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Catch up with confidence: stay up to date with childhood immunizations

Region-wide — As a new school year approaches, and in recognition of [National Immunization Awareness Month](#) in August, Island Health encourages parents to ensure that vaccinations are on their children’s back-to-school list. Indeed, “*Let’s catch up with confidence!*” is the theme of this year’s awareness month.

“Vaccination has been very successful in making what used to be very common diseases – like measles, whooping cough and bacterial meningitis – very rare,” says Dr. Michael Benusic, medical health officer. “But these diseases still exist, and staying up to date on childhood vaccination is the best prevention.”

Island Health provides vaccinations for infants and children at all of our health units, and in-school for grade 6 and 9 students.

- Visit our [Health Unit Locations](#) webpage to find a health unit near you.
- Unsure if your child is up to date with vaccinations? Contact your [local health unit](#) or [Health Gateway](#).
- Visit [ImmunizeBC](#) to learn more about B.C.’s routine vaccine schedule for infants and children, along with guidance for school-age children/teens and adults.

About Island Health:

Island Health provides health and care services to more than 885,000 people on Vancouver Island, the islands in the Salish Sea and the Johnstone Strait, and mainland communities north of Powell River. With more than 30,000 health-care professionals, including more than 3,000 doctors, nurse practitioners, midwives and dentists that make up our Medical Staff – as well as 1,000 volunteers, and the dedicated support of 12 foundations and 19 active auxiliaries – Island Health delivers a broad range of health services, including: public health services, primary health care, home and community care, mental health and substance use services, acute care in hospitals, and much more across a huge and geographically diverse region.

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Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast Passenger Transportation Report Released



Diverse perspectives were shared through a series of in-person and online engagement sessions, such as at the Seaside Centre in Sechelt, Sunshine Coast on June 13. Photo by Brodie Guy.

New report outlines diverse perspectives and innovative solutions for improving passenger connections between coastal communities

COURTENAY, 28 August 2023 – Island Coastal Economic Trust (the Trust) and Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) are pleased to announce today the results of engagement and publication of the new Island Coastal Intercommunity Transportation “What We Heard Report” ([download the report < https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Transportation-What-We-Heard-Report.pdf >](https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Transportation-What-We-Heard-Report.pdf) – 5MB PDF).

Regional engagement took place in June 2023, focused on passenger transportation connections between communities and especially in rural and remote areas as well as the islands that are either not currently served or are underserved. Engagement sessions throughout the region were facilitated by MNP Consulting, who also led research and analysis for the report. The What We Heard Report was commissioned by the Trust with funding from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

"The importance of transportation between communities across the coast is critical," says Aaron Stone, Chair, Island Coastal Economic Trust. "This report plays an integral role in helping better understand the challenges and opportunities so that we can, all together, build an inclusive, resilient coastal economy."

"Collaboration, including in this partnership with the Trust, is a vital part of developing the island economy, and we look forward to the solutions ahead as recommended in this report," says Katie Bishop, Chair, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance.

The What We Heard Report highlights four key themes that emerged from participants in the in-person engagement sessions as well as the online survey. All of which are in alignment with past transportation studies that were researched as part of this study.

- **Governance and Policy**

There is a need for transformative change in the way transportation is governed. The importance of collaboration between multiple layers of government and First Nations, as well as the non-profit and for-profit sectors, is an essential part of governance.

- **Community Partnerships**

The value of community-based partnerships and solutions is key to facilitating and coordinating transportation options, especially in rural and remote communities. The Provincial government was cited as a key player in facilitating and coordinating transportation options other than personal vehicles between communities.

