

Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation
MLA for mid-Island – Pacific Rim
Room 323, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

January 15, 2019



Re: Support for Port Alberni – Anacia/Bamfield Road Upgrade

Dear Minister Fraser

On behalf of the Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia (TIABC), I am writing to urge government to provide funding for much-needed upgrades to the road connecting Port Alberni to Anacia/Bamfield.

Aside from the fact that the 85-kilometre road is only suitable for trucks and heavy equipment, it is also the only access to Bamfield and Anacia, the main village of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN).

We have been told that because of the inadequacy of the road, economic opportunities for tourism and other business sectors has been severely impacted. More importantly, Huu-ay-aht band members are dissuaded from living on treaty lands because of the difficulty in navigating this hazardous road.

With road improvements such as chip sealing, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations can realize economic development opportunities and financial independence for its citizens.

Minister, thank you for considering this request. TIABC looks forward to working with your government and BC's Indigenous communities in the context of reconciliation and economic independence through our burgeoning tourism industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alroy Chan', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

Alroy Chan
Chair, TIABC

c.c. Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts & Culture