

**Cowichan Valley Transit – Adverse Weather Routing Information**  
*Updated January 2024*

If snow and ice conditions make local roads unsafe to use, Cowichan Valley Transit routes will operate on **Adverse Weather Routing** until further notice. For details see the Adverse Weather Route maps in the Rider's Guide (pages 19-22) or online at [www.bctransit.com/cowichan-valley](http://www.bctransit.com/cowichan-valley).

*Transit customers are strongly encouraged to check the BC Transit website or to contact the Transit Information Line (250-746-9899), for updates prior to catching the bus, as additional changes may become necessary if other roads are unsafe to use (i.e. not plowed, too icy, etc.)*

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Below is a list of important changes made to route coverage when **Adverse Weather Routing** is in effect.

**Route #2 - Mt. Prevost:** Route #2 will bypass the Jubilee Street hill in Duncan when on Winter Routing and bus stops along Jubilee Street are not used when this occurs. Please use the bus stop located on Ingram Street by the Post Office for service.

**Route #4 - Maple Bay:** Route #4 trips will bypass all neighbourhood segments when on Winter Routing and will remain on Maple Bay Road in both directions. Please use stops on Maple Bay Road for service. If Drummond and Chisholm Trail roads become impassable in Maple Bay, buses will turn around on Maple Bay Road at Osprey Road.

**Route #5 - Eagle Heights:** Route #5 trips will bypass Miller Road, Eagle Heights and Koksilah Road when on Winter Routing and buses will use Allenby Road travelling south. Please use stops on Allenby Road for service.

**Route #6 - Crofton - Chemainus:** Route #6 trips will bypass the Cook, Douglas and Victoria Road loop in Chemainus when on Winter Routing. Please use the bus stop on Pine Street near Daniel Street for service.

**Route #7 - Cowichan Lake:** Route #7 (via Gibbins) trips will bypass Old Lake Cowichan Road if impassable and will use Highway # 18 in both directions to Tansor Road. The neighbourhood area in Lake Cowichan (Stone Ave, Sahtlam, Somenos, Quamichan and King George) may also be bypassed. Please use the main bus stop on South Shore Road or bus stop along Cowichan Lake Road near Stanley or Greendale Roads.

**Routes #8 - Mill Bay via Telegraph Road / Duncan via Shawnigan Lake, and Route #9 - Mill Bay via Shawnigan Lake / Duncan via Telegraph Road:**

When on Winter Routing, Routes #8 and #9 will NOT service the following route areas:

- Cowichan Bay Road between Tzouhalem and Koksilah Roads;
- Shawnigan Lake Village loop (Wilmot, Bob O Link, Jersey and Wallbank loop)
- Gregory, Ravenhill and Ceylon loop in the Shawnigan Beach Estates area;
- McKean Road hill and Worthington Road in the Shawnigan Beach Estates area; and
- Noowick, Huckleberry and Frayne Road loop in Mill Bay.

Customers should use stops along the main roads (Shawnigan Lake – Mill Bay Road, Shawnigan Lake Road, and Cobble Hill Road) for service.

**Route #20 – Youbou:** Trips bypasses Meade Creek Road when impassable remaining on North Shore Road in both directions.

**Route #21 – Honeymoon Bay:** Regular routing used unless otherwise advised.

**Routes #31, 34 & 36 (Ladysmith):** Local Ladysmith Routes will bypass all major hills in the Ladysmith area until they are salted and sanded. Please call the Transit Information line at 250-746-9899 for routing details. Route #34 (Ladysmith/Chemainus) will use Henry Road when River Road becomes impassable.

**Victoria Express - Routes #66 (Cowichan) & #99 (Shawnigan Lake):** Morning and/or afternoon trips may be cancelled or departure times altered due to impassable routes (Malahat, Shawnigan Lake). Trips will not use Lodge Pole Road when impassable.

**Nanaimo Express - Route #70:** Morning and/or afternoon trips may be cancelled or departure times altered due to impassable routes. Please check the Regional District of Nanaimo BC Transit website at <https://www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home> for service updates or call 250-390-4531.

### **handyDART Services**

Please contact TransDev at 250-748-1230 (or call toll free 1-855-748-1230 from Ladysmith) to discuss services offered.

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