

Victoria Regional Transit Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Held at BC Transit  
520 Gorge Road East  
Monday, March 5, 2012  
9:30 am

**PRESENT:** Councillor Susan Brice, Chair  
Mayor Dean Fortin  
Mayor Frank Leonard

**BC TRANSIT STAFF:** Dave Guthrie, General Manager, Victoria Operations  
Erinn Pinkerton, Director of Corporate & Strategic Planning  
Manuel Achadinha, President & CEO  
Mike Davis, VP & COO  
Michael Kohl, VP & CFO  
Linda Moss, *Recorder*

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chair, Susan Brice.

The agenda was accepted for information.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 29<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were accepted for information.

**3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

None raised.

**4. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Brice stated that since the new appointments have not been received, the Commission members present will be hearing all agenda items for information only. These agenda items will have to be brought back to the next Commission meeting.

**5. Delegations**

Representatives from the University of Victoria and Camosun College urged the Commission to increase the frequency and capacity on routes – specifically numbers 4, 21 and 39. The students also asked for the Commission to take the lead on transit priority measures such as HOV lanes throughout the region to improve services for all BC Transit riders.

A UVIC student and his father raised similar issues and suggested a large bus be assigned to more trips on route 12 to reduce passups.

## **6. CRD Local Funding Taskforce**

Robert Lapham, General Manager, CRD Planning & Protective Services, provided an update on the activities of the Local Transportation Task Force and other transportation related initiatives.

The report was received for information and Mr. Lapham was invited back to provide updates at future VRTC meetings.

## **7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial and Performance Report**

Staff presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial and Performance Report which is based on information up to December 31, 2011. Victoria Transit operates within the established budget and continues to outperform comparable Canadian transit systems in both efficiency and effectiveness. Revenue for the year is up significantly. This is primarily due to changes in the transfer program implemented in July, 2011.

This report was received for information.

## **8. 2012/13 Service, Budget & Taxation Resolution**

Staff presented the 2012/13 Service, Budget & Taxation Resolution report. This report recommended that:

- Taxation be maintained at the 2011/12 rate for residential property
- Business tax multiplier be reduced from 5.0 to 4.85
- Service be increased by 2,000 hours per year in handyDART and by 5,000 hours including one additional peak bus in the conventional system
- And that a budget of \$105.6 million be adopted

This report was received for information.

## **9. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received for information.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:22 a.m.