

ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

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Re: ICF Local Government Liaison Committee – Appointee

Dear Mayor,

The Board of Directors has been working to improve communication and understanding between local government and the Island Corridor Foundation. The website provides extensive information, including the budget and audited financial statements, rail operations, trail construction, historical National Heritage Stations etc.

For the past year we have been circulating board meeting notes in response to the difficulty with conflict regulations our directors have in reporting to their respective councils and boards.


It is also evident there is misunderstanding about the highly regulated environment the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) operates within and how rates and fees are set and by whom.

To improve communication the Board respectfully requests you to appoint a member to the Liaison Committee. Representation is being requested from jurisdictions that the railroad passes through. The committee would meet twice a year. ICF and Southern Railway staff would be in attendance to hear first-hand concerns being expressed by local government and to provide information.

The corridor is an incredible asset for the people of Vancouver Island. We ask for your cooperation and participation in ensuring it remains protected.

Please call if you have any questions.

Yours truly,


Bill McKay
Chair


Judith Sayers
Co-Chair