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### **Campbell River Expands Transit Service**

City Council has authorized an increase in transit service effective January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The 2009 service expansion includes the following:

- increased mid-day frequency Monday to Friday on routes #1 and #2
- evening service Monday to Wednesday
- transit service at the Sunday service level on all statutory holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day, New Years Day and Good Friday for which there will be no transit service
- minor route changes to alleviate current scheduling issues

*“This is great news for the community and brings us closer to our goal of providing Campbell River with a full service transit system seven days a week,”* says Mayor Roger McDonell. *“Thanks to the Provincial commitment to increase transit funding, we can provide increased service.”*

Total operating costs for the service expansion are \$212,000. The City's net cost after Provincial and Regional District allocations and revenue is \$56,567.

In October 2007 the Province allocated an additional \$99,000 towards an expansion of Campbell River's transit service effective January 2008. *“That funding was in response to a business plan that identified several opportunities for service expansion to the Campbell River transit system. The first phase of this business plan was initiated in January 2008,”* says Councillor Roy Grant, who holds the portfolio for public works and transportation.

The 2008 service expansion includes:

- increased service to the Dogwood, Alder and Petersen routes
- added full evening service Thursday to Saturday
- added Sunday service between 8:45 A. M. and 6:45 P.M.
- increased daytime service for the Dogwood route
- introduced a new Shoppers Shuttle to achieve improved service for the downtown that also accommodated cruise ship passenger traffic.

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