

June 16, 2022

Erica Beauchamp

Superintendent, Transit Planning & Scheduling, Transportation and Emergency Services
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC
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RE: THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET SHUTTLE REQUEST

Dear Erica:

Thank you for working out details for a shuttle service between North Town Mall and the Commercial Street Night Market. We are agreeable to a fee of \$600/night for the 4 hours of service. Thank you for additional details on locations, signage, and a donation device on board.

The Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce would like to request a Transit Shuttle Service to be provided for the Thursday Night Markets throughout the Summer of 2022, starting July 7 until September 1. This shuttle would require one transit vehicle from 16:30 to 20:30 to travel between Nanaimo North Town Centre (park & ride location) to downtown Nanaimo (Commercial St). This shuttle service would be provided within the RDN Transit service area of the City of Nanaimo and is for event nights that are open to the general public. It is the Chamber of Commerce's understanding that the financial impact of this service will be a fee of not more than \$600/event night.

This event is one of outstanding importance and popularity and certainly a marker of economic recovery for our community through its attraction as a tourism destination. Providing a car-free option helps build habits in seeking transportation options in our car-centric community. This downtown event is certainly within our Transit service area.

Please let me know if there is anything else the Chamber can do to make this a reality.

Sincerely,



KIM SMYTHE, President and CEO