

HYDRO TRANSIT WINS VANCOUVER FIRST

B.C. Hydro Transit has proudly become the first Vancouver organization to receive the St. John Ambulance B.C. Council Award for furthering the work of St. John in British Columbia.

The award was presented to Hydro Safety and Training Manager Peter Gleave for his work with the St. John Safety Oriented First Aid Course, which, since its start-up last November, has trained more than 200 Hydro Transit employees in emergency first aid and safe work practices.

Hydro Transit Vice-President Larry Wight called the first Vancouver award "an endorsement of the programs to encourage safe working conditions and attitudes throughout Hydro Transit".

The award is displayed in the lobby of Hydro's Transit Administration Centre, 850 Southwest Marine Drive, Vancouver.



There's nothing like a trip to the Vancouver Game Farm and a ride on Tina the elephant to make a child's day and these lucky youngsters were among more than 600 who recently spent an afternoon at the animal park, compliments of the Variety Club and B.C. Hydro Transit. This is the fourth consecutive year the Variety Club and Hydro Transit have joined efforts to provide the outing for financially deprived children from all over the Lower Mainland. Hydro Transit donated 14 buses to transport the youngsters to and from the park, while transit operators like Paul Reeves, above, donated their time, to drive the buses and help out at the game farm. From left to right, Paul helps young Jennie and Nora Halley, Clea Ridgeway, Melanie Seieban and Andrea Holmes climb up for a ride on Tina.

FERRY BUS A BARGAIN

One of the best bargains on four wheels is a fifty-cent ride between the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal and downtown Vancouver.

In fact, for the same fare, you can go all the way to Coquitlam or Deep Cove. It's half-price for students, and for senior citizens and children under 12 years of age, the cost is only 15 cents.

The daily hourly 640 Valley-to-Sea service is scheduled to meet ferries for a minimum of waiting. The route runs between the ferry terminal and Scottsdale Mall, with transfers to downtown Vancouver available at Ladner Exchange and into White Rock, Surrey or New Westminster at Matthews Exchange or Scottsdale Mall.

Give yourself a break and let B.C. Hydro Transit be part of your next trip "across the water".

THANKS TO US

A thank you to B.C. Hydro Transit operators for their courtesy and patience came all the way from Arundel, Province of Quebec, recently.

Mrs. G. Cooke while a tourist in Vancouver rode Hydro transit extensively and telephoned transit information at 324-3211 to compliment the drivers.

We're glad Mrs. Cooke had a pleasant stay here and encourage all visitors to Vancouver to see the city our way — on Hydro Transit!

SHRINERS RAISE MONEY UNDER THE BIG TOP

It's somehow appropriate to stage a circus to raise money for needy children.

And the Shrine Circus, held for just that purpose, is one of the world's best.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Shrine Circus which raises money to send youngsters needing special treatment to Shriners Hospitals or burn centres.

And the lineup for the afternoon and evening shows at Vancouver's Pacific Coliseum June 22, 23 and 24, promises to be full of action-packed fun, featuring animal acts, trapeze artists, clowns, jugglers and many more entertainers.

Make the circus part of your June calendar. Full ticket information is available at the Vancouver Ticket Centre, 683-3255.

