

The Transit Centennial Centre is a commemorative centennial project funded by BC Transit in recognition of the outstanding achievements of the thousands of men and women who have worked for public transit throughout the Province.



Open Daily:

Mon-Wed 10 am to 5 pm

Thurs-Fri 10 am to 9 pm

Sat-Sun 12 noon to 5 pm

Admission Free

Transit Centennial Centre
Stadium SkyTrain Station
590 Beatty Street at Cambie
Vancouver, B.C.

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TRANSIT CENTENNIAL CENTRE

Journey Through 100 Years of Transit



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The year is 1890. The City of Vancouver is just four years old — a friendly, hopeful, enterprising community, surrounded by virgin timber.

▲ In June, the ambitious Vancouver Street Railway Company completes two electric streetcar lines, and lets passengers ride free all day on the little, open-sided, four-wheel vehicles. When the City of Victoria opened its electric streetcar line just four months earlier, it distinguished itself as the third streetcar line in Canada. What a thrill to tootle effortlessly past all the horse-and-buggy traffic at 6 mph! ▲ The year is now 1990, and BC Transit is celebrating the 100th anniversary of public transit in Vancouver and Victoria. The intervening century has been one of advancing technology, a century of

service that has helped communities to grow, and touched the lives of every Lower Mainland and south Island resident. ▲ Come celebrate with us at the Transit Centennial Centre. Travel back in time, and explore the fascinating history of our world-class transportation system. ▲ Join Megan Seeker, a 1990s rookie bus operator, and Harry J. Sparks, the ghost of an 1890s streetcar conductor, as they explore 100 years of public transit in the magical 30 minute feature, **Megan and the Ghosts**. ▲ Revisit the golden age of streetcars and interurban trams, in a fully operational, scale model that features the old New Westminster car barns, Nanaimo Station, the Gladstone Trestle, and Victoria's City Hall. ▲ Follow the post-war progress of B.C.

Electric's "Rails to Rubber" campaign in the Transit Gallery of historical photographs. And recall the days of old-



time fare boxes and Reggie Kilowatt through dozens of transit artifacts. Also on display is a meticulous replica of Birney streetcar 404. ▲ You'll find gifts and mementos to commemorate

100 years of transit, including t-shirts, videos, lapel pins, historical photo-prints, and the new transit-history bestseller, **Transit in British Columbia: The First**

Hundred Years.

▲ And be sure to check out the Sky-Train exhibit. Discover the modern mysteries behind magnetic propulsion, and learn how a sophisticated computer network operates BC Transit's "driverless" rapid transit system.

▲ There's fun for the whole family this year at the Transit Centennial Centre. And admission is free. Come share the magic, the history, and the pride of 100 years of public transit. Come see us today!