- **Government Support**

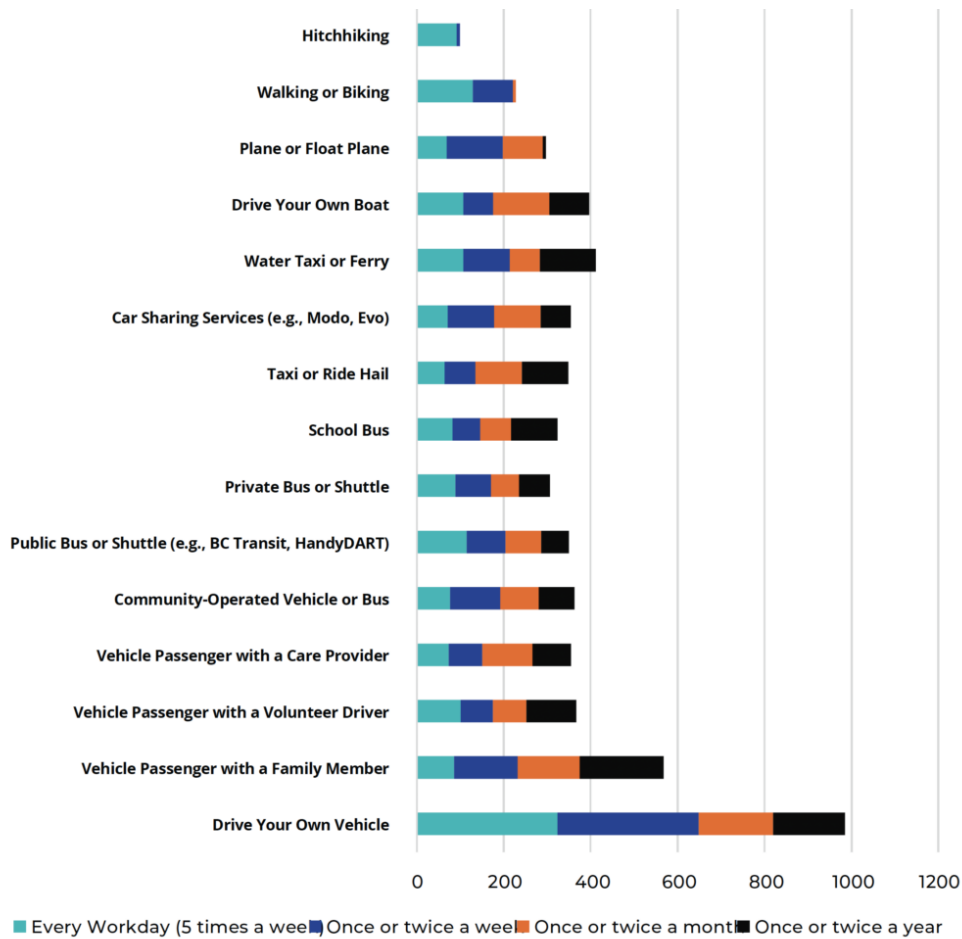
Subsidies to local service providers (private and non-profit) are cited as a critical way to help fill the gap in communities' transportation needs. There is also strong support for expanding the frequency, geographic scope, and hours of service of public transportation services.

- **Active and Alternative Transportation**

Expanding and improving the safety of active and alternative transportation corridors and hubs, as well as more planning related to cycling, is strongly supported.

The report encompassed 15 engagement sessions across Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast, including eight in-person (Sechelt, Powell River, Duncan, Port Hardy, Campbell River, Parksville, Port Alberni, and Tofino) and seven online sessions during the month of June. Ninety-six organizations, First Nations, Indigenous organizations, local governments, community groups, transportation providers, and research organizations took part and nearly 1500 members of the public participated in the online survey.

When you travel among communities, how often do you use these transportation options?



An excerpt from the new report demonstrates the diverse transportation methods study participants rely on to travel between coastal communities.

[Download the report < https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Transportation-What-We-Heard-Report.pdf >](https://islandcoastaltrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Transportation-What-We-Heard-Report.pdf) (5MB PDF)

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Island Coastal Economic Trust

[Island Coastal Economic Trust < http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/ >](http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/) (the Trust) works to build a sustainable and resilient coastal economy in reciprocal relationships with First Nations, municipalities, and regional districts across Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and island and inlets from the Salish Sea to Cape Caution. Serving over half a million residents, the Trust partners with communities in the development and financing of their economic infrastructure and diversification efforts through our unique structure that is led by, and accountable to, communities.

Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

[Vancouver Island Economic Alliance < https://viea.ca/ >](https://viea.ca/) (VIEA) is a registered non-government, non-profit society spearheading regional economic development for the entire Vancouver Island and rural islands region. The society is funded by memberships, sponsorships and gate receipts from events.

