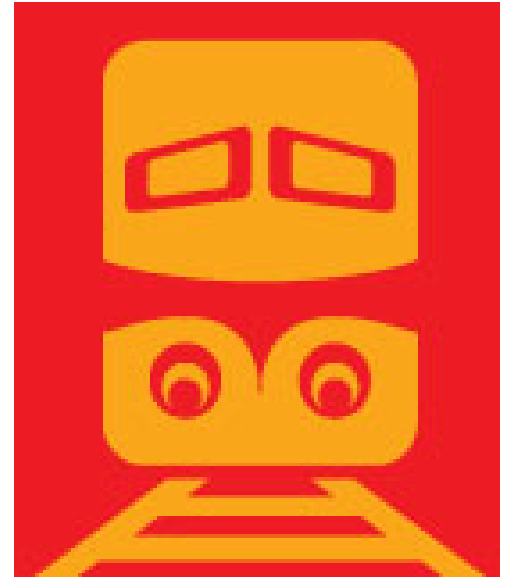


Island Corridor Foundation

Connecting the places we live, work, learn and play.....

Presentation to Comox Valley
Regional District
March 19, 2019

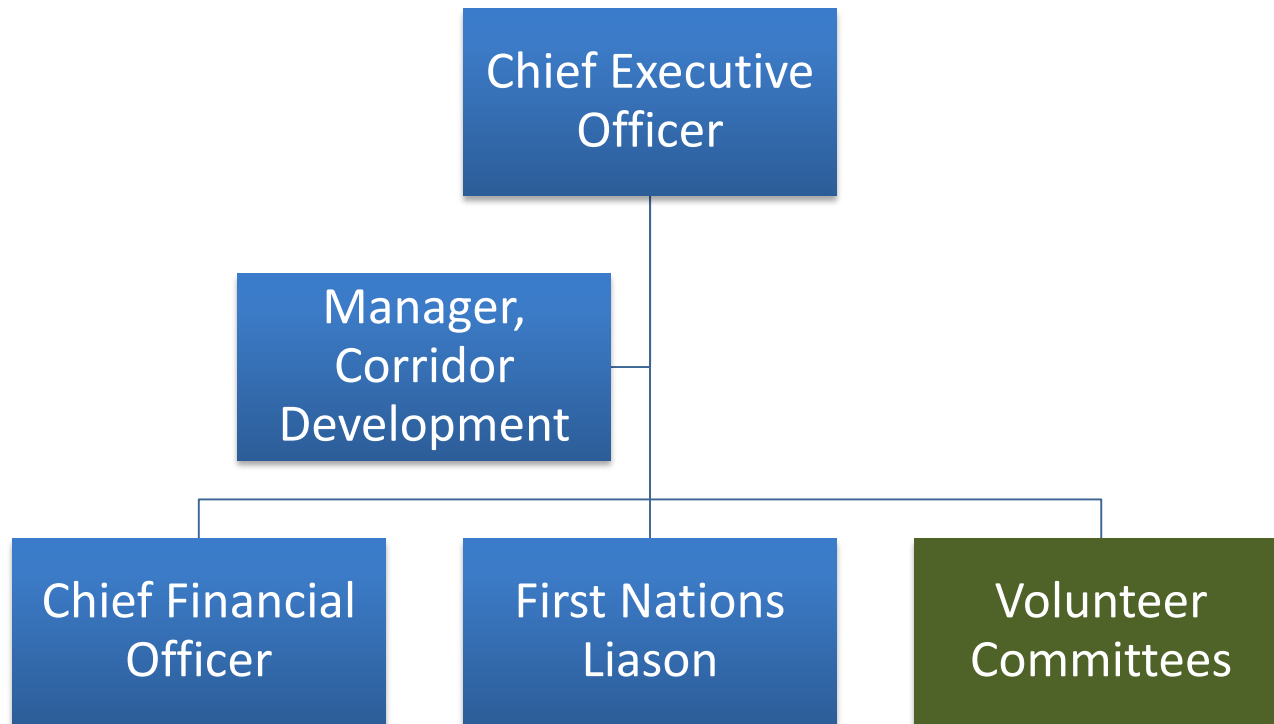


Who We Are

- Established in 2003
 - Federally registered Charity
 - Operate on a Non-Profit Basis
- Established to Acquire, Preserve, and Develop the rail corridor on Vancouver Island
 - Former E&N Railroad
- Represents the interests of First Nations and Communities located along corridor
 - Over 30 member corridor communities



Governance & Structure



What we Do

- Acquire
 - Assets fully acquired in 2005
 - 1620 Acres of Land – valued at over \$300 Million
 - Corridor is over 290 kilometers long
- Preserve –
 - Maintain continuity of the corridor
 - Land & Asset Management
- Develop
 - Working towards the development of a working railroad
 - Continual work on Trails – over 100 KM completed more planned for 2019



Current Status

- Restoring Rail Service to the Island
 - Primary focus of the Foundation
 - Changed Approach
 - Communications & Transparency
 - Outreach to public, First Nations, Districts and Municipalities
- Where is the Plan?
 - There have been more than 10 studies completed
 - Numerous “plans” developed
 - Everything from \$15 million to \$300 million
 - Considerable confusion between plans and values associated
 - Diluted the message



Current Status

- Stakeholders Meeting – Dec 10, 2018
 - Regional Districts, Mayors and Civic Leaders
 - Clearly asked the Province for a commitment
 - Develop a comprehensive plan to restore rail service to the entire island
 - To do so without delay
 - To work with the Island Corridor Foundation on the plan
- Discussion with Minister Trevena – Dec 21, 2018
 - Agree to undertake assessment of the entire corridor
- Assessment is now out for bid
 - This is a Provincial undertaking
 - Positive Step forward
- Thank you for having us here
 - We look forward to a continued dialogue