ODDS & ENDS

The 3rd annual 'All Saints Community Festival' will be held at the Coquitlam Sports Centre, 633 Poirier, Coq, June 6-7-8 from 1-10 pm and June 9 from 11 am-10 pm. The festival commences with a parade June 6 at 1 pm with prizes given for the best costumes and floats. Other attractions include the haunted house, dunk tank, games, gourmet dining, bingo and Las Vegas nites. No admission. For information call 931-7477. . . The 26th annual B.C. Truck Rodeo will be held June 10 at the Professional Driver Centre, 3750-80th St, Delta with over 100 drivers competing. Other attractions include a beauty pageant, marching bands, free ice-cream and much more. Call 522-2117 for information. . . Cere-Pals thrift shop has moved to 13515-105A Ave, Surrey. . . The Kettle Friendship Society has opened a thrift shop at 940 Commercial Dr. For information call 253-7922. . . Free legal aid to seniors is available at Silver Harbour Centre, 144 E 22nd St, N Vancouver on Tuesday from 10 am. Please phone 980-2474 for appointment. . . Guided tours of UBC campus are available through to August, Monday to Friday at 10 am and 1 pm. 24-hour advance notice is advised by phoning Barbara Nicholls, 228-3131. . . Vancouver People's Law School is offering a free course on 'Back to Work Legislation' at South Van Neighbourhood House, 6470 Victoria on June 7. Pre-register at 734-1126. . . Help the Canadian Mental Health Achievement Centre in their fund-raising activities by sending your Super-Valu cash register tapes to Mrs. Haldarson, 7762 Edmonds St, Burnaby, V3N 1B8.

COMING EVENTS

- June 1 — Thrift Sale, Corpus Christi Hall, 6350 Nanaimo, 7-9 pm; June 2, 9:30 am-12 noon
- June 2 — Coffee Party, UCW St. Andrew's Church, 1401 Comox, 11:30 am-12 pm
- June 2 — Tea & Bazaar, Order of Amaranth #8, Elks Hall, 6884 Jubilee, Burn, 1-3 pm, \$1.50
- June 2 — 70th Anniversary Tea, Grace Memorial Church, 803 E 16th, 1 pm
- June 2 — Parking Lot Sale, St Andrew's Church, 13224 - 72nd Ave, Surrey, 10 am-3 pm
- June 2 — Strawberry Tea, Aux Duke Residence, 1114 Burnaby St, 2-4 pm
- June 3 — Lunch & Bake Sale, OES #12, 1443 W 8th, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, \$2
- June 6 — Salmon & Salad Buffet, Col Burn IODE, St Alban's Hall, 19th & Canada Way, Burn, 11:30 am-2:30 pm
- June 6 — No-Bake Strawberry Festival, Cedar Cottage Srs, 4065 Victoria, 1-3 pm
- June 9 — Tea & Bazaar, Icelandic Old Folks Home WA, 2020 Harrison Dr, 1:30-3 pm
- June 9 — Tea & Silent Auction, Windsor United Church, 31st & Elgin, 1:30-3 pm, \$1.25
- June 9 — Rummage Sale, OES #35, St Giles Church, 305 W 41st, 10 am-12 noon
- June 13 — Strawberry Tea, George Cross IODE, Capitol Hill Hall, Howard & Hastings, Burn, 1-3:30 pm
- June 14 — Tea & Bazaar, Children's Hospital Aux, 5840 Oak St, 1-3 pm, \$2
- June 18 — Thrift Sale, CJW, Jewish Comm Centre, 41st & Oak, 10 am-3 pm
- June 21 — Frog Hopper's Tea & Bake Sale, 2617 E Broadway, 1:30 pm
- June 23 — Rummage Sale, St Margaret's Church Crypt, Dumbfries & E 22nd, 10 am
- June 23 — Bazaar & Bake Sale, Taylor Manor, 951 Boundary

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Bright orange Sea-Bus is a welcome newcomer to the Vancouver transit scene.

Happy birthday, two year olds!

The babies of Greater Vancouver's Transit System will be two years old June 17 and already they're making a big splash.

The "infants" are catamaran passenger ferries called "Sea-Bus" which began service June 17, 1977 and their unique design has attracted a lot of attention in the transit industry around the world.

Operated by B.C. Hydro Transit, the 400-passenger ferries are popular with Vancouverites as well, with 6.4 million persons carried in the first two years of service.

Their double-ended, all-aluminum, catamaran design is the first of its kind in the world and the ferries' success is being monitored internationally as a possible new trend in public transport.

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"Sea-Bus", as the Burrard Inlet Ferry System is called, was established in 1974 when the Government of British Columbia decided to establish a passenger-only marine link between the foot of Lonsdale in growing North Vancouver and the foot of busy Granville street in downtown Vancouver, to co-ordinate with shore-side bus services, and ease heavy traffic across two major bridges.

