling from that region often don't have rides available to them to get to and from town.

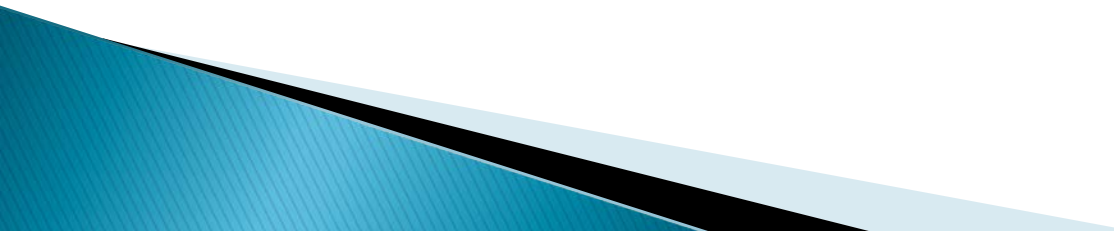
Report Recommendations



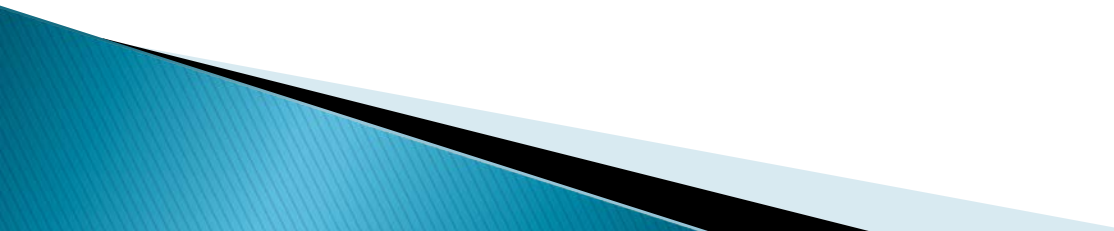
Transportation Report Recommendation Themes

- ▶ Transportation Infrastructure
 - ▶ Coordination of Transportation Networks and Services
 - ▶ Non-emergency Medical Travel
 - ▶ Transportation Planning and Collaboration
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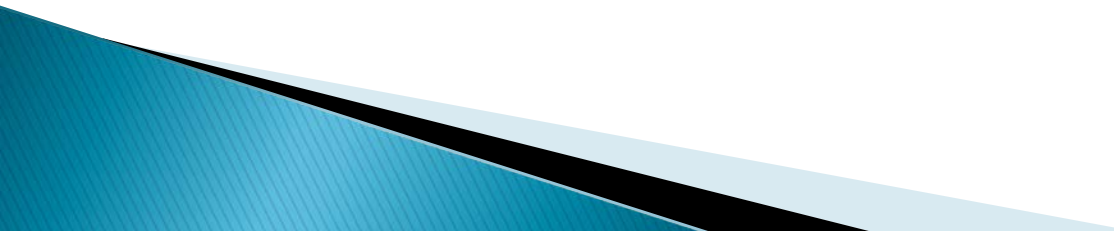
Transportation Infrastructure

- Ownership of private roads
 - Routes for enhancement within Alberni Valley
 - Recognition of marine corridors as highways
 - Enhance active transportation options
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Coordination of Transportation Networks and Services

- Non-emergency medical travel
 - Purchase of wheelchair accessible van
 - Development of new service between Tofino/Ucluelet for example
 - Community shuttle bus
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Non-Emergency Medical Travel

- ▶ Tele-health
 - ▶ Research cost of bringing professionals in as opposed to patients travelling out.
 - ▶ Show true cost for residents to travel within region and beyond for appointments.
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Transportation Planning and Collaboration

- ▶ Form transportation working group
 - ▶ Creation of Health & Social Hubs
 - ▶ Enhance awareness of transportation options
 - ▶ Enhance broadband throughout region
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