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Subject: ARCD Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: April 9, 2025 at 11:41 AM
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Dear Cindy Solda

We are writing to you to enlist your support for much increased regional bus transportation for Port Alberni, Tseshaht, Hupaçasath, and the West Coast. The loss of regional bus connections to Nanaimo, Victoria, and the mainland has never been adequately addressed. We note that bus service in general to the Albemi Valley has fallen behind the rest of southern Vancouver Island, as shown in the attached chart. This is not equitable.

We urge the Transportation Advisory Committee to work with BC Transit to establish an inexpensive, frequent regional bus connection between Port Alberni and Nanaimo, in line with the services available between Qualicum Beach and Nanaimo, and between Ucluelet and Tofino. We also urge an upgrade in the service between the west coast and Port Alberni.

<u>Inter-City Bus Service</u>	<u>Distance & Time</u>	<u>Current Daily Trips</u>	<u>One Way Fare</u>
Qualicum-Nanaimo	50km 52 min	23	\$2.50
Duncan-Nanaimo	50km 70 min	8	\$7.50
Port Alberni-Nanaimo	84km 75min	2	\$39.00
Tofino-Nanaimo	206km 170 min	1	\$69.00

The primary advantages:

- 1 Safer travel for everyone, especially older people and young people.
2. Cheaper commuting to jobs and school, in both directions.
3. Equity between Port Alberni, Tseshaht FN, Hupaçasath FN, the west coast, and other residents of Vancouver Island
4. Fossil fuel reduction
5. Big advantages for tourism, both locally, and from our off-Island visitors.
6. Better business and tourism connections to international airports and the ferries.

I urge you to support an electrified public bus service to Nanaimo, with numerous stops at the Alberni Hospital, Cathedral Grove, Combs, and other spots between Port Alberni and Nanaimo.

There have been many studies, plans, consultations, committees with respect to public transportation in Albemi Clayoquot and Port Alberni. None of these has moved us closer to having an adequate regional bus service here.

Sincerely

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From: Peter Kaegi [REDACTED]
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Dear Daniel Sailland,

I look forward and thank you for posting April 16th 10:00am as the first public viewing of an ACRD Transportation Advisory Committee meeting since October of last year. Presumably the agenda for this meeting will include some mention and coverage of the "Short list evaluation and technical assessments" of the Alberni Valley Rail Corridor Study: As such, my question is, will the ACRD be sharing and posting the tax-payer-funded HDR study report and related business case(s) for viewing by the public? This question and request is particularly poignant in that there has been no recent public engagement on the AV Rail Corridor beyond the highly restrictive and biased public questionnaire of more than 6 months ago.

I look forward to you response and thank you for the opportunity of observing next Wednesday's meeting.

Kind regards. Pete

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