Update on Alberni-Anacla/Bamfield Road Repairs and TFL 44 Labour Dispute

Despite still being on strike, the USW has agreed to support Star Contracting to carry out much needed repairs to the Alberni-Anacla/Bamfield road, including bridge replacement, after the significant storm events a few weeks ago. The temporary fixes have been a big inconvenience to all, so we thank the USW and Star Contracting for their efforts.

The USW strike on the coast is almost over. Many contractors and employees up and down the coast went back to work yesterday. Most are getting back to work sometime this week. However, at the moment, TFL 44 LP is the exception. Three of the five contractors to the TFL 44 LP are unable to return to work because the labour dispute is not settled on TFL 44.

Today, on behalf of the TFL 44 LP, Trudy Warner (First Nations Engagement and Project Advisor to Huu-ay-aht) and Seanna McConnell (Westerns’ Director of Indigenous Relationships) hand delivered to the USW the attached offer on behalf of the three TFL 44 LP contractors to sign on or “me too” to the broader Western-USW collective agreement.

Huu-ay-aht believes the contractors’ proposal sends a clear and positive message to all involved of the support of the Contractors and TFL 44LP for an expedited agreement and the desire for a new and long-term, positive relationship with the labour unions who have members working within the Alberni Valley and on our Hahuul (Traditional Territory).
Huu-ay-aht hopes this proposal will be a springboard for an early end to the strike on TFL 44 this week. It’s time to get everyone back to work on TFL 44.

Getting everyone back to work will also support Huu-ay-aht students who successfully completed the North Island College Coastal Forestry Worker Certificate program earlier this year and are looking forward to exciting new jobs in the forest sector.

Signed,

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