



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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ACRD seeking input on interim transit service connecting communities

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) is reaching out to the community for feedback on draft schedules and routing for interim public transit service.

Starting July 26, 2023, the ACRD invites the public to provide input, through an online survey, on the proposed routing and schedules for an interim transit service. This service would connect the District of Tofino and Resort Municipality of Ucluelet (as well as intervening ACRD Electoral Area “C” and Parks Canada areas), with the option of also connecting to the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government community of Hitacu. The feedback gathered will be used to finalize the schedules and routing for this service.

There are two ways to provide input:

- Online at www.letsconnectacrd.ca/west-coast-transit. The online survey will be available until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16.
- On paper through a printed version of the survey, available for pickup at the Ucluelet Community Centre and the District of Tofino Office. Completed paper surveys can be returned to any of the pick-up locations before Wednesday, August 16.

“The feasibility study showed there was enough interest in transit on the West Coast to warrant contracting a transportation provider to offer the service,” explained Deb Haggard, vice-chair for the ACRD Board of Directors. “Pacific Western Transportation has experience in operating this kind of service, and we are confident they will offer the West Coast exceptional service until the province announces funding for West Coast Transit.”

Currently, the implementation of a BC Transit-administered service on the West Coast has been delayed due to lack of the provincial share of funding. Therefore, the ACRD collaboratively has been developing an interim public transit service that can be implemented until such time that the provincial government is able to contribute funding. This interim transit service is envisioned to be a basic level of service that can be locally funded and developed with the support and involvement of key community, transportation, health, and hospitality stakeholders in the area.

The feedback collected through the survey will help inform the final schedules that will get people to where they want to go within a reasonable timeframe.

For more information, please visit www.letsconnectacrd.ca/west-coast-transit .

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