

No fare increase this year

The Vancouver Regional Transit Commission voted unanimously not to increase fares on the buses, SeaBus, SkyTrain, West Vancouver Blue Buses or handyDART.

In making the announcement, Mayor Don Lanskail, Chairman of the Commission, said: "I'm pleased to say we're holding the line on fares for the 1989/90 transit year.

Our full-fare customers will continue to be able to ride up to 100 kilometres in one direction for \$1.25 in the off-peak periods. The ride from Aldergrove to Lions Bay or from White Rock to the foot of Grouse Mountain is just \$1.25 — 65¢ for seniors or students. That's a great deal."

The Commission's share of the \$341.1 million budget for Vancouver Regional Transit System transit services in 1989/90 is \$180.3 million. This money is raised through fares, hydro levy, gas tax and the non-residential property tax. Neither the hydro levy nor the gas tax will be increased and the 1989/90 total of transit taxes collected from non-residential properties will remain at 1988/89 levels.

Increased ridership is expected to bring an extra \$1.8 million in revenues. "We're carrying more and more people on the buses, SeaBus and SkyTrain every year," said Mayor Lanskail. "In the past, ridership has increased approximately 1 per cent a year; this year we have carried 4.5 per cent more passengers. On a per-capita basis, residents of the Vancouver region now make almost twice as many transit trips as our neighbours in Seattle who have a similar sized transit system."

Opening of Endowment Lands Park

You're invited to celebrate the opening of Greater Vancouver's newest Regional Park, April 22 and 23. The festivities start Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. on 16th Avenue, between Westbrook Mall and Blanca Street.

They continue on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., highlighted by the official opening by Premier Bill Vander Zalm at 1 p.m. The Hon. Elwood Veitch will announce the winner of the "Name-the-Park" contest.

Plenty of free parking is available at UBC, off Thunderbird Blvd. and shuttle buses will take you to the event site.

You can also get to Thunderbird Blvd. by BC Transit's #41 UBC, or take a #4 UBC or #10 UBC to University Loop.

For full information on the opening and on GVRD Parks' new 1989 Passport to Adventure, call 432-6350.



New route for North Vancouver May 1

215 Indian River/Phibbs Exchange

Indian River and Mount Seymour Parkway commuters will have 30 minute rush hour service to and from Phibbs Exchange.

From Inlet Crescent the bus will travel west on Indian River Drive, left on to Mt. Seymour Road, right on to Mt. Seymour Parkway, then via Riverside, Dollarton Highway and Main Street to Phibbs Exchange. From Phibbs Exchange the bus will follow the same route back to Inlet Crescent.

211 Seymour/Phibbs Exchange

The 7:13 & 7:43 a.m. trips from Dollarton Highway and Dollar Road, Monday to Friday, will be cancelled. Service provided by the new #215 route.

ODDS & ENDS

West Van. Secondary School students present the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" at 1750 Mathers Ave., Apr. 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29 at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8. Seniors/students \$5. RSV: 922-3931 □ Metro Theatre presents the musical "The Fantasticks", Wed.-Sat. 'til May 6, 8 p.m. RSV: 266-7191 □ Self-publishing workshop for aspiring writers, Burnaby Arts Centre, Apr. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. □ Book Bonanza in Burnaby, Burnaby Arts Centre, Apr. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. □ Arts for Young Audiences, an international symposium held in connection with the Vancouver Children's Festival, May 19-22. Registration is limited. Phone 687-7697 □ An evening of commentary and discussion on intellectual freedom and censorship, Apr. 21, 7:30 p.m., Robson Square Media Centre. Adm. \$3. Participants include writers June Callwood, Jane Rule, Leslie Hall Pinder and Bill Richardson □ Tit for Tat, a show and old fibre art at Surrey Art Gallery, Apr. 27-June 4 □ Shikunai: Contemporary Art by Japanese Canadians, 'til May 14, Burnaby Art Gallery □ Presentation House presents Masterpieces of Medical Photography, with images that date back to mid-19th Century. 333 Chesterfield Ave., North Van. □ Breast Self-Examination Teaching Clinic, Apr. 24, 2-9 p.m., West End Community Centre. Info: 731-0751 □ A schooner, steam launch, Chinese Junk and other heritage vessels can be seen at Vancouver Maritime Museum's Heritage Harbour □ Vanishing Vancouver, an illustrated talk sponsored by Vancouver Public Library, May 3, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Hall 2950 Laurel at W. 14th. Adm. free □ Gabrielle Roy Retrospective, Apr. 24, 1:30 p.m., Vancouver Public Library, 750 Burrard. The Classic Tin Flute will be performed by Ann Page □ The Maple Leaf Singers Annual Spring Concert, May 12, 13 at 8 p.m., Vincent Massey Theatre, 8th

