

One-day test reduces SkyTrain frequency Sunday, March 13

On March 13, SkyTrain will be testing an improved type of fastening for the Linear Reaction Rail (the wide, flat rail in the centre of the track area), to be used on the extension to Scott Road. The new fastenings are designed for easier maintenance.

The test will be conducted between Metrotown and Joyce Stations, on the track normally used by east-bound trains. With both east and westbound trains sharing this one track, service will be reduced slightly: trains will run about every eight minutes instead of the usual five.

Passengers planning bus connections are advised to leave themselves a few extra minutes.

Income tax official to taxpayer: "I'm afraid you can't deduct last year's taxes as a bad investment."

COMING EVENTS

Mar 11/12 - Thrift Sale, St. Faith's Church, W.57th & Cypress, Fri 7-8:30 p.m. Sat 10-11:30 a.m.
 Mar 12 - Flea Market & Bake Sale, South Hill United Church, 645 E.47th Ave., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Table rentals \$5. 327-6972
 Mar 12 - Rummage Sale, St. Giles United Church, 305 W.41st Ave., 9 a.m. - noon
 Mar 12 - Irish Tea & Bake Sale, Grace Memorial United Church, 803 E.16th Ave., 1:30 p.m. Tea \$2
 Mar 12 - Rummage Sale, St. George's Anglican Church, 2950 Laurel at W.14th., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Mar 12 - Moms' and Kids' Swap-meet, Ecole St. Sacrement, 14th & Heather. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Mar 15 - St. Patrick's Tea & Slides on Ireland, Grace Community Seniors, 803 E.16th Ave., 1 p.m. \$2
 Mar 16 - Spring Fashion Show & Tea, Gadabout Service Club, C.N.I.B. Auditorium, 350 E.36th Ave., 1-3 p.m. \$5
 Mar 17 - Thrift Shop Sale, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 9887

Cameron St., Bby. 1-3 & 7-9 p.m.
 Mar 17/18/19 - Thrift Sale, Ryerson United Church, 45th & Yew. Thurs/ Fri 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sat 1:30 - 3:30.
 Mar 17 - Hadassah Sale of new and used clothing, Jewish Community Centre, 41st & Oak. Noon - 4 p.m.
 Mar 18/19 - Thrift Sale, West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, 4397 W.12th Ave. Fri 7-8:30 p.m. Sat 10-11 a.m.
 Mar 19 - St. Patrick's Tea & Pie Sale, Marpole Church, 67th & Hudson, 1:30-3 p.m.
 Mar 19 - Rummage Sale, Kitsilano United Church, 2490 W.2nd 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Mar 19 - Thrift Sale, Beaconsfield United Church, 4580 Gothard St. 1-3 p.m.
 Mar 24/25 - Thrift Sale, St. Mary the Virgin Ang. Church, 808 E.50th Ave. Thurs 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fri 10 a.m. - noon.
 Mar 26 - Spring Flea Market, Marpole/Oakridge Community Centre, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tables on sale: 327-8371

Rich people miss one of the greatest thrills in life — paying the last installment.

One man to another: "We're a non-profit organization. We didn't mean to be, but we are."

