

## Celebrating Communities Stadium SkyTrain Station re-named

A re-dedication ceremony celebrating the name change of Stadium SkyTrain station to "Stadium - Chinatown" occurred on October 14, 2004. It included the unveiling of a new bilingual sign at the International Village entrance to the station. The event was well attended by community groups and local politicians, and highlighted by cultural entertainment from the Chinese community.

Requests to change the name of Stadium Station to "Stadium - Chinatown" came from the Vancouver Chinatown Merchant's Association, with support from local politicians. The primary reason for this request by the Chinatown community was to incorporate the historic and cultural aspect of the neighbourhood and promote the awareness of Chinatown to the community and tourists as they ride SkyTrain.

Community groups with an interest in and around Stadium Station were contacted to assess their level of support for the proposed name change. All were in favour of the - initiative and the TransLink Board approved the name change in June 2004.

In recent years, signage changes were done to the Main Street and Joyce Street SkyTrain stations in response to requests to recognize surrounding neighbourhoods and/or attractions. "Main Street" was re-dedicated "Main Street - Science World" and "Joyce Street" was changed to "Joyce Street - Collingwood".

Production for the new signage began in July. Installation was completed in two stages. The first stage began the week of September 27, 2004. The remaining signs were put up the week of October 11, 2004.

**This name change supports the direction of connecting SkyTrain and its stations closer to the communities TransLink serves. The station name change further supports TransLink's commitment to enhanced liveability within our communities.**

## COMING EVENTS

P.E.O. Fall Fair, Sat, Oct 23, 10 am to 2 pm, Shaughnessy Hts United Church, 33rd Ave near Granville. ✓ Does public speaking stress you out? Positive Thinkers Toastmasters can help you master the art with opportunities to practice, learn and have fun. 604-876-3452 ✓ Over 25 of the world's top Jewish authors are participating in the 20th anniversary of the Vancouver Jewish Book Festival, November 2-25. Info: 604-257-5111 ✓ The Hastings Park Conservancy hosts monthly nature walks in the Sanctuary at Hastings Park, on the second Saturday of each month. Meet at the south side of the Agrodome at 1 pm for a walk that will last 2 hours, rain or shine. Please leave your dogs at home. Take the bus to Hastings & Renfrew or there is free parking on the site for visitors to the Sanctuary. Info: Virginia at 604-255-9458 ✓ "Antiques Roadshow" appraisals, Sat Oct 30, at the Old Hastings Mill Store Museum, 1575 Alma at Point Grey Road. Two appraisals for \$15 by Mr Al Bowen. Info: 604-263-4097. Advance tickets required 604-263-4097. ✓ Flea Market and Bake Sale at Blessed Sacrament Church, 3040 Heather St, Vancouver. Sat, Oct 16, 10 am to 3 pm ✓ Antique and Collectible Toy, Doll and Bear Show, Sun, Nov 7, 10 to 3 at the Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr & 16th. The show will feature a cafe, free parking and great finds such as Dinky, Matchbox, Hot Wheels, Meccano, Corgi, soldiers, tinplate, porcelain dolls, Artisan bears & dolls, Star Wars, Barbie, Games, Beanies, etc ✓ Line Dance, a knee-slapping, toe-tappin' good time as members learn and practise the steps to many popular line dances. Choose the level that suits your ability; Beginner 9 to 10 am. Intermediate 10 to 11 am, Advanced: 11 to noon. Tuesdays, Oct 19-Nov 2. \$16.66 for 3 sessions. Confederation Centre, 4585 Albert St, Burnaby ✓ The well-known Kidstuff Swapmeet will be held Saturday, Oct 24, 10 to 2 pm, at Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Ave in Burnaby, east of Metrotown. 77 tables of sellers and hundreds of buyers to age 12. Free entry but donations gratefully accepted for the foodbank ✓ Old Hastings Mill Store Museum at 1575 Alma & Point Grey Road is now opening Saturday & Sundays only 1 to 4 pm, until the end of November. ✓ The Number 14, Oct 20-30. A fast-paced, satirical look at a day in the life of a downtown bus ride. Six performers strut, swing, sing and talk their way in and out of adventures aboard Vancouver's legendary #14 bus. Part Monthly Python, part Mr. Bean and wholly engaging, Oct 20-30 at the Surrey Arts Centre. Box Office at 604-501-5566, 88 Ave/King George Hwy ✓ The Gallery Singers of Vancouver open their 2004/2005 season on Friday, Oct 28 at Holy Trinity Church, 1440 West 12th Ave, Van, featuring the Franco-Flemish masters in a blend of Renaissance Polyphony from the Low Countries. Tx at the door ✓ Thrift Sale at Ryerson United Church, 2195 West 45th, Vancouver. 2 days in 2 buildings, Fri, Oct 29, 6-9 pm. Sat, Oct 30, 9:30 to noon ✓ German Singalong in 12th season: Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11, 2004, Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 and June 11, 2005, Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 505 East 46th ✓ 21st Century Flea Market, Nov 14, 10 am to 3 pm, Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr. at 16th. Adm \$2. Free parking ✓ B.C. Society of Landscape Architects 40th Anniversary Group Exhibition 'til Nov 14. Surrey Arts Centre, 88 Ave at King George Hwy in Bear Creek Park. Adm free ✓ St. Philip's Christmas Fair, Nov 20, 12:30-3:30 pm. 3737 West 27th Ave. Family fun.

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(Details inside)

## 2004/2005 GoCards for Grades 8 to 12 students must be shown from November 1



Beginning November 1, all high school students must show 2004/2005 GoCards when paying Concession fares on TransLink. Those without new GoCards must pay the full adult fare.

Students who missed the school photo session or have lost their GoCards can obtain one immediately by going to the **Artona Group Inc**, 353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver. Phone 604-872-7272, or **Mountain West Studios**, 1973 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver. Phone 604-980-8551

The Artona Group hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday. Mountain West Studios hours 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

GoCard photography sessions are also being provided by Apple Photographic Services in a mobile unit that travels to locations throughout Greater Vancouver. *Students going to the Artona Group, Mountain West Studios or Apple Photographic Services must have a GoCard application form (available at school offices) signed by a school official, proof of age (birth certificate, passport or CareCard) and a \$10 fee. A GoCard can be issued immediately.*

**TransLink's Customer Information number is 953-3333**  
or visit our website at [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca)

### APPLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES VAN WILL BE PARKED AT THESE LOCATIONS

|               |           |   |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| Sat, Oct 16   | 9-noon    | Lonsdale Quay Bus Exch                    |
| Sat, Oct 16   | 1-4 pm    | Brentwood Mall Bus Exch                   |
| Tues, Oct 19  | 3-6 pm    | Richmond Centre Mall #3 lot               |
| Thurs, Oct 21 | 3-6 pm    | Staples, 20055 Willowbrook Dr Langley     |
| Sat, Oct 23   | 9-12 pm   | Oakridge Transit Centre, back lot         |
| Sat, Oct 23   | 1-4 pm    | Edmond's Stn Bus Exch                     |
| Tues, Oct 26  | 3-6 pm    | Coquitlam Ctr Bus Exchange                |
| Tues, Oct 28  | 3-6 pm    | Scott Road SkyTrain -Bus Exch             |
| Sat, Oct 30   | 9 to noon | Main Street SkyTrain -Street level        |
| Sat, Oct 3    | 1-4 pm    | Lougheed Town Centre Stn                  |
| Tues, Nov 2   | 3-6 pm    | Scottsdale Mall (Scott Road Lot)          |
| Thurs, Nov 4  | 3-6 pm    | Brentwood Mall, Bus Exch                  |
| Sat, Nov 6    | 9-noon    | Richmond Centre Mall, #3 Rd Lot           |
| Sat, Nov 6    | 1-4 pm    | Ladner Bus Exch                           |
| Tues, Nov 9   | 3-6 pm    | Lonsdale Quay Bus Exch                    |
| Thurs, Nov 11 | 3-6 pm    | Lougheed Town Centre Stn                  |
| Sat, Nov 13   | 1-4 pm    | Staples, 20055 Willowbrook Drive, Langley |
| Sat, Nov 13   | 9 to noon | Scott Road SkyTrain Stn Bus Exch          |
| Tues, Nov 16  | 3-6 pm    | 22255 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge     |
| Thurs, Nov 18 | 3-6 pm    | Oakridge Transit Centre -Back lot         |
| Sat, Nov 20   | 9 to noon | Scottsdale Mall (Scott Rd Lot)            |
| Sat, Nov 20   | 1-4 pm    | Coquitlam Centre Bus Exch                 |
| Tues, Nov 23  | 3-6 pm    | Edmonds Stn Bus Exch                      |

Please note that all these sessions are conducted in a vehicle situated at the locations described. Photo sessions will not take place within malls or other locations.

### At this week's GVTA Board of Directors meeting, staff will be recommending ways to increase fare revenue by 6 per cent – about \$41 million in the 2005-2007 period.

The Board is being asked to approve sending the details out for public comment.

It is proposed to introduce fare changes on January 1, 2005 except changes to U-Pass, which, if approved would be rolled-out next fall.

For 2005, staff is recommending:

- A freeze on FareSaver tickets and DayPasses, Concession fares for children and seniors and pre-paid HandyDART tickets for disabled pass.
- Raising cash fares by 25 cents for One and Two Zone travel and 50 cents for Three Zones.
- An increase of about 10 per cent for FareCard monthly passes.
- A \$2 per month increase in the U-Pass rate paid to TransLink (this could potentially involve some share of the increase between students and the universities).
- An increase in HandyDART cash fares by 25 cents for One, Two and Three Zone travel and by 50 cents for Four Zones.
- An increase in West Coast Express fares in line with those on conventional transit.

This approach should encourage a shift away from cash fares to more pre-paid fares, particularly FareSavers, which will provide a bigger discount. It will also help set the stage for the introduction of Smart Card technology, scheduled to be introduced in 2007-2008, using the technical capabilities of the new fareboxes and ticket vending machines.

The increase in fare revenue is one of three sources intended to fund the transit and road improvements in TransLink's next Three Year Plan, 2005-2007. The other two sources are the proposed tax on parking spaces, which will raise about \$70-million and the property tax increase - \$61 per year for an average home that will raise \$170 million over the three-year period.

Refinements to the proposed option or other alternatives may emerge during the public consultation process. However, at this time staff concluded that this option has the potential to best address the social, service and revenue needs to balance the trade-off between encouraging ridership and ensuring adequate revenue generation.