

# Transportation



# General *Information*

Powell River has developed an efficient transportation system that caters to its residents and visitors, as well as the logistical needs of the goods being shipping in and out of the community. Powell River is served by many international recognized courier companies including: DHL, FedEx, Purolator and UPS. Within the community you will find reliable public transportation, friendly taxi services, as well water taxi and other transportation means.

The public transit system offers a fleet of low-floor buses that provide wheelchair and scooter accessible service throughout the region. Buses are equipped with a ramp that allows entrance for people who have difficulty with stairs. Passengers will find the service to be timely, trustworthy, and friendly. As with much of the rest of BC, HandyDART services are offered in the City of Powell River and surrounding areas to aid people with disabilities. The service is offered to and from accessible building entrances, and users must be registered with the HandyDart office before usage. These services are available to people whose disability is severe enough that they are unable to take traditional means of transportation such as public transit.



# Roadways and *Ferries*

## *Vehicle/Ferry*

Vancouver to Powell River is a scenic, 5.5 hour journey that will take you through unobstructed nature. From Horseshoe Bay, take the ferry to Langdale and continue up the coast to the second ferry from Earls Cove to Saltery Bay to arrive at the Upper Sunshine Coast.

Vancouver Island to Powell River is a short, 80 minute crossing of the Strait of Georgia. Challenging the trip from Vancouver for scenery, travellers will not want to miss views of the coastal mountains, and the opportunity to see wild marine life in nearby waters.

### Distance to Major Centres

Metro Area	Distance
Vancouver	172 km
Victoria	258 km
Seattle	398 km
Portland	677 km
Calgary	1,141 km
Edmonton	1,329 km





## **Motorcoach**

Malaspina Coach Lines offers daily transportation between the towns of the Sunshine Coast through to Vancouver and Vancouver International Airport. The scheduled services provide easy connection from Vancouver Island via Pacific Coach Lines to Victoria. They have a terminal at the Vancouver Bus Depot which allows for easy transfers to Greyhound Bus Lines which offers services throughout North America.

## **Highway and Trucking**

Highway Name:	Highway 101
Highway Type:	Provincial
Highway Code:	19
Located Within Community:	Yes
Direction:	North/South

## **Motor Carriers/Trucks**

Common Carriers Serving the Area:	City/Texada Transfer
Common Carriers with Local Terminals:	City/Texada Transfer



# Airports

Pacific Coastal Airlines offers 25 minute flights between Vancouver International Airport and Powell River Municipal Airport. With multiple daily flights travellers can find connections to any international flight.

Across the Strait of Georgia lies the town of Comox. Comox Valley Airport is serviced by major airlines, and is just a 1 ¼ hour ferry ride to the City of Powell River. Comox Valley Airport is a gateway to the Sunshine Coast, and welcomes travellers from all over on a daily basis.



## Closest Commercial Airports

Name:	Powell River Municipal Airport
Hub Status:	Municipal
Hours of Operation:	6am – 9:30pm Mon-Fri; 6am – 7:30pm Sat & Sun
Number of Runways	1
Runway Lengths	3,627 feet / 1,106 meters
Helicopter Pad:	Land on apron
Helicopter Companies	Oceanview Helicopters
Carrier Companies	Pacific Coastal
Flights to Largest Cities Served:	Mon – Fri: 4 return flights
Vancouver	Sat & Sun: 3 return flights

## Closest Commercial Airports

Name:	Comox Valley Airport (YQQ)
Hub Status:	Commercial
Located in the Community	Yes
Hours of Operation	5:30am - 11:00pm
Number of Runways	2
Helicopter Pad	Yes
Carriers	Transat Holidays, Central Mountain Air, Pacific Coastal, Westjet
Flights to Largest Cities Served	Daily flights to Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton

# Couriers

Powell River is home to courier companies that offer many services to the area. Each company has a slight difference from the other, in the level of service they provide or the distance they cover.

Name	DHL
Latest Pick-Up Time:	3:30 pm
Earliest Delivery:	9:00 am
Next Day Delivery Guarantee:	N/A
Saturday Delivery:	No

Name	Federal Express
Latest Pick-Up Time:	3:30 pm
Earliest Delivery:	12:00 pm
Next Day Delivery Guarantee:	Yes
Saturday Delivery:	No



Name Purolator (Airborne is the American affiliate)

Latest Pick-Up Time: 3:00 pm

Earliest Delivery: 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Next Day Delivery Guarantee: Yes

Saturday Delivery: No

Name UPS Canada Ltd.

Latest Pick-Up Time: 1:00 pm

Earliest Delivery: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm

Next Day Delivery Guarantee: Yes

Saturday Delivery: No



# Ports

Much of the world's goods are still traded by sea. Being in close proximity to the ocean is a selling point for any community, but the City of Powell River also benefits from the two nearby shipping ports. It is easy for importers and exporters to do business from Powell River, moving around a variety of consumer and commercial products. Port Metro Vancouver, the largest and busiest port in Canada, is just a short trip through the Strait of Georgia, and is a diversified gateway for domestic and international trade. Port Metro Vancouver represents 9.7 billion in GDP, 20.3 billion in economic output, 6.1 billion in wages paid, and 1.3 billion in annual tax revenues, making it a pillar of strength in the Canadian economy.

## Closest Custom Port of Entry

Name:	Comox Valley Airport
Type of Entry Point:	Airport
Location:	1250 Knight Row, Comox
Services Available:	See Canada Border Services



## Closest Port

Nearest Ocean Port:	Port of Powell River – Barge Terminal
Location/City:	In Community - Catalyst Harbour
Type of Port:	Ocean
Channel Depth:	N/A
Turning Basin:	Unlimited
Shallow Water Barging Facilities:	Yes
Deep Water Barging Facilities:	Yes
General Cargo Facilities:	Yes
Containerized Facilities:	No
Storage Facilities:	Yes
Highways Serving Port:	#101
Railways Serving Port:	No rail service available
Source: Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia	

