

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**CORRECTION:** BC Transit currently operates 7 buses in the Squamish Transit System, not 6 as stated in the media release dated August 18, 2010.

## **BC TRANSIT CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN SQUAMISH**

**SQUAMISH, B.C.** – On August 20, 2010, BC Transit celebrates 20 years of service in Squamish.

Over 20 years, ridership on the Squamish Transit System has tripled to 188,000 from 54,000 passengers annually. In 1990, BC Transit operated 2 buses in Squamish, including 1 bus dedicated to door-to-door handyDART service. Today, 7 buses travel the region, 2 of which offer handyDART service.

“Celebrating two decades of public transit is an important milestone in Squamish,” said Joan McIntyre, MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky. “BC Transit has made significant improvements by expanding services for passengers. I encourage all residents to hop on a bus today to see for themselves this wonderful and valuable community service.”

The continuing growth of the transit service in Squamish helps link all community members to local services. In the last few years, BC Transit has expanded to include service to Brennan Park Recreation Centre, major shopping centres, Quest University and new neighbourhoods.

“Adding trips and service to new areas makes transit a convenient and sustainable transportation option for the Squamish community,” said Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO of BC Transit.

Funding for the Squamish Transit System is cost shared between the District of Squamish and BC Transit.

More information on the Squamish Transit System can be found at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com).

