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Subject: FW: Reinstatement of Rail Service on Vancouver Island
Attachments: Island Rail Corridor Final.odt; ATT00001.htm

From: West Bay Residents Association <westbayresidentsassoc@gmail.com>
Date: March 4, 2019 at 12:25:04 PM PST
To: "larrystevenson@islandrail.ca" <larrystevenson@islandrail.ca>
Cc: Mayor and Council <Mayor.and.Council@esquimalt.ca>
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From: West Bay Residents Association <westbayresidentsassoc@gmail.com>
Subject: Reinstatement of Rail Service on Vancouver Island
Date: March 4, 2019 at 9:48:08 AM PST
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Monday, March 4, 2019

Honourable John Horgan

Premier of British Columbia

501 Belleville Street

Victoria, BC

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Re: Reinstatement of Rail Service on Vancouver Island

Dear Premier Horgan,

West Bay Resident's Association is encouraged by the Province's decision to explore reinstating the E&N corridor as a means of transportation on the Island, including between downtown Victoria and West Shore communities. Regional economic growth and environmental sustainability need progressive alternatives to cars and buses for connecting us. As our pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure grows, rail will further maximize this investment by providing accessibility improvements that are absolutely critical for the success of

comprehensive transportation master plans, particularly in high density areas. Investing in rail along the Island Corridor will positively impact business, housing, economic activity, and our environment.

Preserving the entire Island Rail Corridor and rebuilding rail service along it would efficiently connect people to educational opportunities, jobs, medical services, and commercial establishments, while decreased private vehicle use will help us to reduce our carbon footprint.

We are excited about the possibilities and benefits this project will create. To this end, West Bay Resident's Association strongly supports this transportation infrastructure initiative.

Sincerely,

Carole Witter (President)

West Bay Residents Association