



# Tofino-Ucluelet Transit Service

West Coast Committee

June 2019

# Agenda

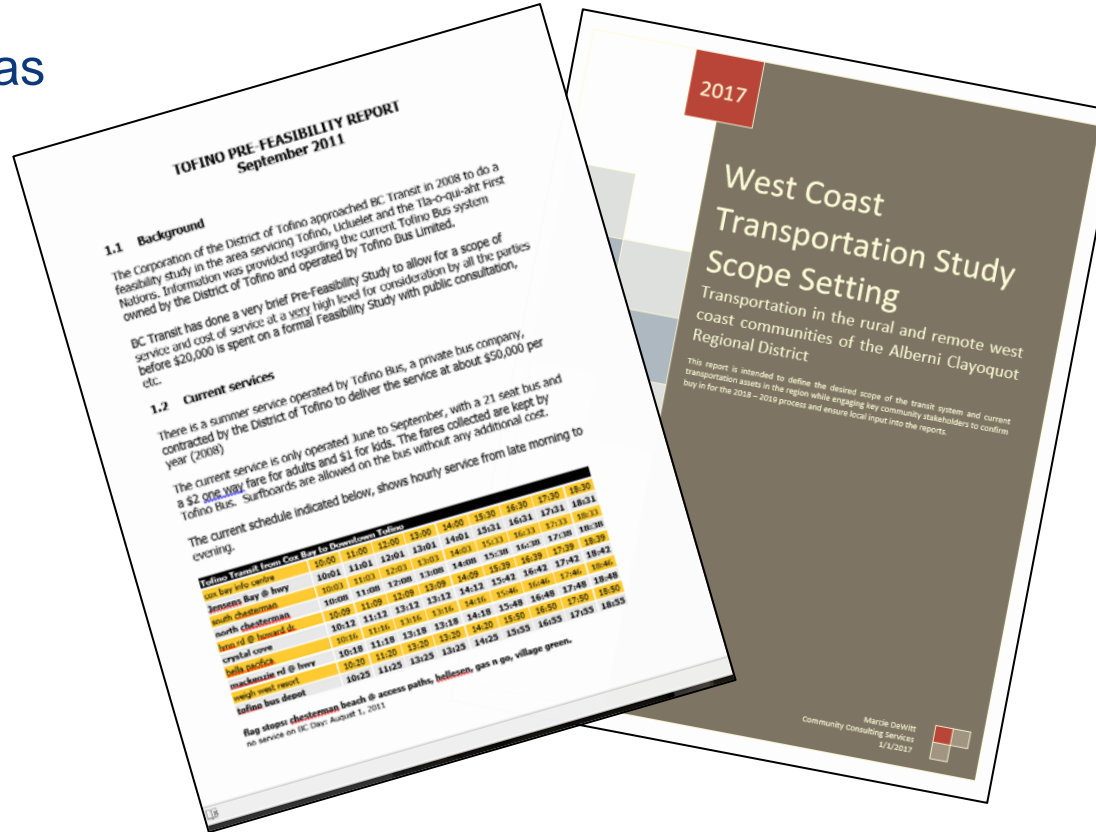
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# Background

Public transit service identified as a priority for a number of years

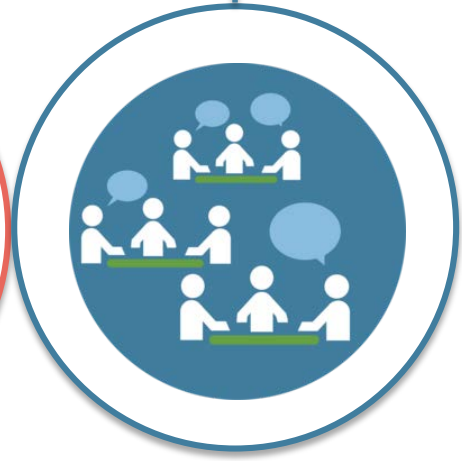
- 2011 Pre Feasibility Study
- 2017 Market Demand Analysis
- 2018 Feasibility Study



