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Ahousat Indian Reserve
West Coast Agency.
October 10th. 1944.

Mr. P.B. Ashbridge
Indian Agent, West Coast Agency
Port Alberni, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Some time ago I spoke to you and suggested that instead of distributing our timber money, that we should use the money so as to improve our village here.

It is more than ever necessary that we should have electric lights in the houses and thoroughfares and the wharfe.

What we need is a deisal engine and all the equipment necessary to generate electricity sufficient for thirty seven houses, the wharfe and our main thoroughfares.

This includes the day school and our community hall. We have a fishing fleet of forty boats and as fishermen the men have to arrive here after dark, some times in very stormy weather, and the expenditure of our money in this way would be in the line of progress for which we are striving for, and it would be better than distributing the money.

We would also require the services of an electrician so that this could be installed properly. But we will furnish the poles ourselves.

And we would also erect the poles.

I think the sum of \$2,500.00 would be sufficient for this undertaking and we wish to have it as soon as possible so we can use it this winter.

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours

Chief Benson.

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