



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

### *Ottawa*

Room 524  
Confederation Building  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6  
Tel.: 613-992-0903  
Fax.: 613-992-0913

### *Parksville*

Main Community Office  
1209 East Island Hwy,  
Suite 12  
Parksville, BC  
V9P 1R5  
Tel.: 250-947-2140  
Fax.: 250-947-2144



*Gord Johns*

Member of Parliament  
Courtenay – Alberni

Gord.Johns@parl.gc.ca  
<http://gordjohns.ca/>

### *Port Alberni*

Satellite Community Office  
Open Tuesdays  
2533 Port Alberni Hwy  
Port Alberni, BC  
V9Y 8P2  
Tel: 1-844-620-9924

### *Courtenay*

Satellite Community Office  
Open Wednesdays  
437 5th Street  
Courtenay, BC  
V9N 1J7  
Tel: 1-844-620-9924

The Honorable Francois-Phillipe Champagne  
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A1

January 14, 2019

RE: Port Alberni – Anacla/Bamfield Road Upgrade

Dear Minister,

The purpose of this letter is to provide my full support for the upgrade to the Port Alberni - Anacla/Bamfield road as proposed by the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and to request that the Government of Canada work with the Government of British Columbia to facilitate this project.

Chip sealing this road is an urgent priority as it is the only access to the main Huu-ay-aht village at Anacla. Currently the road is an industrial grade suitable only for trucks and heavy equipment. The 90-minute drive is rough and serves as a disincentive for many Huu-ay-aht citizens to live in their own territory. Additionally, the road, in its current condition, is a significant safety hazard and is hampering tourism and other economic development essential to an area which is presently economically depressed. I am confident that this upgrade will create spinoffs throughout the region with great benefit for the Vancouver Island economy.

The Port Alberni-Anacla/Bamfield Road is an excellent example of the type of strategic infrastructure needed throughout Nuu-chah-nulth Territory and an important step toward reconciliation. As a long-time resident on the west coast, I experienced the effect of the road to Tofino on the conservation economy in Clayoquot and Barkley Sound which has visitation of over a million tourists a year. That highway has transformed that region and tourism which generates millions of dollars annually. This area has similar natural assets with beautiful beaches, ancient rainforest, Indigenous culture, and a world class natural eco system—all essential elements of a healthy conservation and tourism economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if I can clarify or elaborate on any aspect of this letter of support. Further, my staff are available to assist in any way that will help facilitate this process.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gord Johns', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gord Johns, MP Courtenay-Alberni

cc: Ta'yii ?aw?il Derek Peters, Huu-ay-aht First Nations  
Robert Dennis, Elected Chief Councillor, Huu-ay-aht First Nations  
The Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation  
The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Indigenous Services  
The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie  
The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Rural Economic Development  
The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment  
Sharie Minions, Mayor, City of Port Alberni  
John Jack, Chairperson, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District