

— REVELSTOKE. —
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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To: Laura Timms
Assistant Customer Service Manager
Ebus
Kamloops Ticket Office

Re: Letter of Support for Ebus Route Expansion Connecting Kelowna to Calgary via Hwy 1 (Revelstoke)

Dear Laura,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express our support for Ebus's application to the BC Passenger Transportation Board to expand its routes, connecting Kelowna to Calgary via Highway 1.

The expansion of Ebus routes to include Revelstoke is important for our community's sustainability and the vitality of our local businesses. Reliable transportation options are essential for the growth and diversity of our Resort Municipality's landscape. They enable seamless connections that are vital for our residents, workers, and businesses alike.

For many Revelstoke residents, especially those without personal or reliable vehicles, having an Ebus route to major hubs like Kelowna and Calgary would provide indispensable access to education, healthcare, and travel opportunities. This connectivity supports our local workforce and ensures that our residents can access the services they need to thrive, all while continuing to reside in Revelstoke.

Visitors to Revelstoke, who play a significant role in Revelstoke's economic health, will also greatly benefit from this expanded route. Providing visitors with a convenient and sustainable travel option will boost tourism, driving increased visitation and spending in our local businesses, from hotels and restaurants to shops and recreational services. This will help to support a more resilient and sustainable tourism economy in the long run.

The environmental benefits of expanded bus service align with our community's commitment to sustainability. Offering efficient public transportation options reduces reliance on personal vehicles, helping us minimize carbon emissions and promote eco-friendly travel solutions.

In conclusion, the Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce fully supports Ebus's application to expand its routes. Especially if the chosen route to Revelstoke can operate during the daytimes when our public transport is also in service. We strongly urge the BC Passenger Transportation Board to approve this vital route expansion.

Thank you for considering our support. We are eager to see the positive impacts this service will bring to our community.

Sincerely,



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