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The Honourable Robert Fleming  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

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**Re: Support for District of Lillooet to reinstate Sea-to-Sky passenger rail service**

To Honourable Robert Fleming:

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I'm writing this letter in support of the District of Lillooet and their efforts to reinstate the Sea-to-Sky passenger rail service.

It is time to bring back passenger rail service because of the loss of intercity bus service; increasing climate extremes leading to wildfires, flooding and landslides severing roads and/or leading to mass evacuations; and the need to help Interior communities grow. And passenger rail would provide an environmentally sustainable option to increasing congestion and collision caused road closures.

We are asking you to study the benefits and costs of restoring improved passenger train service with integrated links to BC Transit, BC Bus North, Health Connections buses, private bus operators, and VIA Rail, and operate with modern, attractive, accessible low-environmental-footprint equipment.

The BC Federation of Labour (<https://bcfed.ca/connecting-bc>) and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (<https://policyalternatives.ca/connecting-bc>) have produced an excellent report, Connecting BC, which calls for passenger rail reinstatement between Vancouver and Prince George and interconnect it with a network of intercity buses. We urge you to review and implement the report's recommendations. Connecting BC provides a starting point for the above requested feasibility study.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu  
City of Prince George

CC: The Honourable Dan Coulter  
Transport Action British Columbia