# Process

Drafting feasibility study  
**July-September 2018**

Public Consultation  
**March-April 2019**



Field research and background  
information **June 2018**

Service options presented  
**October 2018**



# Public Engagement



## Open Houses

- Wed, April 3, 10 – 11 am Coastal Family Resource Coalition
- Wed, April 3, 4:00 – 7:00 pm Tofino Community Hall
- Thurs, April 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Ucluelet First Nation Cixwatin Centre
- Thurs, April 4, 4:00 – 7:00 pm District of Ucluelet Community Centre

## NRG survey

- Telephone Survey - March 25 and April 7, 2019
- Online Survey - March 25 and April 7, 2019

## Targeted Engagement

- Youth sessions were conducted at the Ucluelet Secondary School Social Studies Class, Alternative Studies Class, Tofino Youth Night and Ucluelet Youth Night
- Two senior sessions were conducted at the Forest Glen Centre and Tofino Seniors Social Fridays.



# Public Engagement – Open Houses



## What did we hear?

- Desire for stops at Ty-Histanis and Esowista
- Desire for earlier trip from Hitacu to Ucluelet
- In winter, earlier trip from Ucluelet as opposed to Tofino
- Slight routing revisions were suggested in both Tofino and Ucluelet
- Desire to bring surf boards on buses
- Desire for stops at all of the beaches
- Residents willing to pay for transit
  - » Interest in exploring other funding mechanisms



# Public Engagement – NRG surveys



## What did we hear?

- 72% of area residents are interested in a bus service between Tofino and Ucluelet
- If the bus came every hour, 69% would be interested
- 77% of area residents are willing to pay a portion of their annual taxes to assist with bus service
- 76% of residents feel the First Nations communities should be serviced.
  - » Among these respondents, the most important communities to serve are Electoral Area C – Long Beach (74% mentioning), followed by Tla-o-qui-aht (53%) and Hitacu (51%)

Overall, considerable interest in a potential new bus service



# Next Steps

If given direction to move forward to implementation planning....

- Confirmation of local governance, service participants, and completion of a *Alternative Approval Process*
- Confirm vehicle type
- Determine location for operations and maintenance facility
- Review routing and turns with BC Transit safety and training
- Engage stakeholders such as businesses to develop detailed schedules
- Confirm bus stop locations along route
- Determine detailed costing







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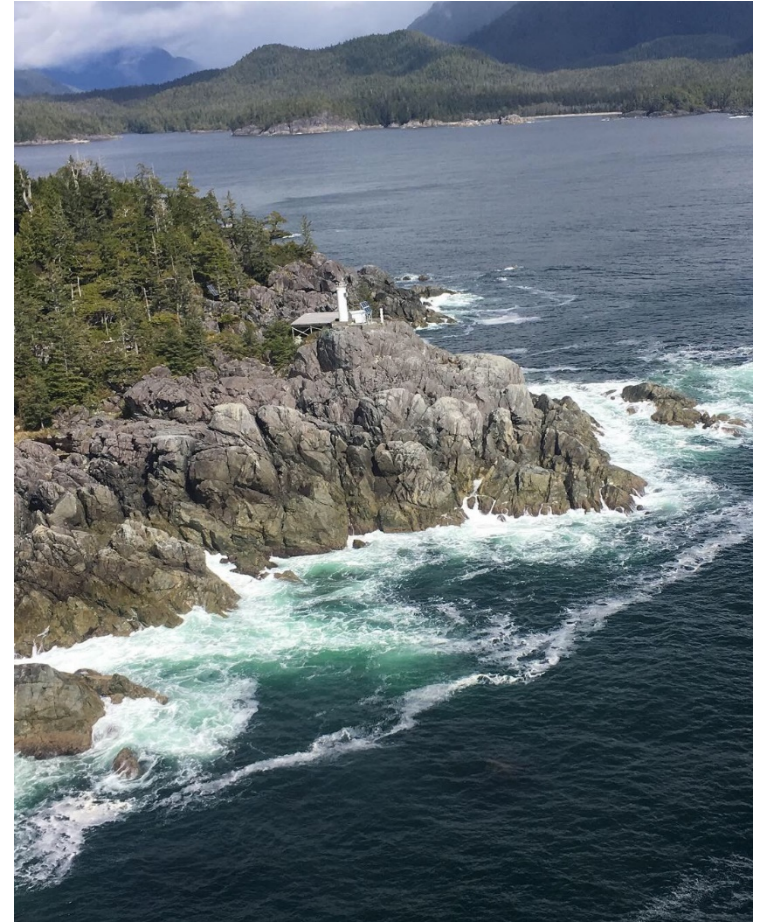
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# Feasibility Study Context

