

Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

BC Transit 520 Gorge Road East
January 6, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee conducts its business on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

Committee Members Present:

Chris Brennan, Kelsey Highsted, Suzan Jennings (*Vice-Chair*), Mohan Kang, Don Monsour (*Chair*), Jerry Wang, Mayor Marie-Terese Little (*VRTC representative*)

BC Transit:

Chelsea Mossey, Senior Manager, Government Relations, Adam Bishop, Manager, Accessible Transit, Stephen Anderson, General Manager, Victoria Regional Transit System, Ryan Dennis, Director, Revenue Development, Cara Weirmier, Executive Assistant and Divisional Coordinator-Operations (*Recorder*)

Regrets:

Tricia Pokorny, Mayor Ryan Windsor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Monsour called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

2. FROM OCTOBER 2024 MEETING: FORWARD PASSED MOTION (ITEM 8.A FEBRUARY 2024) TO VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION (VRTC) AS PART OF THE VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (VRTS) REPORT

Letter has been signed by Chair Monsour and is to be delivered to the BC Transit President and Chief Executive Officer, and the Chair of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (the Commission).

3. FREE handyDART – FOR APPROVAL

Chris Brennan

C.Brennan requests that a letter be drafted and sent by the ATAC Chair to the Chair of the Commission and the President and Chief Executive Officer of BC Transit. with copies to the Ministers of Finance, Transportation and Transit, and Health. The letter should include some of the ATAC members observations and concerns with the current fare system in Victoria and advice in relation to Free handyDART.

Motion MOVED by C.Brennan SECONDED by S. Jennings to vote sending the letter of recommendation to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission. Vote was five to one against.

MOTION FAILED

4. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion MOVED by M.Mohan and SECONDED by S.Jennings to ADJOURN at 4:25 p.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 3:00 p.m. Monday February 10, 2025