

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Transit Committee held in the Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 3:34 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Directors K. Cossey and T. McGonigle

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Administrator
Joe Barry, Corporate Secretary
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering and
Environment
Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facility Management, Fleet
and Transit
Myrna Moore, BC Transit
Roxanne Lypka, BC Transit
Peter Murray, BC Transit
Bill Young, FirstCanada ULC
Bob Allen, FirstCanada ULC
Georg Stratemeyer, Volunteer Cowichan
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the
addition of New Business Item:**

*NBI – Service Expansion in Area E – Cowichan
Station/Sahtlam/Glenora;*

and that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES
2M1**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular
meeting of Transit Committee held May 13, 2009 be adopted.**

MOTION CARRIED

**CONVENTIONAL
SERVICE**

Correspondence

4C1

Email from Kim Citton, Project Supervisor, Canada World Youth, dated June 25, 2009, re: Canada World Youth Mozambique Exchange Program – Bus Passes, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that the CVRD provide twenty bus passes to the Canada World Youth team members visiting our community from September, 2009 to November, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

4C2

Letter from Mark O. Ruttan, Director of Administration and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of North Cowichan dated June 19, 2009, re: Class Rides Free Program, was considered.

The Corporate Secretary explained that the Class Rides Free Program is structured for use by public and private schools within the Cowichan Valley and is set to begin this September. Youth registered in recreation activities or programs is a different market and specific regulations would need to be considered by staff, he said.

It was moved and seconded that staff examine the feasibility of creating a program for youth registered in recreation activities or programs within the Cowichan Valley to be eligible for free transportation on the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports

4R1

Report from Myrna Moore, Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit, re: Cowichan Valley Transit System Proposed Schedules was received as information.

4R2

Transit Report from Bill Young, First Canada, dated June 16, 2009, was received as information.

In response to questions, the Corporate Secretary suggested having a transit workshop prior to the September meeting. The Committee agreed by consensus to have a workshop on the afternoon of September 9, 2009.

4R3

Staff Report from the Manager, Island Savings Centre dated June 1, 2009, re: Olympic Torch Relay Celebrations Request, was considered.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board that cash fares on the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System be reduced to zero (no charge) on Saturday, October 31, 2009 for the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations happening region-wide.

MOTION CARRIED

COWICHAN VALLEY COMMUTER SERVICE**Reports****5R1**

Report from Peter Murray, Senior Transportation Planner, BC Transit dated June 30, 2009, re: Cowichan Valley Commuter Transit Service Review, was considered.

Responding to a question from Director Duncan regarding the absence of Koksilah Road and the Trans Canada Highway from the table on Page 19 of the Review, Peter Murray, Senior Transportation Planner, BC Transit, said that the commuter bus would stop at Koksilah Road.

It was moved and seconded that the BC Transit implement the proposed routing changes as outlined in the Cowichan Valley Commuter Transit Service Review, Phase I, with ‘Koksilah Road and Trans Canada Highway’ to be listed in the table on Page 19 of the Review.

MOTION CARRIED

HANDYDART SERVICE**Correspondence****6C1**

Letter from Cairine MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Housing and Social Development dated May 22, 2009, re: Eligibility of handyDART for the BC Bus Pass Program, was received as information.

6C2

Email from Michelle S. Sierra dated June 11, 2009, re: request for two additional buses, was considered.

It was moved and seconded BC Transit prepare a report to the Transit Committee regarding the feasibility of providing additional service to the handyDART system including the cost of adding one and two buses.

MOTION CARRIED

Reports**6R1**

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

6R2

Report from Georg Stratemeyer, Executive Director, Volunteer Cowichan, re: handyDART Operational Report, was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

Service Expansion in Area E – Cowichan Station/Sahtlam/Glenora

Director Duncan inquired about the status of Route No. 5 – Eagle Heights Cowichan Commons and the community bus for Cowichan Station.

Myrna Moore, Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit, responded noting that the 2009/2010 budget has not officially been announced nor has the expansion list been provided by the Province possibly due, in part, to the current economic conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT
4:45 p.m.**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____