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**To:** Passenger Transportation Board, TRAN TRAN:EX <[ptboard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ptboard@gov.bc.ca)>

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**Subject:** Greyhound Service Reductions, BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route C & D

Attached is a letter to the Passenger Transportation Board from Linda Larson, MLA for your consideration, for the Public Consultation period ending October 13, 2017.

Thank you,



**Colleen Misner**

Senior Constituency Assistant  
*on behalf of Linda Larson, MLA*  
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re Greyhound Service



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Linda Larson, MLA  
Boundary-Similkameen

October 03, 2017

Passenger Transportation Board  
Box 9850, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC V8W 9T5

Via Email: [ptboard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ptboard@gov.bc.ca)

To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions, BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route "C" and "D"**

As MLA for the Boundary-Similkameen, I am deeply concerned about the above application submitted by Greyhound Canada proposing service reductions and cancellations to Routes "C" and "D". My riding is rural, and its demographic includes a large senior population and many people that live on low or fixed incomes. These constituents rely heavily on Greyhound's service to attend medical appointments in Vancouver and Kelowna, as well as to connect with family and friends. Reductions in service will cause financial hardship to many people that would need to increase the number of nights stay in order to adapt to the service reductions. Additionally, many students attending College and University in the larger centers will have no affordable way to get home for their holidays.

The communities in my riding that will be affected by eliminations in service to Route "C" include Eastgate, Princeton, Keremeos, and Hedley. Reductions to two trips per week will affect Okanagan Falls, Oliver and Osoyoos. An elimination in service on Route "D" will affect Beaverdell. Reductions to two trips per week will affect Rock Creek, Midway, Greenwood, Grand Forks and Christina Lake. Cancellations and/or reductions in service to these towns will adversely affect my constituents. They depend on these services.

On behalf of thousands of British Columbians, I urge you to weigh the impact that these changes will have on those that will be affected by the proposed changes in Greyhound Canada's service, and deny their application.

Sincerely,

Linda Larson, MLA  
Boundary-Similkameen

Cc: MP, Dan Albas  
MP, Richard Cannings  
Mayor and Council, Oliver  
Mayor and Council, Osoyoos  
Mayor and Council, Princeton  
Mayor and Council, Greenwood

Mayor and Council, Keremeos  
Mayor and Council, Grand Forks  
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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Passenger Transportation Board  
Box 9850, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9T5

Sent via email to: [ptboard@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ptboard@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions,  
BC Transportation Board Application #256-17, Route "D"

As Mayor and Council for the City of Grand Forks, we are deeply concerned about the above application submitted by Greyhound Canada proposing service reductions to Route "D". A reduction in service to two trips per week on this route, will prove to be a serious, negative impact for the City of Grand Forks as well as outlying connecting communities namely Christina Lake, Greenwood, Midway and Rock Creek. The boundary area is considered remote; families, organizations and businesses continually struggle with shipping and passenger concerns to and from our area and largely depend on Greyhound bus services as it currently stands.

Our municipality and adjoining areas have a significant population of seniors who depend on bus services for medical appointments to larger centers because of our remote location, as well as low income families and students requiring affordable transportation for commuting to and from family members and secondary education requirements – these are just to a couple of examples of many individuals who will be impacted in our area.

On behalf of the City of Grand Forks, I ask that you seriously consider the impact to our community that this reduction of service will have on our citizens and businesses who will be affected by the proposed changes to Greyhound Canada's service, and deny their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Konrad", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frank Konrad  
Mayor  
City of Grand Forks

## Diane Heinrich

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**From:** Passenger Transportation Board TRAN:EX <ptboard@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 10, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** Diane Heinrich  
**Subject:** RE: Greyhound Canada Service Reductions BC Trans Board App #256-27,Route "D"

Dear Ms. Heinrich;

Our office received the comments from the City of Grand Forks' Mayor and Council on Greyhound Canada's application. Thank you for sending them to us. Your comments will be reviewed by Board members that review the Greyhound application and decide the outcome.

When a decision is made, the Board will post the outcome and its reasons at: [http://www.ptboard.bc.ca/ICB\\_application\\_notices/256-17/256-17\\_greyhound.html](http://www.ptboard.bc.ca/ICB_application_notices/256-17/256-17_greyhound.html). Application decisions are posted on Wednesdays (usually in the afternoon). The Board aims to issue decisions on inter-city bus applications within 60 to 90 days of when we published the application summary. However, the complexity of an application or number of submissions received may affect these targets.

Sincerely,

Jane Morris

Jane Morris  
Research and Administrative Coordinator  
Passenger Transportation Board  
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**From:** Diane Heinrich [mailto:dheinrich@grandforks.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** Passenger Transportation Board TRAN:EX  
**Cc:** Frank Konrad; Council  
**Subject:** Greyhound Canada Service Reductions BC Trans Board App #256-27,Route "D"

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Please find attached, a letter from the City of Grand Forks' Mayor and Council with regard to Greyhound Canada Service Reduction application #256-17, Route "D".

Best regards,  
Diane Heinrich  
Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)  
Corporate Officer