St. & 8th Ave., New Westminster. Tickets \$7. Children/seniors \$5. Lee Torrance at 521-3079 or at the door. □ Music from Austria in aid of SOS Children's Village, Apr. 30, 2:30 p.m., Gateway Theatre, Richmond. \$8. Seniors/students \$6 □ Vancouver Little Theatre & Pink Ink Productions present "Battery" Tues.-Sat. 'til May 6, 3102 Main St. at 15th, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 at 876-4165 □ North Vancouver Community Arts Council invites applications for 10th Annual juried craft fair at the outdoor Civic Plaza, June 15-24. Info: 988-6844 □ Richmond Potters' Club Spring Sale, Richmond Arts Centre, 7671 Minoru Gate, Apr. 22 & 23, 10-3 □ Vancouver Little Theatre presents two original plays: "Will the Real Canadian...?" and "Heroines", May 4-6, 7:30 p.m. at Vancouver East Cultural Centre. \$7. Students/seniors \$4. 254-9578 □ Special community music night with talented musicians to celebrate 80th anniversary, Grace Memorial United, May 7, 7:30 p.m., 803 E. 16th Ave. □ Mark Peskanor, violin joins Lee Thomas, piano and Eugene Osadchy, cello in a special benefit performance for Masterpiece Chamber Music, May 28, 8 p.m., Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Tickets \$25. RSV: 254-9578 □ Dance for democracy in South Africa, May 13 at the Plaza of Nations, 4 p.m. - midnight. Info: 732-4723 □ Pro Nova String Quartet presented by Deep Cove Chamber Soloists at Presentation House, North Van., Apr. 30, 8 p.m. □ Orpheum Kids' Club matinee, 1 p.m., May 6, offers live entertainment, Disney cartoons, comedy shorts, and contests at the nostalgic admission price of \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Tickets available in advance at all Ticketmaster outlets and at the Orpheum □ 37 large pen and ink drawings of exotic flowers by Charmian Johnson, and a new VAG video installation by Tom Sharman, 'til June 5 at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

COMING EVENTS

Apr. 22 — Rummage Sale, Chown Adult Care Centre, 3519 Cambie St., 10-1. Books, clothing, household items.

Apr. 22 — Silent Auction, West Point Grey Presbyterian, 4397 W. 12th, 2-3. Refreshments.

Apr. 21/22 — Thrift sale, St. Faith's W. 57th & Cypress, Fri. 7-8:30 p.m. Sat. 10-11:30 a.m.

Apr. 22 — 80th Anniversary Tea & Bake Sale, Grace Memorial United, 803 E. 16th, 1:30 p.m.

Apr. 22 — Bake Sale & Bazaar, Russian Orthodox, 75 E. 43rd. Noon-5 p.m. Apr. 22 — Spring Tea & Bake Sale, Danish Lutheran, 6010 Kinkaid St., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Also crafts & household items, books, etc.

Apr. 28 — Rummage Sale, St. James' Church Hall, 303 E. Cordova. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Apr. 29 — Thrift Sale, St. Michael's Church Hall, E. Broadway & Prince Edward, 10 a.m.-noon.

Apr. 29 — Annual Bazaar, Vancouver League of Hard of Hearing, 2125 W. 7th, 10:30-2:00.

Apr. 29 — New-To-You Sale, St. George's Anglican Hall, 2950 Laurel at W. 14th. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothing,

household items, books, etc.

Apr. 29 — Flea Market & Bake Sale, South Hill United, 645 E. 47th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tables \$5. Call Joanne at 325-3949.

Apr. 29 — Spring Tea, Beaconsfield United, 4580 Gothard St., 2-4 p.m. Apr. 29 — Rummage Sale, Hill-Top Golden Agers, 906 Building, foot of Ingersol, Port Moody. 9-3.

Apr. 29 — Spring Tea, Kitsilano United, 2490 W. 2nd, 1:30-3:30, \$2.75.

Apr. 30 — Plant Sale, Vandusen Gds., 37th & Oak, 10-4. Free adm. May — 4 Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Housewares, clothing, books, toys, etc.

May 5 — Lara Coffee Party & Mini Bazaar, Ryerson Memorial Centre, 2195 W. 45th, 1:30. Adm. \$3.

May 6 — Spring Bazaar & Auction, Victoria Drive Community Hall, 2026 E. 43rd, noon-4. Proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

May 5/6 — Annual Spring Fair, St. Augustine's Anglican, 8680 Hudson. Plants, baking, books, etc. Turkey dinner Fri. at 6 p.m. Lunch Sat., 11:30-1:30.

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The Buzzer

Spring Ahead

May 1 Transit Service Changes



Highlights:

- Improved Sunday and Holiday service in Vancouver
- Minor schedule changes
- Seasonal reductions in UBC service
- New route for North Vancouver commuters

(Full details inside)

SPRING AHEAD • MAY 1 TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

Schedule and routing adjustments

Minor adjustments to improve schedule reliability will be made on the following routes:

4 Powell/UBC

Minor adjustments to departure times.

