

Minutes of the Special Transit Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in the Regional District Board Room, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan BC at 10:00 AM.

**PRESENT:** Chair, K. Davis  
Director S. Acton  
Director M. Clement  
Director B. Day  
Director L. Iannidinardo  
Director S. Jackson  
Director J. Lefebure  
Director I. Morrison  
Director A. Nicholson  
Director A. Stone  
Director T. Walker  
Alternate Director M. Maguire  
Alternate Director J. Tatham

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brian Carruthers, Chief Administrative Officer  
John Elzinga, General Manager, Community Services  
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services  
Jim Wakeham, Manager, Facilities and Transit Management  
Erin Annis, Transit Analyst, Facilities and Transit Management  
Meghan Kueber, Transit Summer Student, Facilities and Transit Management  
Michelle Lewers, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:** Myrna Moore, Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit  
Shilpa Paniker, Senior Planner, BC Transit  
Colin Oakes, Manager, First Canada  
Bruce Pesowsky, General Manager, Oak Transit  
Carol Blatchford, Cowichan Community Services

**ABSENT:** Director K. Kuhn  
Director K. Marsh

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1** [Correspondence from Ken Cossey, Board President, Oak Transit Re: Custom Transit Open House for CVRD Directors](#)

The correspondence from Ken Cossey, Board President, Oak Transit, dated May 16, 2017 regarding a meeting invite to the directors for an open house at Oak Transit on June 16, from 12 noon to 2:00 pm, was received for information.

**REPORTS**

- R1 [Report from the Manager, Facilities and Transit Management Division  
Re: Duncan - Victoria Saturday Express Transit Pilot Recommendations](#)

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Board:

1. That three southbound and three northbound trips per Saturday excluding statutory holidays be provided for the Duncan-Victoria Express transit pilot service to maximize travel opportunities in both directions, be approved.
2. That cash-only fares of \$10.00 per one-way trip be implemented for the Duncan-Victoria Saturday Express transit pilot service, be approved.
3. That the Duncan-Victoria Saturday Express transit pilot service use the same routing and bus stops as Duncan Commuter Route 66.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- R2 [Report from the Manager, Facilities and Transit Management Division  
Re: October 2016 Transit Service Changes Ridership and Drinkwater Road Route Update](#)

The Manager, Facilities and Transit Management Division provided a comparison on ridership figures since October 2016 for Ladysmith, Youbou, Honeymoon Bay, and the new Saturday morning trip from Mill Bay to Duncan. In addition, an update was provided on Route 7x, Cowichan Lake Express, regarding a revised route as a result of speed tables being installed on the Western portion of Drinkwater Road, buses will use Somenos Road North to Highway 18 starting June 5.

- R3 [Verbal Report from the Manager, Facilities and Transit Management Division  
Re: Local Fleet Replacement Update](#)

The Manager, Facilities and Transit Management Division, presented an update on the expected arrival of the six new Vicinity buses that are scheduled to be in service in early July. An event is being planned with BC Transit (location and date to be determined) for the public and riders to see the new bus and ask questions if they so wish.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 11:08 AM It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_