



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 47 (POWELL RIVER)
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Dear BikeBC,

This letter is written in support of the City of Powell River's 2018 application for BikeBC funding specifically, Phase 5, Marine Avenue - Alberni to Hemlock Connector.

Promoting active transportation for students is something School District 47 strongly believes in. We know that the link between physical activity and learning is very strong, and that children who are active daily are more likely to excel in their education and in the school environment. Walking or biking to school is one of the best ways for students to achieve the recommended hour of daily activity.

We have had great success with our local partnerships in active transportation so far. Our cycling programming is ongoing, including the expansion of our District bike library, the completion of the youth bike rack project, after school bike programs, and bike to school week programming across the District. Despite these successes, we know from past surveys that children identify having a safe route to school as a major barrier to cycling in Powell River. The City's proposed cycling enhancements for 2018 will improve safe access to Brooks Secondary School.

We strongly support continued cycling infrastructure enhancements in Powell River, including those proposed in this year's BikeBC application.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Yule', is written over the 'Yours truly,' text.

Dr. Jay Yule
Superintendent
Board of Education
School District 47 (Powell River)

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