



Indo-Canadian Seniors Society Abbotsford BC, Canada

To the Mayor of Abbotsford and City Council

Subject: Letter of Demand that Bus Services are Resumed

Dear Sir,

For the past 2 months, bus services in Abbotsford and Mission have been cancelled. A lot of elderly individuals, which includes men and women, visit places of worship such as Gurdwaras, Mandirs, and Masjids on a daily basis. Some individuals spend their time at the library to read newspapers and books. Others go to parks. However, due to buses being cancelled, they have been facing a lot of difficulties. Individuals that are affected by the cancelled bus service say they feel like prisoners in their own homes. Handicapped, disabled, and dependent individuals are facing the most difficulty. Some families, that are dealing with chronic diseases, are also facing difficulties, as they cannot reach their doctors within operating hours. Hence, they are having to cancel their appointments with their doctors. There are some families, that do not have individuals that can assist them in tasks such as shopping for groceries or buying other necessities. These families rely on bus services to accomplish such tasks; however, with the bus services being cancelled, they are also facing a lot of difficulty.

The most difficulty is being faced by international students. For their education, they must travel long distances to reach their universities or colleges. Due to bus services being cancelled, they are having to pay heavy fees to travel to their destinations. Since these students do not have any other options to travel to their destination, alongside having to pay their tuition fees, they are also having to pay more money to travel to their destinations. The biggest problem amongst all of this is that bus drivers in other cities are receiving higher pays and are protesting against these work conditions. Due to the abovementioned reasons, we request you to intervene and get the bus services working again by accepting the bus drivers' terms. We would also like to mention that approximately 400 families have signed a petition to get the bus services working again. We hope to receive your full support in demanding the bus services are resumed. If the bus services are not resumed, troubled individuals will be forced to struggle.

Yours truly,

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