15 Cambie/Downtown

Minor adjustments to departure times.

17 Oak/Downtown

Minor adjustments to departure times.

106 New Westminster Stn./Metrotown Stn.

Westbound departure times changed slightly to ensure connections at Metrotown Station.

120 New Westminster Stn./Vancouver

Westbound departure times changed slightly during the morning rush hour.

130 Metrotown Station/Kootenay Loop

Morning rush hour departure times changed slightly to ensure connections at Metrotown Station.

131 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop

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Morning rush hour departure times, Monday through Friday, adjusted slightly to improve schedule reliability.

147 Coquitlam Ctr./New Westminster Stn.

148 Ioco/New Westminster Station

156 Coquitlam Rec. Ctr./New Westminster Stn.

Departure times adjusted slightly to improve schedule reliability.

325 Whalley Exchange/West Newton

Departure times adjusted slightly to improve schedule reliability.

333 Guildford/Vancouver

PM rush hour departure times at Burrard Station changed to improve connections at Guildford with #320 and #395 buses to Fleetwood and Cloverdale.

390 Scott & 96 Ave./22nd St. Stn.

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PM rush hour departure times changed to improve schedule reliability.

404 Steveston Hwy./Richmond Exch.

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PM rush hour departure times adjusted to provide more evenly distributed service.

602 Tsawwassen Heights/Vancouver

The 3:25 departure from Burrard Station changed to 3:22 p.m. to allow for increased traffic congestion.

Added service, improved Saturday, Sunday and Holiday service and/or routing changes:

3 Robson/Main

Additional service between Main & 41st and Marine Drive during rush hours.

9 Boundary/Alma

Minor reroute due to construction of Commercial Drive Viaduct; eastbound trips that normally terminate at Broadway Station extended to Broadway & Renfrew for about six months.

10 Hastings/UBC

14 Hastings/Arbutus

16 29th Ave. Station/Downtown

Sunday and Holiday service increased to every 15 minutes.

19 Downtown/Stanley Park

Sunday and Holiday service increased to every 10 minutes between Pender & Hamilton and Stanley Park Loop. Departure times revised to improve connections at Metrotown Station.

26 Joyce Station/29th Ave. Station

27 Kootenay Loop/Joyce Station

29th Ave. Station/Elliott

Improved Sunday and Holiday afternoon service.

41 Joyce Station/UBC

Revised Saturday, Sunday and Holiday departure times.

507 Langley Centre/Fort Langley

Minor reroute via Walnut Grove Drive to provide service to commercial area and future high school.

UBC Service

25 Brentwood/Blanca

Rush hour trips terminate at Blanca Loop during the summer. UBC service provided by #4 and #10 routes.

31 Broadway Station/UBC

Some UBC trips cancelled during the summer.

42 Spanish Banks/Chancellor

Route extended along Marine Drive from UBC Mall Lower Loop to UBC Botanical Gardens.

49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop

Rush hour trips terminated at Dunbar Loop during the summer. UBC service provided by #41 route. Minor adjustments to departure times.

85 Downtown/UBC

Service cancelled for summer.

For detailed schedule and route information, pick up your new transit timetable, available after April 24 at public libraries, city halls and InfoCentres . . . Note that the new timetables are dated April 17 but will not become effective until May 1.

Or call Transit Information at 261-5100.

Watch for
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Transit Information

Transit Timetables
and Maps
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BC Transit Vancouver Regional
Transit System

FOCUS ON TRANSIT

North Burnaby residents participate in planning process at three open houses

Three open house sessions were recently held in North Burnaby to give local residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed North Burnaby Transit Area Plan 1989 - 1992. BC Transit staff were on hand to respond to questions from the public. Plan maps were on display and various information materials were available at the sessions.

An estimated 140 persons attended the open house sessions, broken down among the venues as follows: Cameron Recreation Centre - 45; Lochdale Community School - 15; and Confederation Community Centre for the Retired - 80.

The written comments and suggestions received at the sessions are being evaluated and will be considered in finalizing the service plan. The first phase of the plan is scheduled for implementation this September. Additional open houses will be held in the next two years for phases II and III, scheduled for implementation in September 1990 and September 1991, respectively.

Watch the Buzzer for further information on the September 1989 changes.

Fisherman: "I tell you it was that long. I never saw such a fish."
Friend: "I believe you."

May Timetable changes

Please note the following changes in the new Surrey timetable.

#319 added trip

An additional trip will leave Scottsdale Mall, at 6:24 a.m., Monday through Friday, for New Westminster Station.

#310 route description

Please note that the 310 Scottsdale Mall bus from Vancouver arrives via 72nd Avenue and terminates on 72nd Avenue at Bay 5.