



Another transit rider wins tickets

During the season, Kevin Hayes of ROCK 101 is handing out 15 pairs of Canucks tickets at transit destination points. On Friday, January 26 at 5 pm, SkyTrain rider Charlie Sandhu of North Delta heard on the radio that Kevin was at Stadium Station and that the first passenger to show him a valid monthly FareCard would win tickets to the Islander game on Saturday, January 27. Charlie (photographed with Kevin) was the first to claim the prize.

Please carry your backpack on board

A passenger phoned recently to comment that some backpackers don't seem to realise the problems they can cause when they wear a backpack on a transit vehicle. People have been hit on the face and glasses knocked off. Please carry your backpack in front of you so that you can see that it doesn't interfere with anyone else.

#712 schedule adjustment

The trip leaving Haney Place at 6:55 am will now leave four minutes earlier, at 6:51 am.

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist but you have ceased to live. Mark Twain



Circulation of the new "Polar Bear" Two-Dollar Coin BEGINS February 19

You can use it immediately in bus fareboxes.

Acceptance by SkyTrain and SeaBus ticket machines will be coming soon

We have been working for some time with the Canadian Mint and the Swiss manufacturer of the machines to develop the necessary modifications. However, it will take some weeks before the first machines can be retrofitted and it is expected to take a month to complete the system. Please watch for further announcements, and keep other coins and bills available in the meantime.

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

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THERE BY TRANSIT

TIMETABLES are available free of charge at public libraries, city and municipal halls, community centres, and the BC Transit Lost Property Office at Stadium Station. **TRANSIT GUIDES** offer a map, a listing of all routes, and fare information. They're available at Safeways, 7-Elevens, SkyTrain station convenience shops and most FareDealers for a small charge. **THE YELLOW PAGES** show a route map, a list of bus routes and fare information. **INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE:** 521-0400, West Vancouver 985-7777, or call Talking Yellow Pages: 299-9000, #2233.

COMING EVENTS

Early Music Vancouver presents *Bach's Goldberg Variations* with Richard Troeger, harpsichord. Feb 25, 4 pm, Knox United, 5600 Balaclava at West 41st. Tx \$15/\$12 at Sikora's, The Magic Flute and Ticketmaster. ✓ New Westminster Public Library and the People's Law School present a free class on *Landlord & Tenant Law*, Feb 22, 7:30 pm. Pre-register: 521-8874. ✓ Wednesday nights at 8 pm hear some of Vancouver's best Rhythm & Blues, Country & Western, Dixieland, Gospel and Jazz groups at St. Andrew's Wesley, Burrard & Nelson. ✓ Poet Di Brandt will read selections from her new book *Jerusalem, beloved*, Feb 19, 7:30 pm, Central Library, Meeting Room #1 ✓ Vocalists Vikki Flawith and Cynthia Ramsey, with pianist Mary McKinney, present a concert of *traditional and contemporary folk music* on Sat, Feb 24, 7:30 pm, Shaughnessy Heights, 1550 West 33rd. Tx \$6/\$5. Info: 681-1372 ✓ The best of the visual arts entered by artists residing in Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore & Balaclava for Images '96, will be displayed in the Burnaby Arts Council Gallery at Deer Lake, Feb 13-Mar 4. Weekdays 9:00-4:00. Sun 1:00-4:00. Free adm ✓ *Lost & Found: Re-membering The Body*, sculptural environments by Monika Napier and my name is scot, are being exhibited at Surrey Art Gallery 'til May 12. ✓ First Impressions Theatre presents the comedy *Heaven Can Wait*, Wed-Sat, Feb 14-Mar 2 at Deep Cove Shaw Theatre. Tx \$12/\$11. Rsv: 929-9456 ✓ In a unique tri-production arrangement the Playwrights Theatre Centre, The Vancouver East Cultural Centre and the Vancouver Playhouse are combining to present the world premiere of *True Mummy*, a haunting new drama by Tom Cone, at the Cultch, Feb 24-Mar 16. Tx at 254-9578 or Ticketmaster ✓ The Vancouver Ceili Dancing Society invites you to participate in traditional Irish dancing, Feb 17, 8:30 pm at The W.I.S.E. Hall, 1882 Adanac. Adm \$8/\$3. All dances taught. No experience necessary ✓ Langley Senior Centre, 20605-51B Ave, presents a Valentines Dinner Dance, Feb 16. \$15/\$17. Valentines Breakfast, Feb 10 at 9 am. \$4. Info: 530-3020 ✓ The Surrey Arts Centre, in conjunction with Nova Scotia's Two Planks and a Passion Theatre, presents *Westray, the Long Way Home*, Feb 21-23. Tx \$18. \$15 for seniors, students and union members. 596-1515 ✓ Volunteering at the Vancouver Art Gallery is a rewarding and learning experience. If you like meeting people and have a few hours to give each week, please phone 662-4708 and sign up for our next information meeting. ✓ Archaeological Society of B.C. meeting, Feb 14, Vancouver Museum. Speaker: Dr. Jim Russell, UBC ✓ Make Potpourri Oil Decanters from ordinary glass bottles, Feb 21, 1:30-3 pm, Edmonds Community Centre for Older Adults. Supplies \$13. Fee \$1.92 ✓ Vancouver Boat Show 'til Feb 11 at BC Place Stadium

Feb 10 - Book & Bake Sale, Burnaby United, Rumbke & Gray, St. Catherine's Capilano, 1058 10:00-2:00. Clothing, books, etc. Ridgewood Drive, 10:00-noon **Feb 23/24** - Rummage Sale, St. Peter's C.W.L., Duntewill Hall, 336 Agnes, New West. 9 am-noon **Feb 17** - Lunch/Bake Sale, Thrift table, etc., The Gathering Place, 3185 Kingsway, 11:30-2:00 **Feb 22** - Thrift Shop Sale, South

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BUZZER

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New Flyer low floor buses go into service

These aren't ordinary buses. The floor is much lower than in a normal bus; it's just one step up and easier for pedestrians of all ages to board. For those who may still have a problem with that one low step, the bus can "kneel" to within a few inches of the sidewalk. People with wheelchairs, scooters and walkers can board quickly on a retractable ramp.* The introduction of 17 of the new buses in West Vancouver means that all 26 "Blue Buses" are now fully accessible. Another 91 of the new buses will go into service in other areas of the Vancouver Regional Transit System over the next several months. The new buses have 38 passenger seats and two wheelchair/scooter spaces. The seats are cloth from the wheelchair positions forward; the remainder are vinyl. Power is provided by a new Detroit clean diesel engine.

* The aisle is slightly narrower than in our lift-equipped buses because the front wheelwells intrude into the passenger compartment. Passengers travelling on wheeled mobility aids longer than 48 inches (122 cm) or wider than 24 inches (61 cm) will not be able to manoeuvre into the bus.

Improvements to the routes serving Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, effective February 12

In response to your feedback after November's Northeast service changes, BC Transit is implementing the following service improvements.

Trip time adjustments

Trip times will be adjusted on the following routes to improve service reliability: #100*, 147*, 148*, 151, 152, 154*, 155*, 156, 158*, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169*, 701.

Please pick up a new public timetable. *The times listed for these routes in timetables for other areas are no longer correct. Please pick up a new Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Maple Ridge, or Pitt Meadows timetable.

151 Coquitlam Station/Vancouver

152 Port Coquitlam Centre/Coquitlam Station/Vancouver

Peak period trips will be extended to Hornby at Nelson, via Hastings, Burrard, Helmcken and Hornby. All trips at all other times will terminate at Burrard Station, on Burrard at Dunsmuir.

153 Port Coquitlam Centre/Coquitlam Station/Port Moody Station

Midday service to Port Coquitlam now proceeds on to Port Coquitlam Centre, instead of stopping at Port Coquitlam Station.

Peak period trips provide service on Barnet Highway and St. John's, between Coquitlam Station and Port Moody Station.

158 Port Coquitlam Centre/New Westminster Stn

159 Port Coquitlam Centre/New Westminster Stn

The routes will be extended to Port Coquitlam Centre, instead of stopping at Port Coquitlam Station. During peak hours the #158 will provide service to both Port Coquitlam Station and Port Coquitlam Centre. The #159 will provide service to both Port Coquitlam Station and Port Coquitlam Centre during the PM peak; but Port Coquitlam Station only during the AM peak.

