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PRESENTATION

APPLICATION TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

A maximum of 2 Presentations may be scheduled for a Council meeting, each limited to **10 minutes**. (See back for excerpt of Council Procedure Bylaw)

Please submit the completed application **by Noon on Wednesday prior to the preferred Council meeting** by: (1) email to corporate.services@esquimalt.ca, (2) mail or hand deliver to Municipal Hall, address above, or (3) fax to 250-414-7111. For further information, contact the Corporate Officer at 250-414-7135 or corporate.services@esquimalt.ca.

Name(s) and Title(s) of Presenter(s): James Wadsworth, Senior Transit Planner

Name of Organization: BC Transit

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Preferred Date of Presentation to Council: Feb 6th 2017
(Staff will email or telephone to confirm the meeting date once it is scheduled.)

Nature/Subject of Presentation: Information
Update on BC Transit's actions to address concerns of Esdo Shoreline
School P.C. concerns in regards to route 25 schedules alignment
with school bell times.

Jan 6th 2017
Date of Application

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

PowerPoint presentation? YES NO
If YES, please email your PowerPoint presentation to corporate.services@esquimalt.ca by Noon on the Friday prior to the Council meeting.

Handouts for Council? YES NO
If YES, please bring 10 copies to give to the Recording Secretary prior to the start of the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Date Received: _____ **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY** **Date Presented to Council:** _____

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For Information:

CAO Mayor/Council

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APPLICANT CONTACTED Email

PRESENTATION RECEIVED

DATE: Jan 16, 2017

INITIALS: RD



October 18, 2016

Claire Matthews
PAC Member
École Shoreline Middle School

Re: Bus service to École Shoreline Middle School - Route #25

Dear Claire Matthews,

Thank you for taking the time to write BC Transit about your concerns with the route 25 Maplewood/Colwood schedule coordination with school bell times. I would also like to thank Edwin Hubert for taking the time to attend the Victoria Regional Transit Commission meeting on October 4, 2016 to discuss this matter in more detail.

Across the region, increased traffic congestion along with growing ridership are leading to slower transit travel times and ultimately decreased on-time performance. With fixed levels of resources to deploy, the focus over the past year has been to review all major transit routes and modify the schedule times to reflect actual running conditions to improve schedule reliability for our customers. These schedule changes resulted in a reduction of trip frequency by approximately two per cent across the region.

Route 25 –Maplewood/Colwood is one such route impacted by these changes, especially given the increased traffic congestion along Admirals Road and the Island Highway. The route serves several key destinations including the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre, École Shoreline, Dockyard, Esquimalt, downtown Victoria, and Reynolds Secondary School. Creating a schedule that works for both work and school start times for all of these destinations is a careful balancing act and in some cases requires transit customers to arrive earlier to their destination to make the schedule work for the other destinations.

Each year in April and May, all schools in the region are contacted to confirm school bell times and identify any potential concerns for the upcoming school period. This year, BC Transit did not receive a response from École Shoreline noting concerns or changes to the school bell times. As a result, the scheduled times of the school oriented trips made in April 2016 were carried forward.

After a comprehensive review of the Westshore schedules, I'm pleased to advise that effective January 3, 2017, the afternoon Route 25 departure will be adjusted to arrive seven minutes earlier and will leave Colwood Exchange at 3:03 p.m. to better meet the Shoreline school dismissal at 2:50 p.m. Unfortunately, there is no ability to adjust the time of the morning trip within the existing resources.

There may be further opportunities to improve the alignment of the schedule to better match school bell times starting in September 2017, if the Transit Commission is successful in securing additional resources to support service expansion next year.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wadsworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Wadsworth
Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit

cc: Commission Members

cc: Esquimalt Council

cc: Parents Advisory Committee, École Shoreline Middle School

cc: Nadine Naughton, Principal, École Shoreline Middle School