

TransLink's got a new CEO!

We're happy to welcome a new Chief Executive Officer to TransLink!

His name is **Tom Prendergast**, and he comes to TransLink with a wealth of experience in building, operating, and leading transportation systems in major cities worldwide.

For instance, from 1990 to 1994 Tom was senior vice-president of subways with New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority, overseeing the famous New York City subway system.

He's also been president of the Long Island Rail Road, the largest commuter railroad in the U.S, and he's led an international team on bidding for a major public-private partnership with the London Underground.

Tom's last position was as Director of Services for the Americas with Parsons Brinckerhoff, a major global firm that helps develop and operate large infrastructure projects. He'll start full-time with TransLink at the end of July. We're glad to have him!



Tom Prendergast, our new CEO.

Caribbean Days SeaBus service

The Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society of BC is hosting its annual Caribbean Days Festival on the weekend of July 26-27. Join in the fun at North Vancouver's Waterfront Park, and enjoy tropical rhythms, cuisine, carnival and culture as only the Caribbean can offer. t

For Caribbean Days, SeaBus runs the following extra weekend service:



- JULY 26** From Lonsdale Quay: service every 15 minutes until 12:30 a.m., with final sailing at 1 a.m.
From Waterfront: service every 15 minutes until 12:16 a.m., plus sailings at 12:46 a.m. and 1:22 a.m.
- JULY 27** Sailings every 15 minutes to 9:16 p.m., then every 30 minutes. Final sailing from Waterfront: 11:16 p.m.

And here's another friendly reminder that on weekends and holidays, a single-zone fare lets you travel in all zones all day. If you've got an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass, you can also take either five children, or one adult and four children, on transit with you for free.

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 512 eligible entries in our last contest, and **Tram L.** won the FareCard. The answer? TransLink switched from special constables to transit police in 2005.

WIN ANOTHER FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca with the answer to the question below, your full name, daytime phone number, and where you got the *Buzzer* (include the route number if you got it on a bus). Make sure you include everything—entries missing any of this info will not be entered to win! One entry per person, please.



Our new CEO once worked at New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority. What was his title at that organization?
(Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **Mon Aug 11 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all eligible entries if more than one is right. See who won in the **Aug 15** issue!

BACK ISSUES

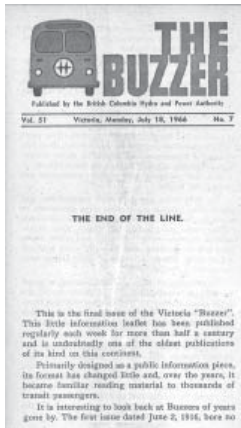
Back Issues is a new section that mines past issues of *The Buzzer* for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

1966 The *Buzzer* wasn't solely just a Metro Vancouver newsletter: Victoria once had its own edition, too. On July 18, 1966, however, B.C. Hydro published its last *Victoria Buzzer* after over fifty years of weekly editions. The reasons why was unclear: while the last issue rehashed old jokes and moments in Victoria transit history, it made no mention of why the *Buzzer* was ending its run.

Anita Wasiuta, Marketing and Communications Manager for B.C. Transit in Victoria, said she understood that the *Buzzer* stopped in 1966 due to a lack of staff resources and the rising cost of publishing. But, she added, the *Buzzer* was resurrected in the mid-80s by B.C. Transit, and published monthly for eight or nine years before being discontinued again. Cost was again a factor, but so was one other thing.

"It was the advent of the web. We were able to put a lot of info on the website that we put in the *Buzzer*, so there was just no need for it."

And so ended its run. Farewell, *Victoria Buzzer*!



The last weekly *Victoria Buzzer* issue, from July 18, 1966.

