

NEWS RELEASE

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Calling all Poets for "Poetry in Transit" Program

Let's celebrate poetry and get creative about Nanaimo!

The City of Nanaimo's Poet Laureate invites you to send your short poems, prose poems or excerpts from longer poems to the "Poetry in Transit" Program. The theme is "Caring for Others". Through this call for poetry, poets will contribute works that are in some way related to a particular point, a site in Nanaimo or the experiences shared while caring for others.

"Let's celebrate poetry and hear your voices. Share your poetry stories about Nanaimo with many passengers who ride the bus every day", said Tina Biello, Nanaimo Poet Laureate.

Poets who live within the Regional District of Nanaimo and City of Nanaimo can submit their poems to callingallpoets@nanaimo.ca. Each poet can submit up to three (3) poems for review. Poems should only be 3-5 lines (50 words or less) not counting the title, and should relate to the theme "Caring for Others". Poems will be selected on the basis of their relation to the theme, artistic merit and appropriateness for display, either on the bus or online.

Inspired by Nanaimo's Poet Laureate, this partnership between the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and the Vancouver Island Regional Library is a way for the many riders of Nanaimo's public transit to rethink and re-know their city. Selected poems will be chosen to appear on the bus and program promotional material.

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