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BC TRANSIT, GRADE 11 CLASS TEAM UP TO OFFER FREE SERVICE FOR VOTING DAY IN PORT ALBERNI

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. – BC Transit service will be free of charge on November 19, thanks in large part to the Alberni District Secondary School's Civic Studies 11 class.

One of the goals of the class is to increase voter participation. To achieve this, students successfully lobbied Port Alberni City Council for free transit – making it easier for voters to get out to the polls.

“I commend these students for their terrific idea to make travelling to voting day accessible for everyone in Port Alberni,” said Manuel Achadinha, President & CEO of BC Transit. “We are very pleased to work in partnership with the City of Port Alberni to help fulfill this initiative.”

Courtesy of the City of Port Alberni, this free service will be offered to all BC Transit customers, all day on Saturday November 19, anywhere in the Port Alberni Transit System.

“This incredible offer from BC Transit will help increase voter participation in the Alberni Valley,” said Anne Ostwald, teacher. “It’s one of many initiatives developed by my kids, including organizing an all-candidates meeting and creating posters that are now displayed all over town.”

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