

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**TRANSIT SELECT COMMITTEE
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(RDN Board Chambers)

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Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, Kim Smythe, re: Duke Point
Transportation Service Request

March 10, 2017

Mr. Philippe Lucas
Tilray
1100 Maughan Road
V9X 1J2

Dear Mr. Lucas:

It's my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the initiative struck by Tilray to encourage public transit's return to Duke Point providing transportation options for BC Ferries foot passengers as well as the many hundreds of workers within Duke Point Industrial Park.

I found our meeting with BC Ferries and RDN staff to be very enlightening and this encouraged the Chamber to become an official supporter of your initiative. Increasing Nanaimo's connectivity with the lower mainland, offering public transit as a travel option to workers in the area, allowing people to make a choice in cutting their carbon footprint by providing options to a typical 'car and driver' scenario are all important considerations that warrant our support.

In the weeks since that meeting, the Chamber contacted every business in the Duke Point area by phone to raise awareness about this issue and seek their opinions and ask permission to include them in a survey to assess potential transit demand numbers. Although the survey results are not all in, 15 of the businesses we contacted out of the 25 on the business license roll indicated support for public transit to the area. The other 10 either did not have employees or were simply operating an industrial storage yard or had no employees on site. I am attaching a list of these businesses. We will send survey results on completion.

If the Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce can be of further assistance, we are happy to provide whatever resources we can. Please keep us informed as this project proceeds.

Sincerely,



KIM SMYTHE, President & CEO

OUT OF 25 LICENSED BUSINESSES CONTACTED BY CHAMBER AT DUKE POINT:

Duke Point Auto Recycling	- Fully support, sent survey
Duke Point Transload	- Fully support, sent survey
Harris Rebar	- Fully support, sent survey
Menzies Metal Products	- Fully support, sent survey
Nanaimo Organic Waste	- Fully support
Raylec Power LP	- Would support with a letter
Terrapure	- Support concept
West Coast Reduction	- Fully support, sent survey
Wetlands Pacific	- Fully support, sent survey
DP World	- Fully support, sent survey
Imerys Canada	- Fully support, sent survey
New Concrete Concept	- Support concept
Seaspan	- Support concept
Canexus	- Fully support, sent survey
Tilray	- Leading initiative

5 Businesses could not be contacted

5 Businesses did not wish to share their opinion