

Contest corner: win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 921 correct entries in our last contest, and **B. Rash** won the FareCard. The answer? The 9th annual Bus Stop Hop was held on Aug 21.

WIN A FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.ca with the answer to the question, your full name, daytime phone number, and where you got the *Buzzer* (include the route number if you got it on a bus). Make sure you include everything—entries missing any of this info will not be entered to win! One entry per person, please.



What was handed out in celebration of Canada Line's first birthday? (*Hint: it's in this issue!*)

Enter by **Sept. 24 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all correct entries!

PRIVACY POLICY We use your personal info only for the contest and we delete all entries after we pick a winner. Here's the long version: Your personal information is collected, pursuant to section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, solely for the purpose of administering this contest; it will be destroyed upon the determination of a contest winner. Please direct questions regarding this collection to the *Buzzer* Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, or thebuzzer@translink.ca.

Canada Line turns one!

The Canada Line celebrated its first year in operations on August 17. To mark the occasion, TransLink staff handed out mini cupcakes to riders and well-wishers at Broadway-City Hall Station. Yum!

It's been an incredible first year for Metro Vancouver's newest SkyTrain Line—keep up the good work!



TransLink staff handing out cupcakes to transit riders!

Back to school transit info!

Here's some important information for all you students heading to the classrooms this fall.

U-Pass BC Program is here!

The new U-Pass BC Program is now being offered to students at all publicly funded, post secondary institutions in BC.

The partnership between the Province of BC and TransLink allows schools in Metro Vancouver not currently subscribing to the program to apply for entry.

The program provides students with lower transit fares during their school terms, giving holders unlimited access to bus, SeaBus and SkyTrain services, as well as discounts on West Coast Express.

To learn about the steps eligible school need to follow to join the program visit translink.ca.



High school students - get your GoCard!

If you missed your school's scheduled GoCard photo session, don't worry! Apple Photographic Services' Mobile Unit will be at the following parking lot locations on Sept. 25 to take your photograph. Look for the company's silver Honda Element. For additional dates in October and November check translink.ca.

9-11 a.m. Scott Road SkyTrain Station (bus exchange level)	12-2 p.m. Coquitlam Centre Bus Exchange	3-5 p.m. 22255 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge (Liquidation World)
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You must bring \$11, plus a completed GoCard application signed by a school official and proof of age (birth certificate or passport).

To receive a concession fare, show your GoCard whenever you board a transit vehicle.

International Walk to School Week

Elementary and high school students with a valid GoCard can ride public transit (except West Coast Express) at no charge from October 4-8. Why take transit when it's Walk to School Week? It's simple: both walking and taking transit are smart travel choices. Plus, children get to see their community from a more "hands on" experience than they would riding in a car.

TransLink asks teachers who may be planning field trips during International Walk to School Week to please register at travelsmart@translink.ca by Sept 27.

COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **The Earthwise Society Grow Local Fair** - Sept. 4 from 9:30am-3pm at the Earthwise Garden and Farm in Delta. A family event to celebrate home gardeners and urban farmers. Info at earthwisesociety.bc.ca.
- ✓ **The Vancouver International Fringe Festival** runs Sept. 9-19, with the "Pick of the Fringe" on Sept. 23-26. Check out the performances at vancouverfringe.com
- ✓ **Richmond Gem and Mineral Club** 50th anniversary, "Gold 'n Opportunities" show. Sept. 11-12 at Richmond Library & Cultural Centre. Sat 10am-5pm / Sun 10am-4pm. Admission by donation.
- ✓ **Study and Go Abroad International University Fair**. Reps from 70+ top-ranking world universities and colleges will be on hand to meet with students and professionals. Vancouver Convention Centre, Sept. 23 from 2-7pm. Info at studyandgoabroad.com.
- ✓ **United Way BBQ & Silent Auction** - Sept. 23, 12-4pm at the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Info at widhh.com
- ✓ **BC Society of Model Engineers** offers **Miniature Train Rides** in Burnaby. Open 11am-5pm Sat/Sun/Holidays. Over 2 kms of track. Great for birthday parties and private functions. Info at bcsmc.org.
- ✓ **North Shore Youth Orchestra** needs members. Includes several levels, with string, brass, and woodwind groups. Contact David at 604-988-8818 or dmusicstudio@shaw.ca.

