

December 18, 2025

Via email: ben@northerndevelopment.bc.ca

Ben Campbell, CEO
Northern Development Initiative Trust
301 – 1268 Fifth Avenue,
Prince George, BC
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**Re: Letter of Support - Prince George–North Vancouver Railway Engagement
and Assessment**

Dear Mr. Campbell;

At the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of Quesnel City Council, Council resolved:

J.2) Railroad from Prince George to North Vancouver - Mayor Paull to discuss

26-06-44 MOVED Councillor Vik, Seconded Councillor McKelvie and resolved:
THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to Northern Development
Initiative Trust in support of their granting the funding necessary to
conduct the study to save the Prince George to North Vancouver railroad.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Quesnel City Council supports the funding request to Northern Development Initiative Trust for the proposed assessment of the Prince George to North Vancouver rail corridor, including the section CN plans to return to BC Rail in July 2026.

This line from Vancouver to Prince George not only has benefits for freight, but also for passenger movement, taking into account the Rocky Mountaineer that stops overnight in Quesnel. The restoration of this rail line would enhance passenger travel, especially given the Rocky Mountaineer's existing overnight stop in Quesnel. Building on this established tourism connection, renewed rail service would improve mobility between communities, support local businesses that benefit from increased visitor traffic, and offer residents a reliable alternative to long highway trips.

The restoration of passenger rail service along the Prince George and North Vancouver corridor would significantly enhance mobility for Indigenous communities throughout the region. Many Nations are dispersed across vast distances, and reliable transportation is

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essential for accessing education, health care, cultural events, and inter-community gatherings. Improved passenger service would support stronger connections between Indigenous communities, foster greater participation in regional economic and cultural activities, and contribute to long-term reconciliation efforts by honouring Indigenous needs for safe and dependable transportation.

On behalf of Quesnel City Council, please give favourable consideration to the Prince George–North Vancouver Railway Engagement and Assessment.

Thank you for your time,

Mayor Ron Paull
City of Quesnel

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