B.C. Hydro Transit officials are pleased with the reception to this marine link in their transit service, which in more than 70,000 crossings, has never missed a scheduled trip due to mechanical reasons.

The 112-foot-long vessels — Burrard Beaver and Burrard Otter — were built in Victoria, and offer a 15-minute service across Vancouver harbor, with half-hour frequency evenings, Sundays and holidays.

TURN ON A DIME

The ferries are double-ended catamarans which means they can travel with equal speed and maneuverability in either direction. This avoids costly turn-around time and risk of accident. The ships can, in fact, "turn-around on a dime" if necessary. As further precautions, life jackets and rafts are on board and the ferries are in continuous radio contact with Sea-Bus dispatchers at all times.

Four crew members staff each vessel — a master, mate and two attendants.

Two innovative elements of the Sea-Bus system are considered demonstration projects because they are the first of their kind in Canada and could apply widely to other transit services.

These are a closed-circuit television security system and an automatic, self-service fare box which issues a piece of paper similar to a bus transfer but with the amount paid inscribed on the back. This provides passengers with a self-paid journey and a free connecting ride on a "land" bus. If one boards a bus first, the regular transfer can be used as a ticket.

The design of the vessels and terminals follows rail rapid transit principles, enabling passengers to board and alight quickly. Each Sea-Bus has six sets of power-operated double doors for simultaneous unloading on one side and loading on the other. Up to 400 passengers can leave and another 400 embark within a total of 90 seconds.

Main propulsion of the ferries consists of four diesel engines, each powering a right angle drive unit, one in each corner of the vessel. If trouble develops with one engine, it can be taken out for maintenance in berths adjacent to the North

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Vancouver Terminal, called Lonsdale Quay, while the ferry continues operating. Regular cleaning, re-fueling and pumping of bilges is done between 2 and 6 a.m. Being made of lightweight aluminum, the ferries are easy on fuel.

The terminals are floating modules of pre-stressed reinforced concrete supporting modern metal buildings which are fully automated. If the terminals did not float, Hydro officials explain, the difference in water levels at high and low tide would create considerable problems.

Also adjacent to Lonsdale Quay is a bus loop into which all connecting North Vancouver buses travel to meet passengers heading to or from Sea-Bus. On the Vancouver side, buses pull up in front of the old-style majestic Canadian Pacific Railway terminal, which is connected by covered walkway to the "Granville Waterfront Station".

By using CPR's station, the system is in a position to be connected with future possible commuter trains and other transit services.

Sea-Bus itself can grow to a maximum of eight ferries to accommodate growth in residential development of the lower Lonsdale area of North Vancouver near the terminal.

Today's society will ignore almost any form of public behavior except getting in the express line with two extra items.

Why is a slight tax increase \$100 and a substantial cut \$20.

BENTALL STOPS RE-ARRANGED

Upcoming construction of Bentall Centre Tower Four means a revised stopping arrangement for buses at Burrard and the Dunsmuir-Melville Connector, effective Monday, June 4.

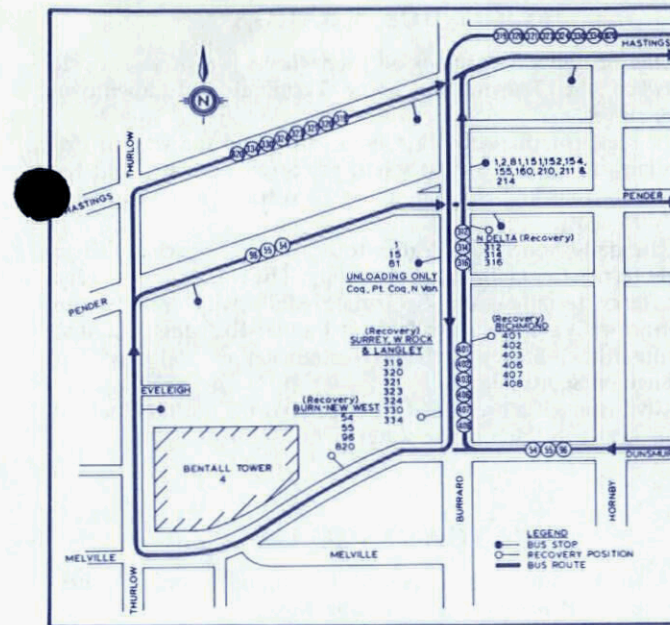
Some suburban routes will have revised looping and terminus stop locations in effect for an extended period of time.