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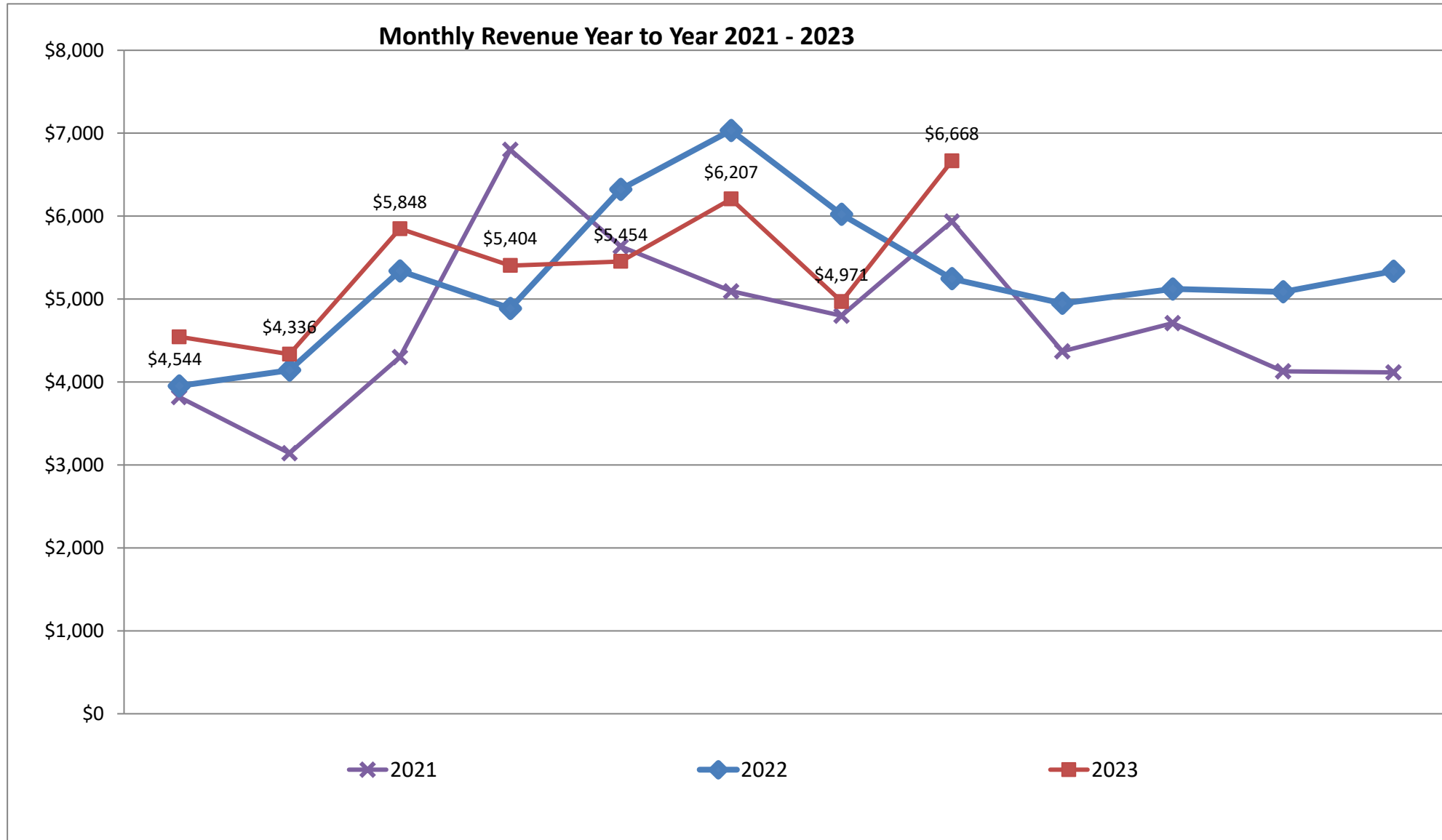
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Average Monthly Revenue

	2021	2022	2023
Aug	\$5,936	\$5,246	\$6,668
Annual	\$56,853	\$63,446	<i>\$65,147 Projected</i>
Change	20.0%	11.6%	2.7%