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ Experience **Service in Harmony Kirtan**, two hours of devotional singing with Patrice Webb. No yoga or music experience necessary. Sat July 19 2-4pm, Open Door Yoga, 1111 Commercial Drive (enter thru alley). \$30; register at opendooryoga.bc.ca or at any Open Door Yoga location.
- ✓ **B.C. Genealogical Society** presents a **free Family History Research Week**, July 21-26, Unit 211, 12837 - 76th Avenue, Surrey. Open 10am-3pm daily. Over 12,000 worldwide genealogical publications and records. Info 604-502-9119 or www.bcgsc.ca.
- ✓ The Vancouver chapter of **Dreams Take Flight** presents its fifth annual **Golf for Dreams** charity tournament, Fri July 25 at Eaglequest Coyote Creek. All proceeds go to helping send 130 special needs kids from BC to Disneyland on Oct 21. For more info, visit dreamstakeflight.ca or call Lori at 604-270-5437.
- ✓ Bats anyone? The **Hastings Park Conservancy** hosts a **free nature walk with naturalist Al Grass** on Thu July 24 at 7pm, going through the Sanctuary, the Hastings Park natural pond and marsh. The tour will look for bats as well as spotting birds. Meet at the northeast corner of the Sanctuary rain or shine; binoculars welcome; leave dogs at home. Take transit to Hastings & Renfrew Street or park for free on site—just tell the attendant you're going to the Sanctuary. Info: www.hastingspark.ca.
- ✓ **Local Volkssport club** hosts **two 10K walks**: in Burnaby's Central Park on Sun July 27 and in Ladner on Sat Aug 2. Free for new participants. Info: Verni at 604-682-8390.
- ✓ **Richmond Nature Park** offers three programs for kids 8-10 from Wed July 31 thru Aug 1: Microscope Marvels, Happy Hikers, and Sticky Smelly Science. More info: 604-718-9188 or richmond.ca.
- ✓ The **35th annual Vancouver Chariot Festival** takes place on Sun Aug 10 at Second Beach in Stanley Park. Free event; features 11:30am parade with 30ft high chariots, Chinese lion dancers, Clydesdale horses and more. At 1pm, festival with 20 large tent exhibitions will be on display: yoga, vegi-cooking demos, and more. Families welcome. Info: vanchariotfestival.com
- ✓ Attend the **7th AfrikaDey Festival**, offering two days of African food, music and fun. Serbian Cultural Centre, 7837 Canada Way, Burnaby, Aug 16-17: 10am-6pm free market, 6pm-1am concerts info: 778-865 2767 or www.afrikadey.ca.
- ✓ Take the old proverb "laughter is the best medicine" to heart and get a healthy dose in this **hour-long laughter yoga session**. Laugh as you have never laughed before and feel refreshed, invigorated, and relaxed. Sundays 3-4pm, 1111 Commercial Drive, \$5 suggested donation. Info: farah@thesmilingyogi.com or thesmilingyogi.com

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Win a free FareCard!



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Take transit to the HSBC Celebration of Light!

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Ride transit to the HSBC Celebration of Light!

We've scheduled extra service to help you get to and from the HSBC Celebration of Light fireworks festival on **July 23** (Canada), **July 26** (U.S.A.), **July 30** (China), and **August 2** (finale). Read on to find out just how you can get to the festival and back on transit, and service issues you should know about for those nights!



SKYTRAIN

SkyTrain will provide frequent service on all event nights. Travel earlier if possible, as trains are expected to be especially busy between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

GETTING THERE Passengers may transfer at **Granville Station** to the **#5 Robson** or the **#6 Davie** bus (board these buses on Richards Street), or walk to English Bay from **Burrard Station**.

AFTER THE FIREWORKS The last train is scheduled to depart Waterfront Station at its regular time of 1:16 a.m. (Service will be extended if necessary to clear any remaining passengers, but passengers must be at the station before closing time.)

On Celebration of Light nights, the following SkyTrain rules/procedures are in effect:

BIKES ON SKYTRAIN Delays and restrictions are in effect in the afternoon/evening when trains are crowded. Wheelchairs and strollers have priority boarding. No bicycles can board after 10 p.m. until crowds have cleared. Cyclists should expect delays of up to 90 minutes.

WATERFRONT STATION Access the station from **Howe Street only**. There will be no access to SkyTrain through the CP Station on Cordova Street except for disabled passengers needing elevator service to the platform. As well, **all SkyTrain passengers must leave the train at Waterfront Station—no reverse riding is allowed**. Passengers arriving by SeaBus must also leave Waterfront Station. Passengers should then join the lineup to access the SkyTrain from Howe Street.

BURRARD STATION The **westbound platform will be closed**. Customers will be asked to line up as directed by SkyTrain staff.