Send your community events to
thebuzzer@translink.ca

TravelSmart to the Vancouver Aquarium and save on admission!

Visitors to Vancouver Aquarium have one more reason to feel good about leaving their vehicles at home and travelling smart. Visitors arriving to the Aquarium by transit will receive a \$2 discount on admission when they display a valid transit pass, such as a Monthly FareCard, Employer Pass, DayPass, or a transfer or FareSaver ticket used on that day.



To get to the Aquarium, take the #19 Stanley Park/ Metrotown bus.



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Bus service changes start September 6

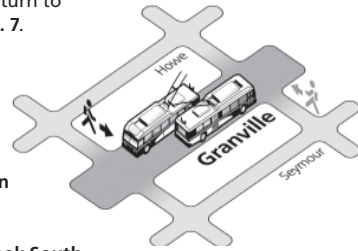
With the onset of September comes our fall bus service changes. The biggest news is that trolley buses are returning to Granville Street. Other highlights include changes to New Westminister's Community Shuttle service and several bus bay adjustments. All changes take effect September 6, unless otherwise noted.

A full list of all service changes is available at translink.ca.

Buses are returning to Granville Street!

The following bus routes will return to Granville Mall on **Tuesday, Sept. 7.**

- 4 UBC/Powell
- 6 Davie/Downtown
- 7 Nanaimo Station/Dunbar
- 10 Granville/Hastings
- 15 Cambie/Downtown
- 16 Arbutus/29th Avenue Station
- 17 UBC/Downtown/Oak
- 20 Victoria/Downtown
- 50 Waterfront Station/False Creek South



See the adjacent map for route and bus stop locations along Granville.

After 9 p.m. on Fri, Sat, Sun & holidays, buses will run on Seymour Street (northbound) and Howe Street (southbound).

NightBus service will continue to operate on Seymour and Howe.

Vancouver, Burnaby & New Westminister

3 Main/Downtown

Will be rerouted in downtown Vancouver. Instead of routing all the way to Robson Street, it will now turn off Hastings onto Seymour and then back to regular routing on Cordova.

5 Robson/Downtown

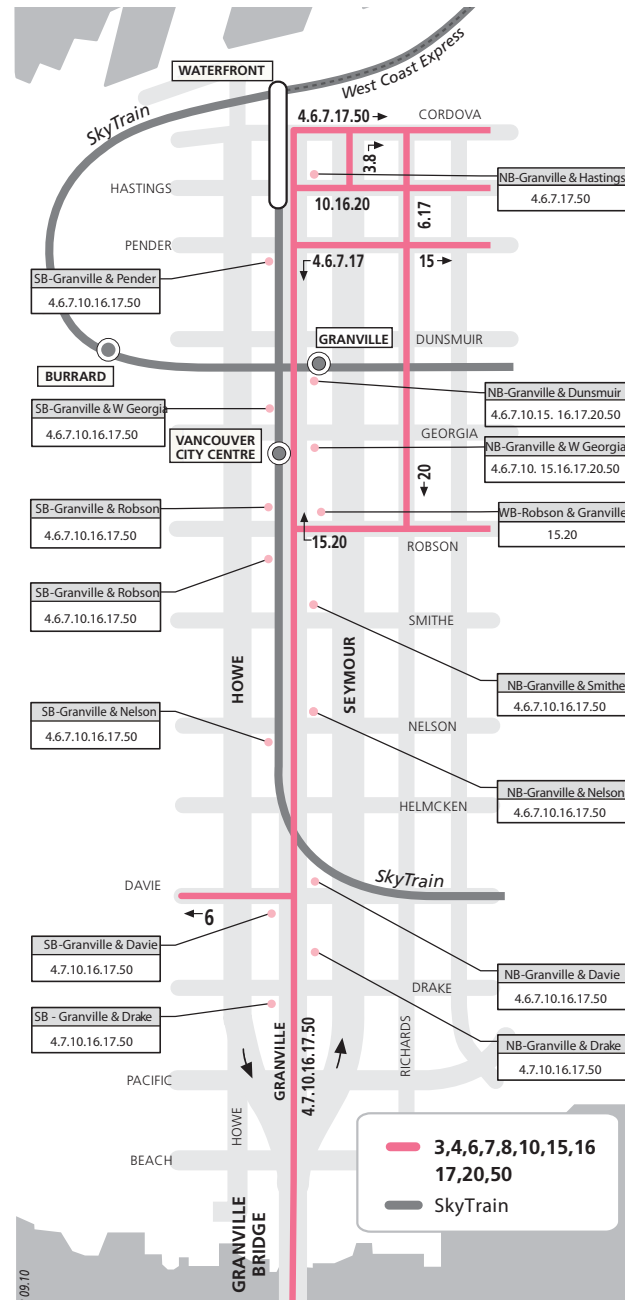
Will remain on its current route (detouring via Thurlow, Haro/Smithe, Burrard and Pender to Homer then looping back) until December due to ongoing work on the Robson Square rehabilitation project.

