

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO** 

## **REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE** SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

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William Konkin Elementary School Parent Advisory Council - Highway 16 Action Plan Proposed Route - Burns Lake

NEW BUSINESS

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WILLIAM KONKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL c/o Box 7000, Burns Lake, B.C., V0J 1E0

October 19, 2016

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Chris Fudge Senior Regional Transit Manager BC Transit 520 Gorge Road East Victoria, BC, V8W 2P3 OCT 202016 Regional district of Bulkley Nechako

Dear Mr. Fudge,

## RE: Highway 16 Action Plan Proposed Route - Burns Lake

On behalf of the William Konkin Elementary School Parent Advisory Council in Burns Lake, I wish to express my opposition to the proposed route and stop locations as detailed in your October 6, 2016 report.

William Konkin Elementary School is located at 750 Carroll Street, just off of Ninth Avenue. It appears that one of your routes travels through a highly populated residential area – across Centre Street, up Fifth Avenue, connecting to Ninth Avenue, and stopping at or near William Konkin Elementary School. We have not been able to find any information regarding scheduled times for the transit service.

It is our understanding that although all residents are welcome to utilize the transit system, the main priority is to prevent individuals from hitchhiking. As parents of young children, it does not seem suitable that a stop would be in the general vicinity of an elementary school. In addition, WKE is already experiencing congestion in its parking lot.

It is imperative that our children be safe and protected. We feel that transit buses traveling through residential areas and stopping near the schools put all of our children at risk. As a result, the William Konkin Elementary Parent Advisory Council is urging you to reconsider the proposed route and eliminate the route traveling through our residential areas and stopping near our school.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Shannon Adams Chair, WKE PAC

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cc: Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure John Illes, Acting Mayor, Village of Burns Lake Charlene Seguin, Superintendent, School District No. 91 Wendy Kelemen, Principal, William Konkin Elementary School Bill Miller, Chair, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako