

Spring Service Changes EFFECTIVE APRIL 12

TransLink

Greater local control the aim of ownership switch

April 1 marks a big day for the transit system in the Greater Vancouver region.

That's the day TransLink (formerly the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority) officially takes responsibility for meeting the public's needs.

In an agreement confirmed by legislation last summer, the Province of B.C. has transferred control of BC Transit, WCE, SkyTrain, SeaBus, handyDART and some major roads and bridges in the Greater Vancouver Regional District to TransLink. TransLink gets some revenue directly from the Province, some from gas taxes and other levies. TransLink is governed by a board of 15 directors, including 12 mayors or GVRD directors and three provincial cabinet ministers or members of the Legislative Assembly.

Coast Mountain BusLink

is the newly named bus operating subsidiary of TransLink, which will encompass all bus, trolley bus and SeaBus services in the Greater Vancouver region (excluding the West Vancouver "Blue Bus" system). The name was selected by the TransLink

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, April 30, 1999 will be the last time that former grads, teachers and alumni will be able to gather in the present Magee Secondary School, built in 1914. Individual year, decade and sport reunions will be held during the day and in the evening a huge party will be held in the gymnasium. For further information contact Bill McNulty at 263-2321 ✓ Environmental activist David Suzuki will speak about his new book, *Earth Time*, at New Westminster Public Library, Apr 12, 7:30 pm. Pre-registration requested. 527-4660 ✓ St. Alban's Church, 7717-19th Ave, Burnaby, celebrates its 90th Anniversary with a *Grand Social* on Apr 10 at 6:30 pm. Displays of historical matter & entertainment. Dessert. Adm cost is one dessert. ✓ A new exhibition, *City Lights: Neon in Vancouver* can now be seen at Vancouver Museum. A slice of glamorous neon street art from the 1940's, 50's and 60's will dazzle you again. ✓ *Surrey Festival of Dance* at Surrey Arts Centre 'til May 7. Each day competitive classes in ballet, jazz, tap, stage, highland and polynesian feature dancers from pre-school to adult. Tx \$2 at door ✓ Surrey Artswest Society exhibition of members' work at Surrey Art Gallery 'til June 20. ✓ The Seniors' Centre at Royal City Centre, 6th Ave & 6th St, offers a drop-in tax clinic for low-income seniors, Mon-Fri, 9:30-2:30 'til Apr 30. Home service also offered for seniors with severe health problems. Info: 524-0516 ✓ Organist John Mitchell performs favourites at Canadian Memorial Church, Burrard & West 15th, Apr 11, 2:30 pm. Light refreshments. By donation ✓ *Surrey Sings*. An evening of choral music featuring nine Lower Mainland choirs and ensembles at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Apr 10, 7:30 pm. Tx \$8. 581-2981 ✓ Downtown New Westminster's 9th Annual *Easter Eggstravaganza & Celebration*, Apr 3, 11 am-3 pm at Hyack Square, 8th & Columbia. Clown, face painter. Egg drop and Easter Hunt at noon. ✓ Pandora's Vox Vocal Ensemble celebrates 10 years in concert, Apr 23, 24, 8 pm at Capilano College Performing Arts Theatre. Tx: \$18/\$14. 922-2513 ✓ Metro Theatre presents the sophisticated English comedy, *The Kingfisher*, Wed-Sat, Apr 10-May 8 at 8 pm. Preview Apr 9. Rsv: 266-7191

It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere

16th World Orchid Conference, Show and Sale, April 26 to May 2, Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre at Canada Place. Over 150 breathtaking displays from as far away as New Zealand, China and Peru. Varieties may be purchased from over 90 vendors,

- Apr 2** - Easter Bazaar, Russian Comm Centre, 2114 W. 4th, 12-6
- Apr 3** - Dinner, Legion Branch #48, 3249 Kingsway, 5:30-7:00. \$6, seniors \$5
- Apr 10** - Spring Lunch/Sale, St. Paul's Ang, 1130 Jervis St, 11:30-3:00. Tx & menu at door
- Apr 14** - Spring Tea, L.A. to Br.
- 16, R.C.L. 727 East 49th, 1-3 pm. \$3. Raffles, home baking, bingo.
- Apr 15** - Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10-2. Clothing, housewares, etc
- Apr 17** - Rummage Sale, St. Philip's 3737 West 27th, 10-12:30

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Win tickets for upcoming events at BC Place Stadium

It's all happening here. BC Place has entertainment for the whole family.