GRANVILLE STATION The **Seymour Street and Granville Mall entrances will close after 10 p.m.** All passengers must enter

from Dunsmuir Street. An elevator is available for disabled passengers and those travelling with strollers. Bikes will be accommodated after crowds on trains have cleared. **The westbound direction platform at Granville Station will also be closed.**



BUS

GETTING THERE Starting at 6 p.m., there will be more buses to the downtown area, plus the **#5 Robson** and the **#6 Davie** southbound on Richards Street will run more frequently.

After 7:30 p.m., **#5 Robson** buses will terminate at Robson and Denman, return to downtown via Denman, then travel eastbound on Georgia. As well, **#6 Davie** buses will turn south onto Thurlow, and terminate near the Vancouver Aquatic Centre at Pacific Avenue.

After 9 p.m., **#22 Macdonald/Knight** will use Granville Bridge and 4th Ave., with no service on Cornwall Ave. during that time.

AFTER THE FIREWORKS Extra buses will be in service to transport customers out of downtown, and there will be buses waiting to meet the last SkyTrain at key major-route locations.

CANADA LINE CONSTRUCTION BUS REROUTING Due to Canada Line construction on Granville Mall, the **#5 Robson** and **#6 Davie** routes travel south (towards the West End) on Richards and return along Seymour. **Check bus stop signs—not all routes stop at every location.**

COMMUNITY SHUTTLE REROUTING The **C21 Beach** and **C23 Davie** be rerouted 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The C21 will take its regular route to Beach & Hornby, then reroute via Hornby and Davie, then go back to its regular route. The C23 will do its regular route to Davie & Thurlow, reroute via Thurlow and Pacific, then go back to its normal route.

WEST VANCOUVER BLUE BUS

Extra bus trips from West Vancouver via Park Royal will be added on event nights.

GETTING THERE More trips downtown will start at 6:30p.m.

AFTER THE FIREWORKS Blue Buses will provide return trips from Georgia Street at Denman Street.



WEST COAST EXPRESS

West Coast Express will run regular service on Celebration of Light event days, plus **A SPECIAL FINALE NIGHT TRAIN** on **August 2**. The special will leave Mission Station at 7 p.m. and arrive at Waterfront Station at 8:13 p.m. The return trip leaves Waterfront at midnight.

FARES All valid weekly and 28-day passes will be honoured.



SEABUS

SeaBus will be running extended service to accommodate the extra crowds expected on fireworks nights, and for Caribbean Days in North Vancouver on July 25 and 26.

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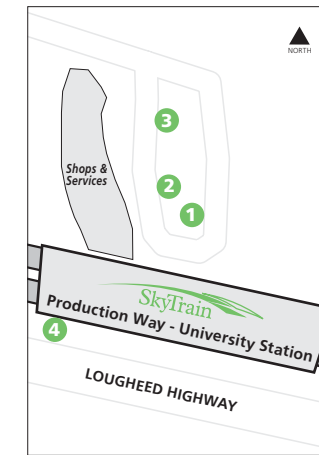
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B.C. Day transit service



All transit services will run on a Sunday/holiday schedule for **B.C. Day on Monday, August 4**. Remember, on a holiday, you only need a single-zone fare to travel in all zones all day. As well, on a Sunday or holiday, those with an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass can take either five children or one adult and four children on transit with them for free.

Production Way bus loop re-opens on July 28



The Production Way–University Station bus loop re-opens on July 28, after a year being closed for construction nearby. Please note the new bus bay locations so you know where to board!

Bay	Route
1	145 SFU (loading only)
2	110 Metrotown Station 136 Lougheed Station N9 Coquitlam Station
3	110 Lougheed Station 136 Brentwood Station
4	145 Production Station (unloading only) N9 Downtown

Santa arrives early to help the Food Bank out

Santa's making an early visit this year to help the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society. 

Thanks to the Rogers Santa Claus Parade, Santa will be at Burrard Station in downtown Vancouver on Friday July 25, collecting donations for the Food Bank.

Donations are critically low during summer months, even though hunger doesn't take a vacation for the 25,000 who access food banks each week. The rising cost of gas and staple foods has had a huge impact on the Food Bank's ability to serve those needs.

So bring your non-perishable food items or donations of cash or gas cards down to Burrard Station from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on July 25. Show Vancouver cares all year long!