Year/Year Comparison (Revenue)

2022 Jan - Aug	\$42,951
2023 Jan - Aug	\$43,431
increase	1%



**Mount Waddington Transit Revenue Trends
2023**

Revenue Source	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date	<i>Projected</i>
Farebox	\$1,981	\$2,046	\$1,890	\$2,643	\$2,683	\$2,907	\$2,530	\$2,657	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,338	\$29,006.61
Ticket Sales	\$315	\$0	\$1,575	\$75	\$189	\$609	\$84	\$1,575	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,422	\$6,633.00
Pass Sales	\$668	\$710	\$803	\$1,106	\$1,002	\$1,111	\$777	\$856	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,032	\$10,547.25
BC Bus Passes	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	\$12,640	\$18,960.00
Total	\$4,544	\$4,336	\$5,848	\$5,404	\$5,454	\$6,207	\$4,971	\$6,668	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,431	\$65,146.86

**estimate/average*

Projected: 2.7%

2022

Revenue Source	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date
Farebox	\$1,767	\$1,566	\$2,127	\$1,615	\$2,110	\$2,512	\$2,526	\$2,576	\$2,440	\$2,015	\$2,365	\$2,017	\$25,636
Ticket Sales	\$126	\$63	\$788	\$872	\$1,313	\$2,258	\$1,313	\$0	\$0	\$578	\$53	\$525	\$7,886
Pass Sales	\$480	\$935	\$846	\$1,028	\$1,528	\$918	\$835	\$1,090	\$929	\$949	\$1,090	\$1,216	\$11,841
BC Bus Passes	\$1,580	\$1,580	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,375</i>	<i>\$1,373</i>	<i>\$1,347</i>	<i>\$1,348</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	<i>\$1,580</i>	\$18,083
Total	\$3,953	\$4,144	\$5,340	\$4,888	\$6,323	\$7,034	\$6,022	\$5,246	\$4,949	\$5,122	\$5,087	\$5,337	\$63,446

**estimate/average*

11.6%

2021

Revenue Source	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date
Farebox	\$1,934	\$1,386	\$1,706	\$2,276	\$1,838	\$2,235	\$2,542	\$2,366	\$2,201	\$2,237	\$1,934	\$2,063	\$24,718
Ticket Sales	-\$126	\$0	\$126	\$2,426	\$1,764	\$672	\$525	\$1,575	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,962
Pass Sales	\$886	\$731	\$1,283	\$887	\$846	\$975	\$465	\$809	\$694	\$1,001	\$929	\$788	\$10,290
BC Bus Passes	\$1,124	\$1,025	\$1,186	\$1,213	\$1,186	\$1,213	\$1,268	\$1,187	\$1,474	<i>\$1,474</i>	\$1,267	<i>\$1,267</i>	\$14,884
Total	\$3,818	\$3,142	\$4,301	\$6,801	\$5,634	\$5,095	\$4,800	\$5,936	\$4,369	\$4,712	\$4,129	\$4,117	\$56,853