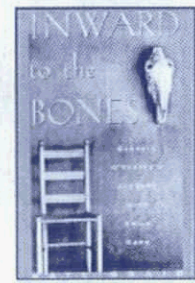
Find the BC Place advertisement in buses and SkyTrain cars and tell us what events are taking place in April under the dome. The first eight correct answers drawn on April 19 will each win a pair of tickets to the first home game of the BC Lions 1999 football season. Mail, fax or e-mail your answer (one per person please) along with your name, address and telephone number to BC Place Stadium Event Tickets Contest, TransLink Marketing, 13401 108th Ave, Surrey, B.C. V3T 5T4. Fax 540-3455. e-mail: si_locke@gvta.bc.ca

It happened in April

- April 6, 1886**, Vancouver was incorporated.
- April 14, 1918**, Daylight Saving Time was introduced in British Columbia.
- April 15, 1957**, the City of White Rock, formerly part of Surrey, was incorporated.
- April 16, 1856**, Governor James Douglas announced that gold had been discovered on the Fraser River
- April 17, 1913**, professional baseball first came to Vancouver. 6,000 fans in Athletic Park saw the Vancouver Beavers defeat the Tacoma Tigers 8 to 4.

The Right to Quiet Society asks everyone to join forces on April 21, the **4th Annual Noise Awareness Day**. The Society asks that you observe one minute of no noise at 2:15 pm. Info: 222-0207

Poetry in Transit



A project to celebrate BC poets published in Canada

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Poetry

from INWARD TO THE BONES:
GEORGIA O'KEEFFE'S JOURNEY WITH EMILY CARR
If I were a singer, I would sing in an ocean choir
where the scene overhead hums fog,
the cry of gulls, eagle mew.

Here is a baseline beat of breakers, melody of waves
running glissando to my feet.
Deadheads float like dark notes
scribed on green ledger-lines of sea.
Pebbles in the sand whisper grace notes, ready
and Emily's world is as hushed
as the moment when the conductor raises her arms
and motions us all to begin.

- Kate Braid

The League of Canadian Poets First Annual Canadian Poetry Month

Throughout April, poetry will be seen, heard, felt, tasted and savoured at locations throughout the country.

Libraries will be playing host to displays of the archival material of well known Canadian poets, and readings will be the accompaniment. Bookstores will also be hotbeds of activity.

The following poets who have been featured in *Poetry in Transit* are among those giving readings.

Gregory Scofield, Apr 11, 2 pm at Coquitlam Public Library,

- 3001 Burlington. • Apr 26, 7:30 pm at Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch.
- Susan Musgrave**, Apr 18, 2 pm at Coquitlam Public Library, 575 Poirier. • Apr 22, 7:30 pm at Richmond Public Library, 11688 Steveston Hwy.
- Thuong Vuong Riddick**, Apr 8, 7:30 pm at Richmond Art Gallery.
- George McWhirter**, Apr 25, 8 pm at Bukowski's Bar & Bistro, 1447 Commercial Drive.
- Kate Braid**, Apr 20, 7:30 pm at Women in Print, 3566 West 4th Ave, Vancouver.

Vancouver

9 Boundary/Alma/UBC

In spring and summer all trips will terminate at Alma. Customers wishing to continue to UBC should transfer to a #10 or to B-Line at Alma & 10th Avenue.

25 Brentwood/UBC

While UBC is not in session, morning peak period service will be slightly reduced.

28 Capilano College/Phibbs Exchange/Joyce Station

Buses will follow a new direct route via Vanness to/from Joyce Station. **To Joyce Station** via Smith, Moscrop, Boundary and Vanness. **From Joyce Station** via Vanness, Boundary, Burke and Smith. Reduced summer service from Phibbs Exchange to Capilano College: The 9:32 and 9:47 trips will not be extended. Transfer to the #239.

44 UBC/Downtown

Until September, service will operate every 30 minutes. (Every 15 minutes to UBC between 8:00 and 8:30 am).

49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop

Until September, all peak-period trips will terminate at Dunbar Loop.

99 B-Line

Until September, Monday to Friday westbound morning peak service will operate every 7-8 minutes from Broadway Station to UBC.

Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam & Port Moody

102 Fraserview/New Westminster Station

103 Quayside

108 Eighth Ave/New Westminster Station

These routes are not presently providing wheelchair accessible service.

133 SFU/Metrotown Station

Seasonal service will operate every 60 minutes. For the summer, the 8:10 and 9:10 am trips from Metrotown will be discontinued. From SFU, the 1:26, 2:56 and 3:56 trips will be discontinued.

135 SFU/Stanley Park

During SFU's summer semester, peak-period service will be slightly reduced. A.M. trips will leave Hastings at Kootenay for SFU at 7:55, 8:50, 9:03 and 9:46. P.M. trips will leave SFU at 4:35, 6:30 and 7:30.

142 SFU/Edmonds Station

Service will be discontinued until September.

143 SFU/Coquitlam Station

During SFU's summer semester, service after 8:30 am will operate every 60 minutes. (The 9:05 am trip from Coquitlam Station will be discontinued).

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148 Ioco/New Westminster Station

From May 15 to September 6, several weekend and holiday trips will be extended to White Pine Beach. Watch for weekday service to White Pine Beach starting June 12.

190 Coquitlam Station/Vancouver

This route will no longer operate between Coquitlam Station and Port Coquitlam Station. Customers should transfer to the #160 or #161 to complete their trip to Port Coquitlam.

Surrey, Delta & White Rock

145 Scott Road Stn/Lougheed Mall/SFU

There will be seasonal trip reductions on the part of the route between Scott Road Stn, Lougheed Mall and SFU.

320 Langley Centre/Fleetwood/Surrey Central Station

The schedule will be revised. Trips will leave Fleetwood for Surrey Central Station at 8:07, 8:41, 9:13 and 9:43 am. (The 9:20 am trip will be discontinued).

321 White Rock South/Newton Exchange/Surrey Central Station

The #321 Sunday/holiday early morning trip between Surrey Central Station and New Westminster Station will now operate as a #330.

390 Surrey Central Stn/White Rock South

394 King George Stn/White Rock Centre

New! To provide customers with more convenient stops on King George Highway, these buses will now stop for southbound pick up and northbound drop off in front of the Revenue Canada Taxation Centre and at 96 Avenue for Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Richmond, South Delta

404 Ladner Exchange/Tsawwassen Ferry

The seasonal extended trips to the Tsawwassen Ferry will not operate as #404s. Extra buses will, however, provide service between Ladner Exchange and the ferry terminal to meet customer demand.

410 22nd Street Station/Queensborough/Richmond Exchange

15 minute service will begin earlier during Monday to Friday peak hours.

480 Steveston/UBC

New! As a pilot service, the #480 route will provide limited service this summer. One trip will operate from Richmond to UBC (arriving at 8:11 am), and one from UBC (leaving at 4:40 pm).

Tsawwassen Ferry

Additional service will be provided at busy times through the spring and summer.

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Board of Directors from some 400 names proposed by transit employees and over 2,100 public entries. The employee and public entries were reviewed by a seven-member volunteer panel which submitted a short list to the TransLink Board for final selection.

"The Board - and the panel before it - had to consider several factors in selecting a name," said TransLink chair, George Puil. Not only does it have to describe the service, it needs to provide a geographic context. Furthermore, the name must work well as a corporate identity and offer market branding opportunities as well. We're satisfied that the new name does all that, and we would like to thank everyone who proposed a name and the panel for assessing the hundreds of submissions."

The volunteer panel was comprised of three transit employees, two representatives of transportation/environmental advocacy groups and two representatives of news organizations.

(Confirmation of the new name is subject to legal search)

Congratulations to the contest winners:

Grand Prize Winner: Gary Chow of Vancouver
Three monthly FareCards and one pair of IMAX tickets

12 Runner-up Prize Winners *One book of 10 FareSaver tickets and one pair of IMAX tickets each*

Mabel Akins, Burnaby	Beryl Hughes, Vancouver
Abou Bai-Sheka, Burnaby	Edith Petersen, White Rock
Judy Burrows, Delta	Lynn Ryan, Burnaby
Dixie Crossman, Surrey	Jackie Schwark, Surrey
Ron Curties, Port Moody	Linda Wong, Richmond
Gudrun Hall, New Westminster	Mei Na Zhan, Vancouver

There are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.

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 GVTA Lost Property Office at Stadium Station. TRANSIT ROUTE MAP AND 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. ON THE WEB: www.gvta.bc.ca