

Rec'd June 22/12

#217 - 2433 Malvern Ave  
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June 20, 2012

Dear Mr Davis,

Good for you! for ordering  
the 2 new buses.

I am a 74 year old who has  
chosen to be car free. For  
one year now I have travelled  
very happily with BC Transit.  
The drivers are excellent and  
helpful - Some buses are  
crowded at times, so it is  
good to know more buses will  
gradually be added -

There are those who grumble  
and grumble, so I wanted  
you to know your efforts  
are appreciated.

yours truly,  
Vera Infarson

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Minister  
of National Defence



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de la Défense nationale

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Ms. Susan Brice  
Chair  
Victoria Regional Transit Commission  
520 Gorge Road East  
Victoria BC V8W 2P3

Dear Ms. Brice:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 2012, concerning the Blue Boat cross-harbour ferry service at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Esquimalt.

I understand your concerns about the impact of decisions at CFB Esquimalt on commuters and regional transit, and the decision to cease the cross-harbour ferry service was not taken lightly. It was taken only after careful consideration, based on operational and strategic-level factors that underline the complexity of human resources planning and execution across the Department of National Defence (DND). As you note, personnel from CFB Esquimalt and BC Transit have been working together on issues related to transport demand planning and on methods to increase the use of transit by DND employees. I expect this to continue.

The effects on traffic due to the cessation of the CFB Esquimalt cross-harbour ferry service will likely be mitigated by the introduction of a user-pay commuter service to be operated by Victoria Harbour Ferry Services Ltd. as of May 1. This service is expected to provide a seamless alternative for cross-harbour commuters.

CFB Esquimalt will continue to work with colleagues in BC Transit on initiatives that will lead to increased use of BC Transit, such as:

- continued investigation into the feasibility of the ProPass program;
- availability of physical infrastructure for park-and-ride lots;
- the provision of bicycle lockers; and
- increases to the availability of transit-related information to DND and Canadian Forces personnel.

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CFB Esquimalt will also continue improvements to its carpool program, which was scheduled to launch on May 1. Your interest in continued collaboration for the development of a transportation demand management plan is appreciated and will be supported as CFB Esquimalt and the Royal Canadian Navy strive to meet their operational requirements while maintaining an open dialogue with the local community.

I trust that this information is helpful, and thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. MacKay", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Peter MacKay

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MAYOR DEAN FORTIN  
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AUGUST 20, 2012

MAYOR'S OFFICE

AUG 22 2012

VICTORIA, B.C.

DEAR MAYOR:

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE  
OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN VICTORIA  
RECENTLY

I WENT TO COUNTRY BROOKS IN  
ESQUIMALT THE OTHER DAY + WAS  
SURPRISED TO SEE THAT BOTH BUS  
SHELTERS + BOTH SLATS HAD BEEN  
DEMOLED. IT WAS 90° OUT + THERE  
WAS NO PLACE TO SIT TO WAIT FOR  
TRANSIT BUS. I HAVE SEEN HOTS OF  
PEOPLE USE THAT BUS STOP SO ITS  
IMPORTANT THAT BOTH SHELTERS +  
BOTH BENCHES BE REPLACED RIGHT  
AWAY AS IT WILL BE HOT + TIRE THE  
RAINY WEATHER STARTS.

THE BUS STOP ON FULT ST.  
ACROSS FROM DUTCH BARRIE HAS A  
SMALL BENCH FOR PEOPLE BUT  
NO BUS SHELTER WITH A LONG  
BENCH THERE. A LOT OF PEOPLE USE  
THE BUS STOP.

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I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE WITH SMALL CHILDREN, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, & SENIORS CATCH BUSES AT BOTH FORT & ESQUIMONTO ST. BUS STOPS. I NOTICED THAT THE BUS STOP BY CENTENNIAL SQUARE ON DOUGLAS HAS 2 BUS SEATERS. THE OTHER 2 BUS STOPS NEED 2 SEATERS & SEATS TOO.

THE RAINY WEATHER IS COMING SOON SO PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLYER THEM RIGHT AWAY.

MAYOR FORTIN I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS FOR THE PUBLIC IN VICTORIA. PLEASE TRY TO HAVE THEM PUT UP IN MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IT WILL BE VERY GRATIFAL.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
MS. ARLEN EYFOLD