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**Choo! Choo! Rail Corridor Study Coming to the Fall Fair**

Visiting the Alberni District Fall Fair this year? The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Rail Corridor Study project team invites you to stop by our booth during the fair, from September 5-8. Come by to learn more about the study, offer input on what should be included in an Alberni Valley vision for the Island Rail Corridor, and enter to win prizes.

The Rail Corridor Study is a joint initiative of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD), Tseshaht First Nation, and Hupačasath First Nation. It involves documenting the history of rail in the Alberni Valley, reviewing existing infrastructure conditions, identifying needs and opportunities, and culminating in the identification of a preferred option and a business case for moving that option forward.

The study engages First Nations, impacted communities, and interested groups to develop a shared common vision for the future of the corridor.

“Public engagement and consultation with community members and key community groups is an important component of the project,” said Daniel Sailland, ACRD Chief Administrative Officer. “We want to hear from people about what their goals are for the community and the ideas they have for the corridor.”

For those unable to visit the Fall Fair, the engagement opportunity will also be available online at <https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/railstudy>, from September 5-26.

Residents will be asked about potential corridor uses and options will be available for viewing and comment. They will also be encouraged to consider the options and share their thoughts through the viewpoints of business and economic impacts, social, recreational, and cultural possibilities, as well as climate and environmental opportunities.

This is the first public engagement stage of the process and it seeks feedback on visioning for the corridor. A summary report of the results of this engagement will be shared with the community when complete.

Learn more and follow along for the latest project updates at: <https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/railstudy>.

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