**estimate/average*

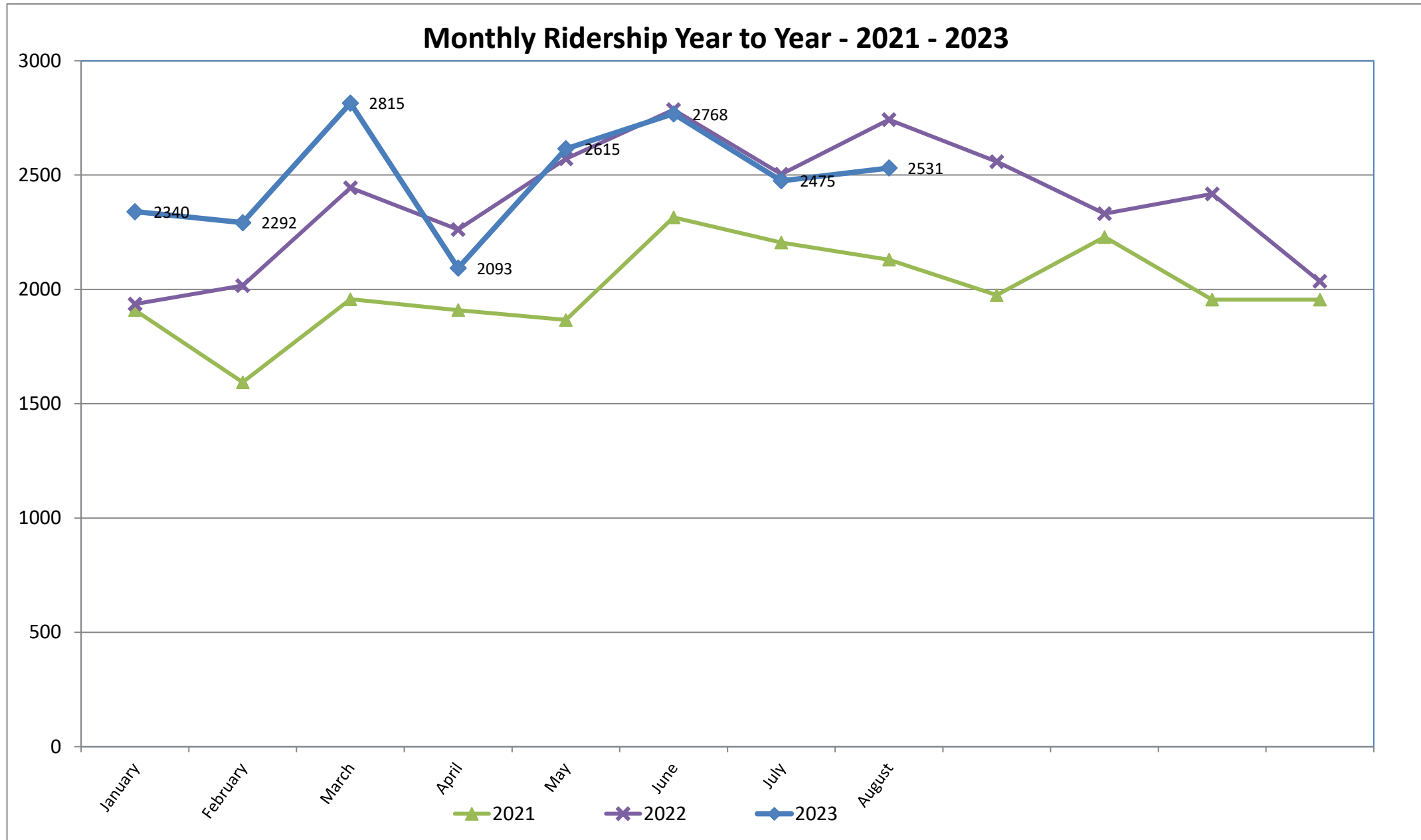
20.0%

Average Passengers per Month:

	2021	2022	2023
Aug	2130	2742	2531
Annual	23999	28605	29894 Projected
Change	17%	19%	5%

Year/Year Comparison (Ridership)

2022 Jan - Aug	19262
2023 Jan - Aug	19929
increase	3%



Mount Waddington Transit Ridership Trends

2023	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2023 Total	<i>Projected 2023 Total</i>
Route 1 to Port McNeill	540	531	572	421	552	554	490	537					4197	6296
Route 1 Saturdays	0	0	0	13	16	14	11	8					62	93
Route 2 to Port Hardy	455	509	555	390	551	540	502	506					4008	6012
Route 2 Saturdays	0	0	0	15	7	11	7	12					52	78
Route 4-Ft Rupert	387	347	574	367	457	451	346	370					3299	4949
Route 4-Airport Extension	44	22	45	22	25	4	6	13					181	272
Route 5-Coal Harbour/Quatsino	473	391	623	459	540	658	647	647					4438	6657
Route 5-Coal Harbour Saturdays	21	48	13	34	35	58	65	40					314	471
Route 6-Woss/Mount Cain	22	40	13	-	-	-	-	-					75	113
Route 11-PH Local	260	262	277	241	278	310	238	219					2085	3128
Route 12-PM Local	134	140	139	131	154	168	163	178					1207	1811
HandyDART-PH	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1					4	6
HandyDART-PM	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0					7	11
2023 Monthly Total	2340	2292	2815	2093	2615	2768	2475	2531	0	0	0	0	19929	29894

