

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Transit Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 3:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson G. Seymour
Directors K. Cossey, L. Duncan, B. Harrison, G. Giles,
L. Iannidinardo, P. Kent, K. Kuhn, T. McGonigle and
I. Morrison

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Administrator
Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering &
Environmental Services
Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facility Management, Fleet
and Transit
Johann Van Schaik, BC Transit
Myrna Moore, BC Transit
Bill Young, Cowichan Valley Regional Transit
System
Bob Allen, First Canada
Mohinder Bhoondpaul, First Canada
Colin Oakes, First Canada
Georg Stratemeyer, Volunteer Cowichan
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
2M1**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of Transit Committee held November 26, 2008 be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

CONVENTIONAL SERVICE

Reports

3R1

Verbal report from Johann Van Schaik, Transit Planner, Municipal Systems Program, BC Transit, re: Cowichan Valley Conventional Service Restructure, was considered.

Johann Van Schaik, Transit Planner, Municipal Systems Program, BC Transit provided a PowerPoint presentation that included an introduction to public transit in British Columbia and provided an overview of the proposed Cowichan Valley Transit route restructuring.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the Board approve the restructured transit service proposal for the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System; and that potential for schedule integration with Commuter service be reviewed; and further that public consultation with stakeholders for information and input prior to implementation be initiated.

MOTION CARRIED

It was the consensus of the Committee to vary the order of the agenda to place Item No. 3R6 after Item No. 3R1.

3R6 Report from Bill Young, Transit Manager, Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System dated March 11, 2009, re: Transit Report, was received as information.

3R2 Staff Report from Corporate Secretary dated February 19, 2009, re: Transit Business Plan – Service Options for 2009, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board:

- 1. That the CVRD proceed with the implementation of Route 5 – Eagle Heights Cowichan Commons, effective September, 2009; subject to funding from BC Transit.**
- 2. That the CVRD proceed with the introduction of a community bus route serving Cowichan Station and other rural areas south of the Cowichan River, including Telegraph Road, Satellite Park, Arbutus Ridge and Glenora effective September, 2009; subject to funding from BC Transit.**

MOTION CARRIED

3R3 Staff Report from Corporate Secretary dated February 19, 2009, re: 2009 Free Transit Days, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board:

- 1. That cash fares on the local Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System be reduced to zero (no charge) on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in support of Clean Air Day and on Friday December 18, 2009 to celebrate the holiday season.**
- 2. That free transit be offered to veterans on Remembrance Day November 11, 2009.**

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that free transit be offered on HandyDART Service to veterans on Remembrance Day November 11, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

3R4

Report from Johann Van Schaik, Transit Planner, Municipal Systems Program, BC Transit dated December 15, 2008, re: Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System: 2008/09 Annual Operating Agreement – Amendment #1, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to sign the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System: 2008/09 Annual Operating Agreement Amendment #1.

MOTION CARRIED

3R5

Report from Megan Hill, Planning Manager, Municipal Systems Program, BC Transit, dated October 8, 2008, re: Amendment to the 2005 Master Operating and 2008/09 Annual Operating Agreement to Reflect Transfer of Transit System Operating Company from Greyhound Canada Corp. to Farwest handyDART Services Inc., was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that Chair and Corporate Secretary be authorized to sign the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System: 2008/09 Annual Operating Agreement Amendment #2.

MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence

3C1

Email from Eddie Pandke dated October 29, 2008, re: Request for 'Student' Discounted Rate on Cowichan Valley Commuter, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that Item No. 3C1 be referred to the next meeting of the Transit Committee when a report on possible implementation of a U Pass system for University of Victoria and Camosun College students, from BC Transit, is considered.

MOTION CARRIED

3C2

Memorandum from the Assistant Manager, Development Services dated January 13, 2009, re: Rezoning Application – 5611 Culverton Road, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that Item No. 3C2 be received as information.

MOTION CARRIED

3C3

Email from Bobbie Burns dated February 22, 2009, re: Request for Additional Bus Route No. 66, 3:45 p.m. Return Time on the Cowichan Valley Commuter Service, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that Item No. 3C3 be received as information.

MOTION CARRIED

HANDYDART SERVICE

Reports

4R1

Report from Georg Stratemeyer, Executive Director, Volunteer Cowichan, re: Custom / Paratransit Monthly Statistical Summary and 2008 Ridership, was received as information.

4R2

Report from Georg Stratemeyer, Executive Director, Volunteer Cowichan, re: Custom / Paratransit Monthly Statistical Summary and 2009 Ridership, was received as information.

**ADJOURNMENT
5:13 p.m.**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____