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Subject: Funding for Rail Restoration - E&N Rail Vancouver Island (Docket 541460)

Dear Desmond,

Thank you for your email of August 21, 2025, regarding the restoration of the Vancouver Island Rail Corridor. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Transport, has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Government of Canada understands the importance of advancing sustainable transportation solutions that benefit communities and foster economic growth. The Vancouver Island Rail Corridor is owned by the Island Corridor Foundation and is regulated by the Province of British Columbia, under the purview of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit. Transport Canada does not have a regulatory or policy role in the management of the corridor and has not allocated funding to the rail line or for the repair of associated infrastructure.

In Spring 2023, the Province of British Columbia provided \$18 million to support community and Indigenous engagement on the future of the Vancouver Island Rail Corridor. I understand that this work is ongoing as communities and nations deliberate on their vision for the corridor. Should you have further questions on the status of the project, I would encourage you to reach out directly to the BC Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

I trust that the information above will prove helpful. Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Martin McKay
Regional Director General