2022	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2022 Total
Route 1 to Port McNeill	375	384	497	441	487	550	506	577	544	537	579	438	5915
Route 1 Saturdays	0	0	0	10	9	9	8	15	15	14	16	1	97
Route 2 to Port Hardy	500	515	587	578	663	634	467	516	561	548	572	460	6601
Route 2 Saturdays	0	0	0	9	5	15	11	4	9	8	5	0	66
Route 4-Ft Rupert	350	342	439	401	485	526	468	396	343	323	337	286	4696
Route 4-Airport Extension	3	11	11	12	17	20	9	13	1	14	28	29	168
Route 5-Coal Harbour/Quatsino	351	404	539	395	470	565	543	682	546	436	464	429	5824
Route 5-Coal Harbour Saturdays	13	18	27	20	39	27	30	35	37	24	17	0	287
Route 6-Woss/Mount Cain	16	14	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	89
Route 11-PH Local	160	181	192	244	268	281	249	297	278	224	236	212	2822
Route 12-PM Local	168	148	132	150	127	157	204	195	219	196	158	137	1991
HandyDART-PH	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
HandyDART-PM	0	0	0	2	1	2	8	11	6	7	6	2	45
2022 Monthly Total	1936	2017	2444	2262	2571	2786	2504	2742	2559	2331	2418	2035	28605

2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	2021 Total
Route 1 to Port McNeill	364	326	418	416	344	432	425	380	375	470	386	400	4736
Route 1 Saturdays	0	0	0	7	2	20	17	1	8	12	12	0	79
Route 2 to Port Hardy	500	388	483	531	497	629	443	426	527	654	543	470	6091
Route 2 Saturdays	0	0	0	6	14	12	21	22	6	15	6	0	102
Route 4-Ft Rupert	245	252	301	327	316	440	418	401	298	312	354	342	4006
Route 4-Airport Extension	0	0	2	6	9	4	28	19	3	6	1	3	81
Route 5-Coal Harbour/Quatsino	408	267	346	291	367	442	508	563	436	429	310	392	4759
Route 5-Coal Harbour Saturdays	44	17	31	6	47	21	36	41	21	35	29	27	355
Route 6-Woss/Mount Cain	23	24	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	22	88
Route 11-PH Local	183	200	210	211	172	205	169	142	180	165	165	162	2164
Route 12-PM Local	139	117	144	108	98	110	139	133	115	127	146	133	1509
HandyDART-PH	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
HandyDART-PM	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	3	4	22
2021 Monthly Total	1909	1594	1957	1909	1866	2315	2205	2130	1975	2229	1955	1955	23999

2023 Volunteer Transportation Network/HandyDart Trip Summary

Month	Total Trips	Total Clients	Lift Van	Community - Trips (T) /Clients (C)														Int w/ Transit	HandyDART				Int w/ VTN
				Port Hardy		Port McNeill		Alert Bay		Malcolm Island		Woss		Fort Rupert		Port Alice			Port Hardy		Port McNeill		
				T	C	T	C	T	C	T	C	T	C	T	C	T	C		AM	PM	AM	PM	
January	22	58	3	0	0	7	15	0	0	6	6	5	33	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	3	0	0
February	20	54	3	0	0	8	13	0	0	6	7	4	32	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
March	27	53	4	0	0	6	13	0	0	4	4	3	22	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	2	2	0
April	25	54	4	0	0	8	15	0	0	5	5	4	26	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	25	34	3	0	0	7	13	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	17	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	15	51	4	0	0	7	19	0	0	1	1	7	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	20	50	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	6	31	0	0	10	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	21	22	3	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	12	12	0	1	0	0	0	0
September																							
October																							
November																							
December																							
TOTAL	175	376	28	0	0	54	103	0	0	22	23	32	180	0	0	59	62	0	4	0	5	2	0
Riders/trip		2.1			0.0		1.9		0		1.0		5.6		0		1.1	0.0					
Projected	263	564	42	0	0	81	155	0	0	33	35	48	270	0	0	89	93	0	6	0	8	3	0
Change	-11%	-40%	-14%	-100%	-100%	-45%	-56%	0	0	1550%	1625%	-14%	-45%	0	0	12%	7%	-100%	500%	-100%	-78%	-79%	-1400%

