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Transit Poems to "Roll Out" on Thursday, December 6

Public invited to view and hear poetry

Inspired by Nanaimo's Poet Laureate, the "Poetry in Transit Program" is a way for the many riders of Nanaimo's public transit to rethink and reimagine their city through poetry. Over the past few months, local poets have been submitting their short poems based on the theme "Caring for Others".

"Thank you to each and every poet who submitted for our poetry in transit call," said Tina Biello, Poet Laureate. "It was exciting to read the submissions. It's great to know so many people in Nanaimo are writing and riding the bus".

On Thursday, December 6, 2018 the public is invited to attend a special ceremony to unveil of the poetry submissions. Join the Poet Laureate and the participating poets at the Vancouver Island Regional Library (Harbourfront Branch) at 11:00 am to see what the program is all about, and view the first set of poems. There will be a bus on-site displaying the selected poems, and poets in attendance to read them. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"We are pleased to continue to be a part of the Poetry in Transit Program with partners the City of Nanaimo, Vancouver Island Regional Library and local poets. Sharing local poetry on our RDN Transit buses is a great way to promote poetry and literacy in our region" said Ian Thorpe, RDN Chair.

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