9 Boundary/Broadway Station/Granville/Alma/UBC

Reinstate all trips that extend to UBC from Broadway and Alma.

19 Metrotown Station/Stanley Park

Summer shuttle service will be discontinued.



- 25 Brentwood Station/UBC
- 28 Capilano U/Phibbs Exchange/Joyce Station
- 41 Joyce Station/Crown/UBC
- 43 Joyce Station/UBC
- 44 UBC/Downtown
- 49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop/UBC
- 99 Broadway Station/UBC
- 125 Patterson Station/BCIT
- 130 Metrotown/Hastings/Kootenay/Capilano U
- 143 Coquitlam Station/SFU
- 145 SFU/Production Station

Reinstate seasonal U-Pass service (increased frequency).

49 Metrotown/UBC
Addition of 60-foot articulated buses on some peak period weekday trips.

246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver
Summer service discontinued; regular service reinstated.

480 UBC/Bridgeport/Brighthouse Station
This route will short-turn every second trip after 10 a.m. at Bridgeport Station Monday – Friday, and will reinstate seasonal U-Pass service (increased frequency).

C3 Fraserview/New Westminister Station
Increased to 15 minute frequency in the morning and afternoon peak periods with service extended to the Victoria Hill area.

C4 Uptown/New Westminister Station
All trips will end at 8th Street and 7th Avenue (Uptown).

C8 Quayside/New Westminister Station
Revised service along Quayside Dr. between New Westminister Station and Renaissance Sq with increased 10 minute frequency in the a.m. and p.m. peak periods.

C21 Beach/Yaletown/Main Street Station/Davie
The C21 peak hour extension to Burrard Station is being discontinued. Service will terminate at Davie and Pacific.

C23 Yaletown/Davie
Improved service during peak periods between Davie/Denman and Yaletown Station as a result of the discontinuation of the peak extension to Burrard.

C92 Airport Station/Sea Island South
From Monday – Friday, peak period trips will be converted from community shuttles to conventional (40') bus service to deal with crowded rush hour conditions.

N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale NightBus
Discontinue summer service Monday – Friday and Saturdays.

North Shore

28 Capilano U/Phibbs Exchange/Joyce Station
Reinstate seasonal U-Pass service. First pick-up stop and last drop-off stop will be at Lillooet Road and Purcell Way.

130 Metrotown Station
First pick-up stop and last drop-off stop will be at Lillooet Road and Purcell Way.

229 – Westlynn/Phibbs Exchange/Lonsdale Quay
Summer service levels will be discontinued Sundays/Holidays.

239 Capilano U/Park Royal
246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver
Summer service discontinued; regular service reinstated.

256 Whitby Estates/Spuraway
Addition of a Sunday evening round-trip for the Community Shuttle.

258 UBC/Dundarave
This route resumes service for the school year.

N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale Nightbus
Discontinue summer service Monday – Friday and Saturdays.

Richmond

311 Scottsdale/Bridgeport Station
Reduced frequency during peak periods Monday – Friday.

480 UBC/Bridgeport/Brighthouse Station
Will short-turn every second trip at Bridgeport Station Monday – Friday.

620 Tsawwassen Ferry/Bridgeport Station
Seasonal service discontinued.

Tri-Cities

97 Coquitlam Station/Lougheed Station
Reduced frequency between Lougheed Station and Coquitlam Station from 10 minutes to 12 minutes during the evening Monday – Friday.

Bus Bay Re-assignments

The following transit exchanges will have changes to their bus bays. Please visit translink.ca to see maps for each location.

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| Burrard Station | Richmond-Brighthouse Station |
| Capilano University Bus Loop | UBC Loop |
| New Westminister Station | 22nd Street Station |