ODDS & ENDS

The New Play Centre presents "Service", a spy play by West Vancouver dramatist Steve Petch, 'til March 26 at the Waterfront Theatre. Tickets: 685-2217 □ An exhibition by Wayne Eastcott, one of Canada's foremost experimental printmakers, 'til April 4 at Burnaby Art Gallery, 6344 Deer Lake Ave. □ The Mature Women's Network presents workshops on "Creative Aging", Thursdays March 24 - April 14 at 411 Dunsmuir St. Info: 681-3986 □ Easter Chocolate Making Workshops for children 8-12 and adults, March 16, Kensington Community Centre. Info: Dee at 327-9401 □ West End Live presents an evening of Caribbean music with the popular group "Cinnamon", March 11, 8 p.m., West End Community Centre, 870 Denman. \$4. Children/seniors \$3 □ The Vancouver Woman's Musical Club presents Lorraine Reinhardt - soprano, 615 E. St. James Rd., North Vancouver, March 23, 11 a.m. □ The 1988 Vancouver Children's Festival, May 16-23 at Vanier Park. Public ticket sales begin March 12 at all VTC/CBO outlets. Phone 280-4444 □ B.C. junior and senior high school students are invited to participate in a poetry competition. For complete rules send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Burnaby Arts Council, 6450 Gilpin St., Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2J3. Entry deadline: April 15 □ The Burnaby Writers' Society is sponsoring a poetry competition open to all B.C. residents. For entry details send a stamped-addressed envelope to: Contest committee, c/o 5770 Halifax St., Burnaby, B.C. V5B 2P3. Entry deadline: April 15 □ The UBC Opera Theatre at the School of Music offers the Canadian premiere of "Tartuffe", a major contemporary work by Kirke Mechem, March 14, 17, 18 & 20 in the Old Auditorium at UBC. Tickets: 288-3113 (Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) □ Delta artists! The Delta Community Arts Council is compiling a comprehensive directory of local visual, performing and literary artists, at both the professional and semi-professional levels. Questionnaires are available at Delta libraries and at the Art Council's Centre at 5020 Bridge St., Ladner. Deadline for information is March 31. □ Muffin Works, a company that makes and sells its own muffins and employs young, handicapped adults, offers a fund-raising evening of entertainment (singing and music), Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. at La Quena, 1111 Commercial. Tickets at Muffin Works, 1945 Commercial. 255-1812 □ Music with Roots in the Aether (1976), a 14-hour video epic, profiles the life and work of seven avant-garde American composers, 'til April 10 at the Vancouver Art Gallery □ "The Importance of Being Earnest", March 23-26, Arts Club Theatre, Granville Island. 687-1644 □ Sunday afternoon concert by the Delta Youth Orchestra, Richmond Gateway Theatre, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. \$4. Children \$2. Tickets at the Theatre. Tel: 270-1812 □ Summer Holidays, a show by Stephanie Agg is at the New Westminster Library Art Gallery 'til March 31 □ Vancouver's annual ESP Holistic Fair, March 10-13 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre. 536-1220 □ Richmond Potters' Club Show at Richmond Art Gallery, Minoru Gate. March 17-28 □ Mixed media show by Pamela Scott, 'til April 5 at Gateway Gallery, 6500 Gilbert Rd., Richmond □ "Transportation of the Urban Landscape", by Vancouver artist and architect Brad Lamoureux, Community Arts Council of Vancouver Gallery, 837 Davie, 'til March 19 □ Harpists Escosa and Rado play for the North Shore Community Concerts, March 20, 8:30 p.m., Centennial Theatre, 23rd & Lonsdale. Membership for 5 concerts \$35. Phone 986-7717, Mar 14-18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. □ In Search of the Mary Rose: Henry VIII's Lost Warship. A special video presentation each Sunday in March at 1 p.m., Vancouver Maritime Museum □ Eye of the Mind/Mind of the Eye, a 10-artist exhibition of photographic art at Presentation House, 333 Chesterfield Ave., North Vancouver. □ Metro Theatre presents "Something to Hide" 'til March 26. Res: 266-7191

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The Buzzer

New transit service approved for Langley



Canada's largest transit service area will become even larger, expanding from 1250 to 1577 square kilometres, when the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission boundaries are extended to include both the City and Township of Langley. Approval for the expansion has already been given by the City and Township, the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission and the BC Transit Board.

Beginning in May and July respectively, the 70,500 residents of the City and Township will enjoy handy DART service and a comprehensive new conventional transit service. The conventional service, consisting of a local network and a new, inter-regional express service to and from SkyTrain, will provide efficient transit connections with all areas served by the Vancouver Regional Transit System.

Operations on the following routes are tentatively scheduled to begin in July, 1988:

501 Langley South/New Westminster Station

A major inter-regional express service connecting Langley South (Grade Cres. & 203 St.), Langley Mall, downtown Langley, Willowbrook Mall, Walnut Grove Park 'n' Ride Lot, Guildford and New Westminster Station. Buses will operate every 30 minutes during peak hours and every 60 minutes at

all other times, including evenings, Sundays and holidays. Travel time from Langley Bus Depot to New Westminster Station will be approximately 45 minutes — 30 minutes faster than the present #320 service.

502 Fernridge/Brookwood/ Downtown Langley

The 502 connects Fernridge, Brookwood and the Langley Civic Centre with Langley Mall and downtown Langley. The 502 Brookwood will operate every 30 minutes during peak periods and every 60 minutes at all other times, including evenings and Sundays. The 502 Fernridge portion of the route will provide service every two hours, Monday through Saturday, with no evening or Sunday service.

During peak periods, buses will continue on from downtown Langley to New Westminster Station. The #501 and #502 combined will provide Langley commuters with a 15-minute SkyTrain connection during peak periods.

