

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Transit Services Committee held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on February 10, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Director Seymour, Chair
Director Morrison, Vice-Chair
Directors Cossey, Duncan, Giles. Harrison, Haywood,
Iannidinardo, Kent, Kuhn,

ABSENT: Director McGonigle

ALSO

PRESENT: Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facilities, Transit & Fleet
Brian Dennison, P. Eng., General Manager, E & E
Warren Jones, CVRD CAO
Myrna Moore, BC Transit
Peter Murray, BC Transit
Bob Allen, FirstCanada ULC
Bill Young, FirstCanada ULC
George Stratemeyer, Volunteer Cowichan
Angie Fournier, Cowichan Lake Community Services
Joanne Bath, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Director Morrison requested one item be added under New Business regarding the Provincial Throne Speech.

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the December 9, 2009 regular Transit Services Committee meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

BA1

The Manager, Facilities, Transit & Fleet, clarified the additional 2010 budget items under Function 107.

It was moved and seconded that, in addition to the added funding of \$73,400 to the 2010 core budget of function 107, three additional items; another HandyDART bus, increased service to Cowichan Station and to Area E (Eagle Heights), all partial year costs totalling

approximately \$66,475 and subject to the Province funding their share, are also approved for 2010 and to be funded by the operating reserve account.

MOTION CARRIED

NB2

It was moved and seconded that the 2010 budgeted amount in function 107 for bus stop maintenance of \$5,500 be increased to \$11,000 to coincide with previous year's budget amounts.

MOTION CARRIED

NB3

The General Manager, Engineering and Environmental Services advised that staff would be bringing forward a recommendation for an increase in staffing for the Transit function.

CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence.

REPORTS

R1

A staff report was considered from the Manager, Facilities, Fleet and Transit regarding 2010 Free Transit Days.

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

- 1. That cash fares on the conventional Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System be reduced to zero (no charge) on Wednesday June 2, 2010 in support of Clean Air Day and on Friday December 17, 2010 to celebrate the holiday season.**
- 2. That cash fares on the conventional and HandyDART transit systems be reduced to zero (no charge) for veterans on Remembrance Day November 11, 2010.**

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the motion be amended to provide free transit to all veterans and Armed Forces personnel during the week of November 7 to 13, 2010 (Remembrance Day week).

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the motion be further amended that cash free fares on the Cowichan Valley Conventional and handyDART services be reduced to zero (no charge) for all transit riders on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

R2 Peter Murray, BC Transit Senior Transportation Planner provided a Power-point presentation on a Draft annual service review of the Commuter Service.

BC Transit medium and long range recommendations included:

1. Going to single zone structure, rather than two.
2. Park and ride improvements
3. Locate additional park & ride facilities adjacent to Highway 1 and consolidate to 4 locations.

Director Harrison asked that when the Frayne Road Park and Ride is expanded, the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure be requested to install a sound barrier fence.

Director Giles asked that, as the Hutchinson Road site is already overflowing, it be expanded on an interim basis until the Valley View Park and Ride is available.

Director Iannidinardo asked that consideration be given to the Park and Rides conforming to the CVRD's Environmental Lens.

The Committee gave a show of support in favour of BC Transit investigating a single zone structure for the Commuter Service.

R3 An update report on the conventional and commuter service was received from the Transit Manager, Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System.

Staff were asked to send the Committee's condolences to the driver of the bus that was involved in an accident on Highway 18 in December.

R4 An update report was received on the handyDART Service from the Executive Director, Volunteer Cowichan.

NEW BUSINESS:

NB1 Director Morrison asked BC Transit to let the Committee know if the Cowichan Valley would receive any of the "investment of record amounts of funding in public transit", as mentioned in the BC Throne Speech.

**RESOLVE INTO
CLOSED SESSION
4:35 p.m.** **It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Sections 90 {(1) (k)}.**

MOTION CARRIED

**RISE FROM
CLOSED SESSION
5:07p.m.**

It was moved and seconded that the Committee rise without report.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____