



Cariboo Regional District
File No. 400-20

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February 6, 2019

Margo A. Wagner, Chair
Cariboo Regional District
180 N Third Avenue, Suite D
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Reference: 282482
Your File: 400-20

Dear Chair Wagner,

Re: Merritt Shuttle Bus Services

I am responding to your letter addressed to the Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding Merritt Shuttle Bus Services.

Private bus operators have stepped up across the province to cover routes Greyhound has abandoned. Merritt Shuttle and other companies have had their applications fast-tracked by the independent Passenger Transportation Board so they could begin serving customers as soon as possible. Many of these bus services have already begun to operate.

Under the terms of its license, Merritt Shuttle was initially required to activate two vehicles by November 21, 2018. I understand the company required more time and asked the board to extend that deadline, which they did. They now have until February 28, 2019, to activate two vehicles. You can review the License Application Decision online by visiting https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/applications/2018/20180919/2819-18_Decision.pdf.

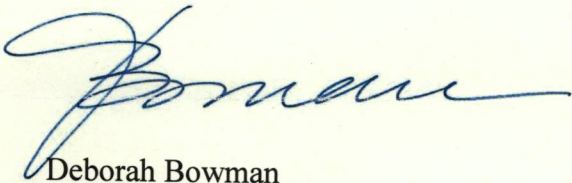
There is still work left to do to ensure people in rural and remote communities across B.C. can travel by bus safely, affordably and reliably. In the coming months, the ministry will work in close partnership with local communities, the federal government and the private sector to find solutions that will get us to 100 per cent coverage.

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Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Bowman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Deborah Bowman
Assistant Deputy Minister
Transportation Policy and Programs Department

Copy to: Honourable Claire Trevena
 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 MLA, North Island



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January 21, 2019

VIA EMAIL: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Minister Trevena:

Re: Support for Proposed Bus Service to the Cariboo Chilcotin

Please see attached, correspondence to the Passenger Transportation Board regarding the licensing process for passenger bus transportation services to the Cariboo Chilcotin.

I request that your Ministry work with the Passenger Transportation Board to open the bidding process for the provision of passenger bus services to the Cariboo Chilcotin, and I sincerely hope that this this important service can be restored as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

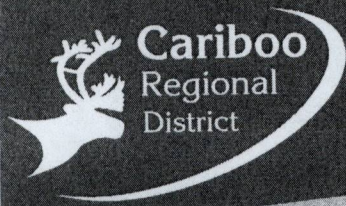
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c: Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin
Coralee Oakes, MLA, Cariboo North
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Attachment: Correspondence to Passenger Transportation Board

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January 21, 2019

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Dear Board Members:

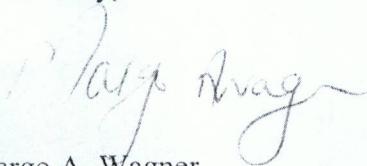
Re: Support for Proposed Bus Service to the Cariboo Chilcotin

I am writing to support MLA Donna Barnett's attached request for the Passenger Transportation Board to open the bidding process for a passenger bus service to the Cariboo Chilcotin.

The Cariboo Regional District Board members fully realize the importance of this service to the residents of our area, and I have recently written letters to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in support of Merrit Shuttle Bus Service's attempts to obtain funding so that they can purchase the vehicles required. However, as the company has not yet been successful in obtaining the funding they are seeking, I feel that other companies should be given the opportunity to fill the gap left by the elimination of Greyhound bus services.

Thank you for considering this request. I sincerely hope that this important service can be restored as soon as possible.

Yours truly,


Margo A. Wagner
Chair

c: Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin
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Attachment: Correspondence from MLA Donna Barnett

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Donna Barnett MLA
Cariboo-Chilcotin

Honorable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation
Victoria, BC

January 9, 2019

Dear Minister Trevena,

Attached kindly find correspondence to the Passenger Transportation Board regarding the licensing for passenger transportation service in the Cariboo Chilcotin.

Residents are stranded.

I request the Ministry have the Passenger Transportation Board which is under your authority to immediately open the process for a license in this region for secure and safe passenger transportation.

Yours truly,

Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo Chilcotin

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Mayor District of 100 Mile House
Mayor City of Williams Lake
MLA Jordan Sturdy, Transportation Critic Official Opposition

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January 9, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of my constituents in the Cariboo Chilcotin I am requesting the Passenger Transportation Board open the bidding process for a passenger service in the Cariboo Chilcotin. Since the closure of Greyhound there is absolutely no public offered transportation for residents to Vancouver, Kamloops, and Southern Communities nor to the North.

Many residents of the Cariboo Chilcotin have Doctors' appointments out of the area, now with no means other than the Northern Health Bus which does a great service but is not accessible to all. The region has been stranded. It is my understanding a company from Merritt had been given a license but have no vehicles to provide the service. I heard on media this morning they now have been given an extension as they still cannot deliver a service as they have not obtained funding.

I find it hard to believe a license could be given to a company to provide a service without the equipment to do so.

Yours truly,

Donna Barnett, MLA Cariboo Chilcotin

CC Minister of Transportation, Claire Trevena
Mayor Walt Cobb, City of Williams Lake
Mayor Mitch Campsall, District of 100 Mile House
Cariboo Regional District Chair, Margo Wagner
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