- Limited transportation options
- Challenging to travel between Tofino and Ucluelet without a personal vehicle
- Influx of tourists in summer months
- Increasing development
- Consideration for communities not located on the highway

**Objective:** Develop service options consistent with the area's population and land use patterns



# Preferred Transit Option

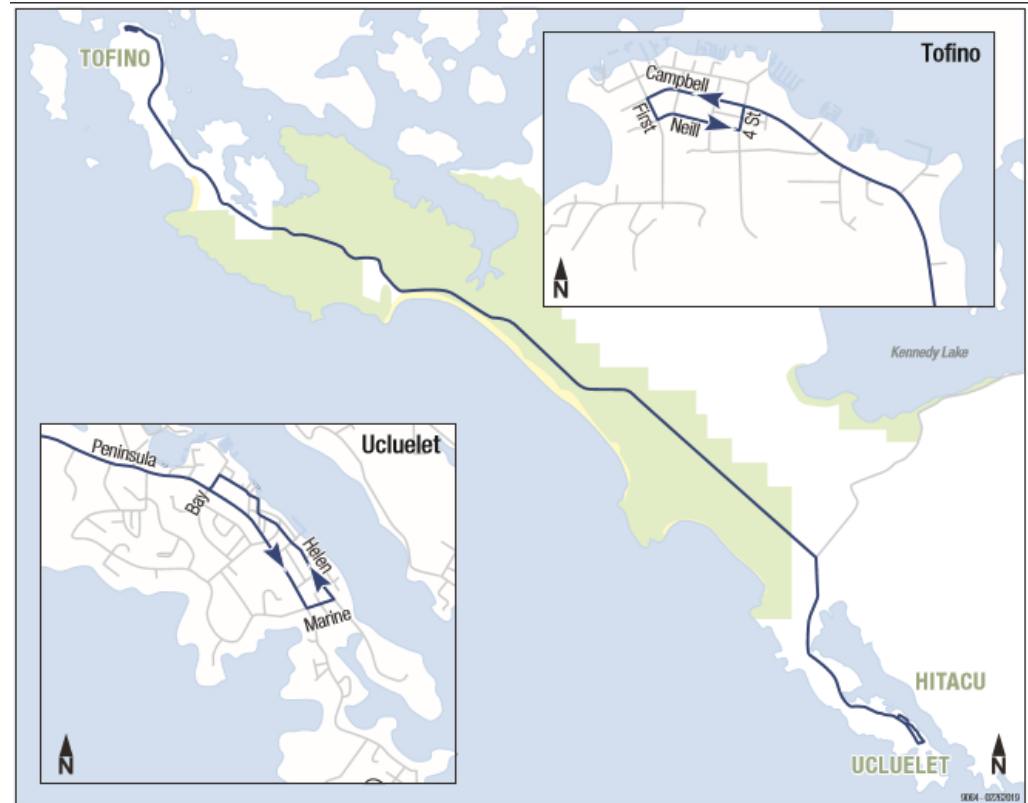
- Fixed route and schedule providing service Monday to Sunday
- Different service levels for summer and winter

## Pros

- Regular, predictable service
- Attractive for commuters

## Cons

- Service span different in Tofino and Ucluelet in winter (only using 1 vehicle)



