

Media Advisory



Monthly Youth Transit Passes Available For December

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VICTORIA, BC – Starting today, youth living in the municipality of Victoria can receive a monthly transit pass from City Hall. Youth aged 18 or under can explore the city by bus and travel for free to school, work, sports, events, shopping and recreation.

“This municipal program is the first of its kind in the province, with a goal to encourage low-carbon, affordable transportation,” says Mayor Lisa Helps. “Our goal of providing these free passes is to create lifelong transit riders that will lead to fewer vehicles, less traffic congestion and better health outcomes.”

Victoria youth, their parents and/or guardians will be required to provide documentation and confirm their eligibility to participate in the City of Victoria’s free monthly transit pass program. Youth transit passes will be available each month for pick up at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Important Youth Transit Pass Information:

- Each monthly pass provides unlimited rides on BC Transit bus and handyDART services (for registered handyDART customers)
- Proof of age and residency is required for each month of participation (see backgrounder for details)
- No replacement transit passes will be issued for lost or stolen cards
- Youth can start in the program at any time with passes available mid-month

Currently 12% of trips to, from and within Victoria are on public transit. As a part of the City’s goals to improve affordability and reduce GHG emissions, Victoria has set a target to achieve 25% transit mode share by 2030. Over the coming year the City will work with community partners to establish a more permanent program that could include an annual transit swipe card that is distributed through schools and community hubs.

A list of approved documents and more information can be found at: www.victoria.ca

BACKGROUNDER: Monthly Youth Transit Passes

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