

Sea to Sky Transit System

Regional commuter service resumes

WHISTLER – Whistler employees living in Squamish will have more travel options starting Thursday, November 22, when commuting to and from work. The District of Squamish, the Resort Municipality of Whistler and BC Transit will re-institute the Sea to Sky Transit System service for 2007/08.

The commuter service runs from November 22, 2007 to April 20, 2008 and is comprised of a blend of public transit service, Greyhound faresavers and an emergency ride home program for transit users.

Many Squamish residents travel to Whistler on a regular basis and having the commuter service again provides an affordable, reliable and safe travel option to our commuting citizens,” said Mayor Ian Sutherland.

Said Whistler Mayor Ken Melamed: “This service is important to the resort community’s future. It reduces the number of cars on the highway, improves the quality of our regional air shed, and provides transportation options to our employees. We are grateful to the provincial government for stepping up to help fund this regional service.”

The provincial government, through BC Transit, committed additional funds to the service this year, for the first time, at the usual transit funding level of 46 percent. The remaining cost is shared equally between the District of Squamish and the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

All fares are the same as last year: \$4.50 per ride for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and youth. Books of 10 can be purchased for \$40. Tickets will be sold at the municipal halls in Squamish and Whistler, starting this Wednesday (Nov. 14). Monthly passes, valid on the Sea to Sky, Squamish, and WAVE transit systems, are \$130 and will be sold from Whistler municipal hall only. Discounted Greyhound commuter tickets may be purchased at Whistler and Squamish municipal halls the first business day of the month. Greyhound faresaver tickets purchased through this program are \$80 for 20 tickets.

For commuters using the Sea to Sky service, an emergency ride home program gives transit riders a guaranteed ride home in case of an emergency. Details are available at both municipal halls, in the Rider’s Guide or at www.busonline.ca, under *Whistler > Schedules > Sea to Sky* or *Squamish > Schedules > Sea to Sky*.

For complete details, visit www.busonline.ca, call the regular transit information numbers in Squamish and Whistler or pick up a Squamish – Whistler Commuter Rider’s Guide on board the bus or at the municipal halls in Squamish and Whistler.

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The official name of the transit system is Sea to Sky Transit System.

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