# Proposed Routing Extension

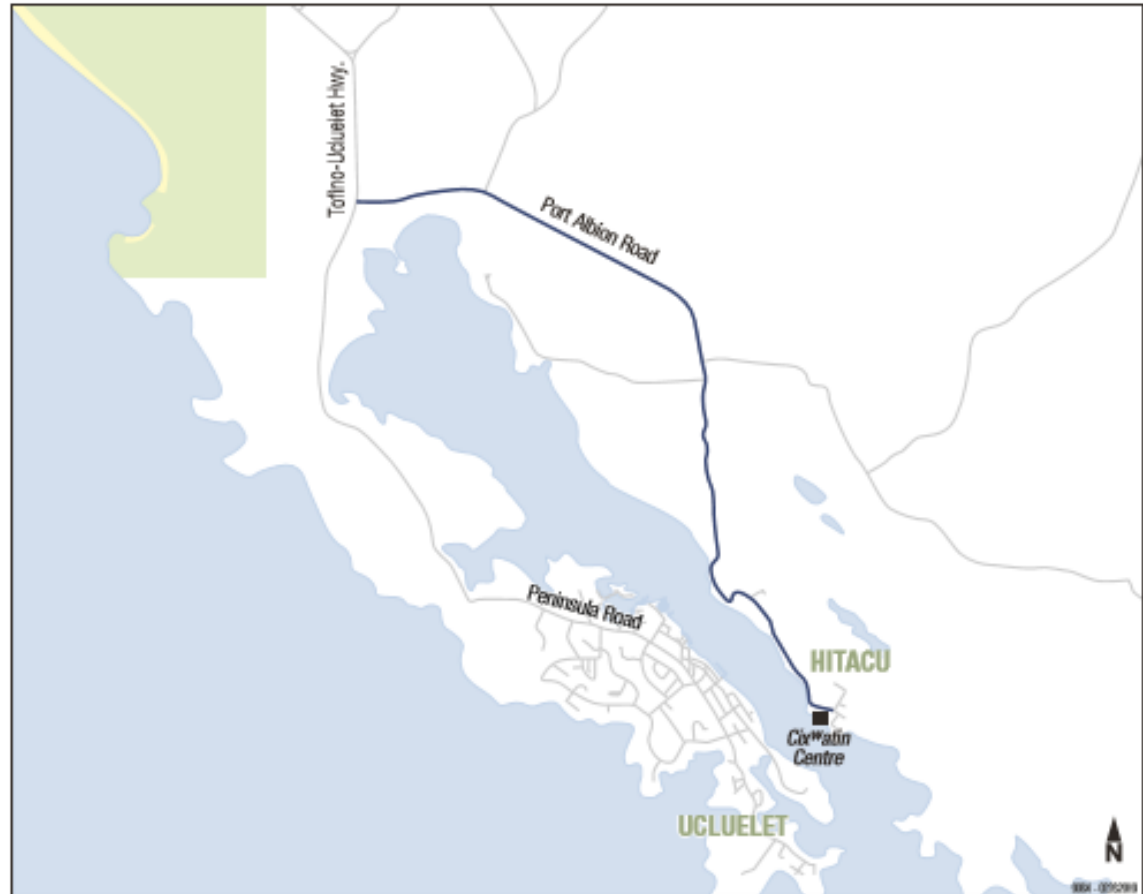
- Conventional service deviates from the route on select trips to service the Hitacu First Nations Community

## Pros

- Connects Hitacu community to services in Ucluelet and Tofino

## Cons

- Deviation adds an additional 30 minutes to the route



# Proposed Service Levels

## Summer Service (May to October)

- 70 minute all day service

First trip	Last trip	First trip	Last trip
From Tofino to Ucluelet		From Ucluelet to Tofino	
6:00	21:10	6:00	21:10

## Winter Service (November to April)

- 140 minute all day service

First trip	Last trip	First trip	Last trip
From Tofino to Ucluelet		From Ucluelet to Tofino	
7:00	19:40	8:10	20:50

Service levels would change slightly if Hitacu extension is approved.

