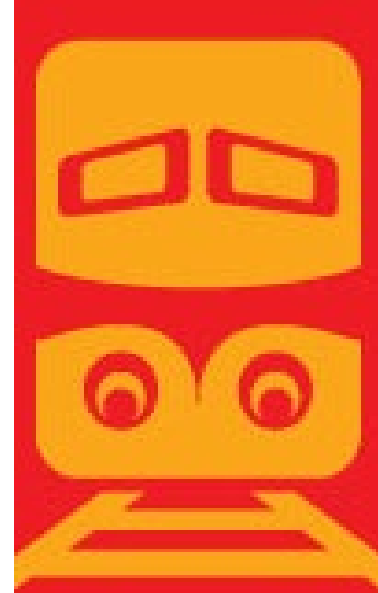


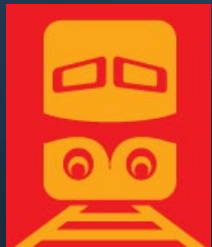
# Island Corridor Update

Alberni-Clayoquat Regional District  
November 22, 2023



Island Corridor  
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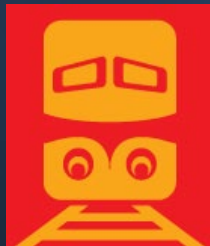
# The Funding Decision



## March 14, 2023 Decision

- Federal and Provincial govt's did not fund the improvements to the corridor
  - Stated support for a reconciliation-based approach to determine the future use of the corridor
  - Committed to working with First Nations to develop and advance a shared vision
  - Respect the reversion of reserve lands
  - Future use and reconciliation are inseparable
- Committed \$18 million to future planning
  - First Nations and Regional Districts

# Current Status



## Corridor meetings

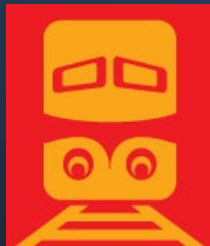
- Provincial-led joint meetings started in the spring - Continuing
  - First Nations, Federal and Provincial governments, Regional Districts and the ICF
  - Initial meetings were exploratory in nature – issues, concerns, next steps
- Messages from the initial meetings
  - Reversion is the central issue
  - There are some very real regional differences in issues, needs, and visions
  - We all need a better understanding of the corridor and its history

# ICF Reversion Resolution

RESOLVED THAT the members of the Island Corridor Foundation (the “**ICF**”) recognize their support for the return of ICF land to First Nations, where reversionary rights exist, and in advancement of such goal, the members hereby request and direct that the ICF board:

- a) establish working groups and commitments, on terms the board determines suitable, from each impacted First Nation(s), the relevant Regional District, senior levels of government, and the ICF, to address land return requests where the corridor operates through reserve lands, determine the impact of those returns, and make specific recommendations as to how to proceed; and
- b) prepare an information package on the history of the island rail corridor, the legal status, and implications of reversion, to be distributed to ICF members, Regional Districts, First Nations, and senior levels of government to better inform the ICF members’ consideration of returning land to First Nations where the corridor operates through reserve lands.

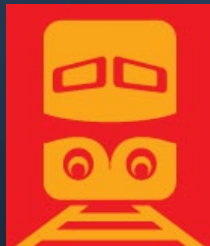
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## Implementing Reversion

- Identifying those lands subject to reversion
  - Revert or return
- Determining the how of reversion or return
  - Requirement for remediation
  - Commercial legal arguments
  - Statutory right of ways
- Need to mitigate risk and maximize opportunities
- Work is just getting started

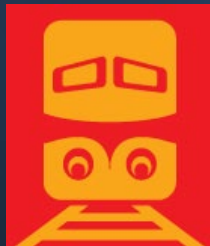
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## Regional Issues

- In recognition of the regional differences the working group has broken into smaller groups
  - CRD – Victoria to Langford
  - Central – Langford to Parksville
  - North – Langford to Courtenay
  - ACRD – Parksville to Alberni
- Each of these group has met in the last two weeks
  - Alberni is already on this
  - Formed a table with Tsheshat & Hupacasath
    - emergency access route
    - Mclean Mill Project

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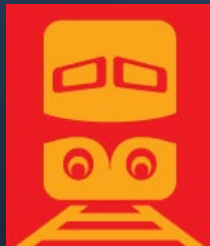
## Education & Understanding

- Tremendous amount of work
  - History of the corridor
  - Complexity of the Corridor
    - Encumbrances
    - Legal agreements
    - Impact of reversion
    - Impact of various potential outcomes

## Resourcing

- This is an issue impacting all of these activities
  - Good deal of this work is being directed at the ICF
  - The ICF was not provided with capacity funding for these activities
    - \$600K to ICF for maintenance
  - Request to the Regional Districts

# Current Status



## The Future

Provincial government “committed to finding the best use of the corridor”

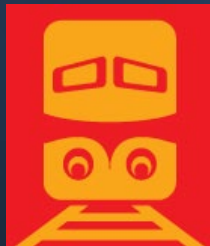
Recognize the importance of the corridor  
Would like to see it preserved as much as possible

**If the corridor is broken up and built over, it will be lost forever, and future generations will likely be unable to assemble a continuous transportation corridor of land like this again.**

Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
March 14, 2023



# Current Status



## The Future

- **This is not the end of the line for the corridor, This is just the beginning of the work in a different way, in the way that all of our projects and land use decisions need to work in this province in partnership with First Nations.**

Honourable David Eby– Premier  
March 14, 2023