7-MILE LANDFILL MONTHLY TONNAGE SUMMARY FOR August 2023

MONTH	8	PROJECTIONS NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
MATERIALS MANAGED IN THE LANDFILL AREA - TONNES	August 1 to August 31 (2023)	2023 UP TO August 31, 2023	PRO-RATED ANNUAL PROJECTION	BUDGET ANNUAL PROJECTION	VARIANCE	% WASTE STREAM
LANDFILL	671.73	4997.71	7497	7000	7.1%	69%
GENERAL REFUSE FROM BELLA BELLA	31.58	328.94	493	464	6.3%	5%
GENERAL REFUSE FROM KLEMTU	7.80	87.66	131	136	-3.3%	1%
GENERAL REFUSE FROM WUIKINUXV	4.14	15.17	23			
OTHER MATERIAL LANDFILLED FROM OUTSIDE OF RDMW	0.18	0.18	0	100		0%
FEE EXEMPT PUBLIC CLEANUP (<i>NOT ACCOUNTED IN LANDFILL TONNAGE</i>)	<u>4.18</u>	25.30	<u>37.95</u>	100	-62.1%	0%
VOLUME BASED LOADS CONVERTED TO TONNES	0.00	15.26	23			
TOTAL AMOUNT SENT TO ACTIVE LANDFILL FACE	719.61	5454.96	8182.44	7800.00		
RECYCLABLES AND STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS DIVERTED AT LANDFILL FACE	0.00	4.78	7	50	-85.7%	0%
WOODWASTE DIVERTED AT LANDFILL FACE	0.24	11.35	17	200	-91.5%	0%
METAL DIVERTED AT LANDFILL FACE	0.43	5.92	9	50	-82.2%	0%
OTHER MATERIALS DIVERTED AT LANDFILL	<u>1.52</u>	<u>21.30</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>200</u>	-84.0%	0%
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DIVERTED AT THE ACTIVE LANDFILL FACE	2.19	43.35	65.03	500.00	-87.0%	
TOTAL AMOUNT ACTUALLY LANDFILLED	717.42	5411.61	8117.42	7300.00	11.2%	
MATERIALS DIVERTED FROM THE LANDFILL - TONNES						
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DIVERTED AT THE ACTIVE LANDFILL FACE	2.19	43.35	65	500	-87.0%	1%
OUTBOUND METAL	0.00	0.00	0	150	-100.0%	0%
SALVAGED MATERIALS	0.00	1.99	3	5	-40.3%	0%
CREOSOTE LOGS	0.00	4.96	7	5	48.8%	0%
PAPER/WAX CARDBOARD - COMPOSTABLE	0.00	0.00	0	250	-100.0%	0%
WOODWASTE FOR CHIPPING AT \$25/TONNE	112.69	744.47	1117	500	123.3%	10%
COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS	97.20	770.41	1156	1100	5.1%	11%
FINE GARDEN WASTE (NO CHARGE)	0.00	74.47	112	100	11.7%	1%
RECYCLED MATERIALS	0.00	19.27	29	700	-95.9%	0%
ASPHALT SHINGLES	40.22	158.19	237	75	216.4%	2%
ASBESTOS TO ASBESTOS DISPOSAL AREA	0.58	7.30	11	100	-89.1%	0%
MMBC MATERIAL	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>	-100.0%	0%
TOTAL DIVERTED	212.08	1824.41	2736.61	3785.00	-27.7%	25%
TOTAL TONNAGE MANAGED AT 7 MILE LANDFILL	929.50	7236.02	10854.03	11085.00	25.8%	
OTHER MATERIALS: ADDITIONAL TO LANDFILL - TONNES	August 1 to August 31 (2023)	2023 UP TO August 31, 2023	ANNUAL PROJECTION PRO-RATED FROM ACTUALS	BUDGET PROJECTION	VARIANCE	% WASTE STREAM
SOIL FOR REMEDIATION	0.00	0.00	0	100	-100.0%	0
SOIL FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	-100.0%	0
TOTAL IMPORTED FILL	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	-100.0%	0