



**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**
525 Government Street, Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

May 20, 2010

Mr. Donald A. Wright
Chairman of the Board
VIA Rail
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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) is the association representing the interests of its 51 member municipalities, regional districts and other local governments of Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Powell River and the Central Coast.

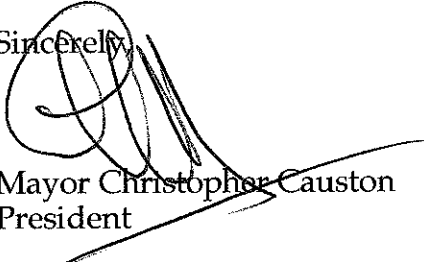
At our recent Annual Convention, April 9-11, 2010, AVICC members endorsed unanimously the following resolution:

RAIL TERMINUS IN NANAIMO

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AVICC support the establishment of the main rail terminus in Nanaimo and the proposed two train early morning southbound schedule as a first step in providing improved rail service on Vancouver Island, and encourages VIA Rail to increase the operating subsidy necessary for this to occur.

We would welcome your comments on this matter.

Sincerely,


Mayor Christopher Causton
President

cc David Hoff, Board of Director Representing British Columbia
Wendy King, Board of Director Representing British Columbia
Graham Bruce, Executive Director, Island Corridor Foundation