Surrey, North Delta and Richmond routes previously terminating on the Dunsmuir-Melville Connector and Thurlow Streets will terminate on Burrard Street between Pender and Dunsmuir Streets as follows:

Routes from Surrey (319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 330, 334) will terminate on the west side of Burrard Street.

Routes from North Delta (312, 314, 316) and from Richmond (401, 402, 403, 406, 407, 408) will terminate on the east side of Burrard.

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Burnaby-New Westminster (Kingsway & Canada Way) services will continue to use the existing terminus on the Dunsmuir-Melville Connector and continue to loop via Thurlow Street.

Because of these changes the local bus stop northbound on Burrard farside Dunsmuir will be discontinued. This will affect the 1 Beach, 2 PNE Park-Ride, 6 Fraser, 22 Knight and 81 Sea-Bus-Burrard routes. Passengers will be able to board these buses by using the regular stops northbound on Burrard farside Georgia, or northbound on Burrard farside Pender or eastbound on Pender farside Burrard.

NEW PASSES AVAILABLE

New passes have been issued by the B.C. Department of Human Resources for handicapped or senior citizens receiving provincial supplementary social assistance.

The passes cost \$5 and are valid between June 1 and Nov. 30 for regular fares throughout the B.C. Hydro Greater Vancouver Transit System.

Enquiries regarding passes should be directed to: Bus Passes, Door 500, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

LIONS GATE CLOSURE MEANS RE-ROUTING

The Lions Gate Bridge will be closed this Sunday, June 3, for renovations and several B.C. Hydro Transit services will be re-routed.

The 241/242 Upper Lonsdale and 246 Highland will be diverted to Lonsdale Quay; where passengers may connect with Sea-Bus for downtown Vancouver. The closure will last from dawn to dusk, which means the re-routing will be in effect from the first runs of the day to about 10 p.m.

On the Vancouver side, frequent transit services meet each scheduled ferry, enabling passengers to make easy connections to all parts of Greater Vancouver.

For full re-routing details, call transit information at 324-3211.

Man is the wonderful creature which goes to the South Pole, climbs Everest, visits the moon, but is terrified by the idea of moving to the rear of the bus.

BUS-TRAIN-BUS A FUN TRIP

The Royal Hudson Steam Train between North Vancouver and Squamish is back on track for the summer, and B.C. Hydro Transit is prepared to help you get there.

Train service is Wednesday through Sunday to June 30, then daily except Tuesday until Aug. 31, returning to the Wednesday through Sunday schedule from Sept. 1 to 16. The Royal Hudson departs from North Van B.C. Railway terminal at 10 a.m. and returns at 3:45 p.m.

To connect with the Royal Hudson, Hydro Transit will run a special bus service between the downtown Vancouver bus depot, Lonsdale Quay and the railway terminal for all train connections.

Buses leave the downtown depot at 9 a.m., stopping for passengers at Georgia and Granville, Georgia and Burrard, the north end of the Lions Gate Bridge on Marine Drive, Marine and Capilano and Pemberton and Marine. Returning buses to Vancouver will discharge passengers at all regular stops.

Buses leave Lonsdale Quay at 9:03 a.m., and travel via Lonsdale, Esplanade, Chesterfield, Third, Marine, Pemberton and Stewart to the terminal. Service from the Quay to the terminal is non-stop, but returning passengers may get off at regular stops.

Normal fares apply and transfers may be used.