506 Murrayville/Downtown Langley

A local loop to the Murrayville area in the Township of Langley, serving Langley Secondary School, Langley Memorial Hospital, the Langley Municipal Hall and the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre. Buses will operate every 60 minutes during peak periods and every 120 minutes during the daytime, Monday through Sunday. Evening services will be provided on Fridays and Saturdays to meet the demands of people going to and from the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre.

507 Fort Langley/Downtown Langley

Local service to the Fort Langley, Walnut Grove and Willowbrook neighbourhoods, and serving enroute: Trinity Western University, Willowbrook Mall and downtown Langley. Buses will operate every 60 minutes, Monday through Saturday, with evening service on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sunday during the daytime, buses will operate every 120 minutes.

511 Aldergrove/Downtown Langley/ Willowbrook Mall

Connecting Aldergrove and the Salmon Arm area with the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre, Langley Memorial Hospital, downtown Langley and Willowbrook Mall. Four trips will operate daily, Monday through Friday — two trips on Saturday.

Full information on the new handyDART and conventional transit services will be widely circulated before their introduction.

Operating the service

The expanded service will require thirteen standard transit vehicles featuring BC Transit livery. Instead of BC Transit actually operating the service, it is proposed that a private firm operate and maintain the buses under contract to BC Transit.

The contractor would be required to operate the routes and schedules in the service plan and collect fares according to the Commission's Tariff.

The contract would be retendered each three years.

The new Langley services will be fully integrated with other Vancouver Regional Transit services, including buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain.

Fares

The City and Township of Langley will be in Zone 3 — as Langley City is at present.

Peak period fares:	Adults	Concession
1 Zone within Surrey, Delta & Langley	\$1.15	.60
2 Zones to Burnaby & New West.	\$1.55	.80
3 Zones to downtown Vancouver	\$2.20	\$1.10
Off-peak for 1, 2, or 3 zones	\$1.15	.60

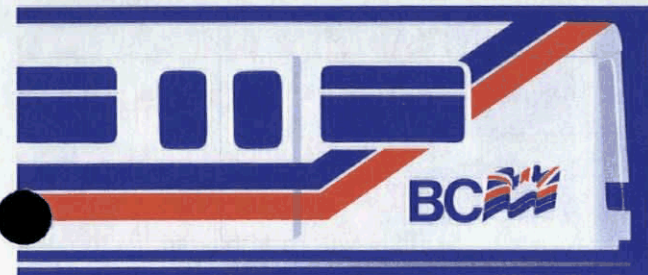
Custom Transit Services (handyDART)

are designed for those who have disabilities that prevent them from using conventional transit.

Custom transit service is currently provided in the Vancouver Regional Transit System by locally-based operating companies under contract to BC Transit. There are five existing service areas; the City and Township of Langley will form a sixth, beginning early in May, 1988. Three handyDART vehicles will provide door-to-door service on demand, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., weekdays. A fourth vehicle will provide a maximum of 135 hours service per month, at any time or day of the week necessary.

Free forum on the Meech Lake Accord

Speakers will include Tom Berger, former B.C. Supreme Court judge and Bryan Williams, QC, past president, Canadian Bar Association, at a forum sponsored by the UBC Centre for Continuing Education. March 19 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in lecture hall 2, Woodward Building, 2194 Health Services Hall, UBC. Information: 222-5238.



1990 Scott Rd. Station Connection

In February 1990, when the Surrey SkyTrain extension has been completed, #501 and #502 buses will operate to and from Scott Road Station. This will reduce peak-period travel times to downtown Vancouver by about 10 minutes.

"Free" ride costs man \$75

A man produced a Ministry of Social Services and Housing Card that didn't belong to him when a BC Transit investigator was checking fares on SkyTrain. The investigator found that the card has been lost some time before. Charged with Obtaining Transportation by Fraud, the man pleaded guilty in court and was sentenced to pay \$75 or spend three days in jail.

White Cane Week Award for BC Transit

At a ceremony marking White Cane Week, February 7-13, The Canadian National Institute for the Blind presented a special plaque to BC Transit for their support to blind and visually impaired Canadians. Specifically mentioned were the free travel passes for legally blind passengers and the provision of courtesy seats on transit vehicles.

The assistance offered by BC Transit operators was also recognized through a plaque presented to the Independent Canadian Transit Union.

Canada's largest Railroadiana Show

Sunday March 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cameron Recreation Centre, 9523 Cameron St., Burnaby
Sponsored by Western Rails, a non-profit organization.
Admission by donation.