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**To:** Steve Forseth <[sforseth@cariboord.ca](mailto:sforseth@cariboord.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Improved transit in CRD and Williams Lake

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul  
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Dear Steve Forseth, CRD Director, Area D and fellow Directors,  
We, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP) at Sacred Heart Church in Williams Lake, is requesting that the Cariboo Regional District explore the extension of bus services, wherever feasible, as soon as possible.

The SSVP is a nonprofit organization that helps the less fortunate in our community. Each Sunday, in Boitanio Park, we provide a bagged lunch and, in the summer, we provide bottled water while in the winter we offer gloves, toques, socks and scarves. On Mondays, at Sacred Heart Church, we provide a modest food bag consisting of oats, beans, tuna, soup, mac & cheese, toilet paper, granola bars etc. We are able to do this through the generous donations from individuals in our parish and community as well as businesses in our area.

The SSVP was recently reminded that some of the people we serve face challenges travelling into and out of Williams Lake due to a lack of bus service.

A specific example comes from a lady who lives in the Comer Estates Trailer Park on Soda Creek Road. She normally commutes by bicycle but in the winter months, when the weather and road conditions (narrow with large vehicles) make cycling especially unsafe, she has to resort to hitchhiking or walking into Glendale where the nearest bus route comes. Her walk can take about 40 minutes, one way. Her situation is not unique and we suspect there are a significant number of potential transit users living and working in the Glendale-Soda Creek Road corridor.

Taking into account traffic conditions, increasing gasoline prices as well as general safety (thinking of the Highway of Tears) we would encourage you to advocate and secure more extended and timely bus services for Cariboo residents around Williams Lake.

If we can help facilitate progress by communicating with the City of Williams Lake or BC Transit, please let us know.

Please keep us up to date on any progress you are able to make.

Yours truly,

Lynn Paterson, President  
Dick Schut, Director  
The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
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We would like to acknowledge that we are fortunate to be able to gather on the unceded traditional territory of the Williams Lake First Nation of the Secwepemc Nation.