160 Port Coquitlam Station/Coquitlam Station/Vancouver

All trips, including those on weekends and evenings, are now routed via Reeve Street in Port Coquitlam. All trips will operate to Burrard Station, Thurlow at Dunsmuir.

161 Mary Hill/Port Coquitlam Centre/Port Coquitlam Station/Coquitlam Station

Trips will run more frequently between Port Coquitlam Centre and Mary Hill. Midday service frequency, Monday to Saturday, will be every 30 minutes.

The route will be reversed in downtown Port Coquitlam to provide more shared stops with the #160. Trips to Coquitlam Station will now operate via the regular route to Mary Hill, then via Wilson, Shaughnessy, McAllister, Mary Hill, Wilson, and the regular route to Coquitlam Station. In peak hours, the #161 will serve both Port Coquitlam Centre and Port Coquitlam Station.

162 River Springs/Coast Meridian/Port Coquitlam Centre/Port Coquitlam Station

Service will expand to operate middays, Monday to Saturday. Most additional midday trips will operate via the **162 Coast Meridian route**.

The route of peak period trips will be extended to Port Coquitlam Station. Midday trips will operate to Port Coquitlam Centre.

163 Prairie/Port Coquitlam Centre/Port Coquitlam Station

Hourly service will return with additional service available on route #162. Peak period trips will be extended to Port Coquitlam Station. Midday trips will operate to Port Coquitlam Centre.

701 Maple Ridge East/South Haney/Haney Place/Coquitlam Station

In the evening, passengers on some trips will be required to transfer at Haney Place in order to continue through to Maple Ridge East, South Haney or Coquitlam Station.



Whatever the event at GM Place, transit's the way to go

Parking costs and traffic hassles can be a thing of the past. Bus routes from all parts of the region take you to within a short walk of the arena. As for SkyTrain, you'd be called for interference if you got any closer. The service is great, too: extra trains are operated before and after all major events.

"Faster-ride-home" tips for SkyTrain riders

•**The Beatty Street entrance** (west of Stadium Station) is usually less crowded than the entry from Pacific Boulevard, and may be more convenient for people in balcony-level seats. Exit the arena at the upper level, and use the Dunsmuir Viaduct Walkway to reach the station.

•Have your fare ready when you get to the station:

With a FareCard or DayPass you can just show and go.

With a FareSaver you can use a validator and avoid lineups to pay cash at a machine.

With the exact cash fare for yourself or your group, you may pay at the "express" fareboxes.

If you need change, you will have to line up at the ticket machines. (Remember - ticket machines do not accept \$20 bills)

•**Move down the platform** - the end cars are usually the most crowded.

Hike for Hunger, February 24

You are invited to join Scouts and Guides as they hike 1 to 2 kilometres to raise food for local food banks. Canucks and Grizzlies team members will be attending select hikes. Lower Mainland hikes will be in Surrey: 588-5100, Richmond: 275-0666, Coquitlam: 941-8757, Burnaby: 293-1961

BC Transit supports

CRIME STOPPERS

Help us draw the line on crime.

If you have any information on any criminal activity on BC Transit or any other crime

CALL 669-TIPS

Crime Stoppers pays up to \$2,000 for information that leads to the arrest and charge of anyone who commits a crime.

Sunbrite Chinese New Year Fair February 15-18 at the PNE

Opening daily at 11 am. Closing Thursday at 11 pm, Friday and Saturday at midnight, and Sunday at 1 am. Enjoy this most important Chinese festive period; the cultural performances, the wide variety of ethnic foods and entertainment, the hundreds of booths featuring finance, telecommunication, clothing, food, insurance, bedding, home and office appliances, flowers, crafts, etc. Adm \$1.00. Seniors and children under 12, free.

To get there by bus: From downtown Vancouver take a #4, 14 or 16 northbound on Granville Street or eastbound on Hastings.

From the northeast sector (Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody): take a #151 or 152 from Central Coquitlam or Lougheed Mall; #160 from Coquitlam, PoCo Centre or Port Moody.

From Richmond, Ladner, Tsawwassen, or White Rock, transfer downtown at Granville Mall to a #4, 14 or 16.

SkyTrain passengers can transfer to a #16 bus at 29th Ave Station.