

## **Motions for December 12 Transit Commission Meeting**

### Mayor Helps

1. Direct staff to build on the electric bus pilot project and to prepare a business case and implementation plan for the transition of the Victoria Transit Commission fleet to electric by 2030.
2. Direct staff to work with the University of Victoria Students Society and the Camosun Students Society to develop a summer semester Transit Pass to be administered by the student societies.
3. Direct staff to develop a “Park and Ride bus pass subsidy” that will incentivize parking providers to create more park and ride spaces in a way that allows industry to at least break even through the provision of park and ride spaces. *Please see background in Appendix A.*

## Appendix A – Case for Park and Ride Transit Pass

I would like to propose to the Transit Commission in December a new category of discount pass for Park and Rides. Park and Rides are useful addition to our transportation landscape and the GHG reduction efforts across the region. The one that is open in Victoria is successful with a wait list. However, the operator is losing money on it. The same operator would like to open another Park and Ride for commuters into Victoria with 70 additional spots and would like to at least break even.

Currently the cost to Park and Ride is \$100 to the customer. The current arrangement that that BC Transit has with the operator is using Transit’s Bulk Purchase Program. Under this program, Transit offer a 10% discount on monthly passes that is matched by the company distributing the passes, so that the end customer receives a 20% discount. Given the current arrangement and their costs to run the lot, the Park and Ride operator is providing a larger discount amount. The operator’s monthly rent works out to \$40 per stall. Bus passes are \$77.50 each. All maintenance costs are the operator’s responsibility. Overall on 53 stalls the operator loses about \$1,400 per month.

The Park and Ride program in Victoria has clear benefits across the region. Here is a breakdown of 40 (of 53) Park and Ride users at the one approved lot.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Total</b>
Langford/Colwood	14
Saanich	10
Victoria	4
View Royal	2
Brentwood Bay	2
Shawnigan Lake	2
Sooke	2
Esquimalt	1
Sidney	1
Mill Bay	1
North Saanich	1
<b>All Regions</b>	<b>40</b>

*NB the “Victoria” users listed their work address.*