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Premier John Horgan
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Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to express support for proposed improvements to Bamfield Main (the gravel road between Port Alberni and Anacla/Bamfield). Road improvements are being actively sought by the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and the community of Bamfield.

The City of Port Alberni is centrally located among Nuu-Chah-Nulth territories and coastal communities. As the largest city and commercial hub of the region Port Alberni is the primary gateway to Bamfield. Port Alberni is also the chosen location of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council business offices and satellite offices of several First Nations.

In recent years, Bamfield Main has seen a steady increase in industrial traffic and tourism traffic. Huu-ay-aht and Bamfield residents who maintain homes, employment or businesses in Port Alberni are heavily dependent on Bamfield Main. In its current condition, a journey on Bamfield Main is often unsafe and unpredictable, resulting in accidents, injuries, damage to vehicles or restricted access.

The potential for the southern shores of the Barclay Sound to develop into a significant economic driving force in the region is limited only by the eighty kilometer unpaved road between Port Alberni and the Anacla/Bamfield area. An investment in road improvements on Bamfield Main will result in significant growth and economic prosperity for the region. That growth will be accelerated by the stewardship of the Huu-ay-aht, a modern treaty First Nation.

As Mayor of the City of Port Alberni, I welcome any discussions around potential upgrades to Bamfield Main and encourage the Province to seek opportunities for these improvements in a timely manner in order to better serve the citizens and visitors of our burgeoning region.

Sincerely,
CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Sharie Minions
Mayor

cc. Chief Councilor Robert Dennis, Huu-ay-aht First Nation
Minister Claire Trevena, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
MLA Scott Fraser