



Monthly Youth Transit Passes Now Available Online

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VICTORIA, BC – Starting today, youth living in the municipality of Victoria can apply online to receive their free monthly transit pass. The new online option allows youth or their parents to provide their information without having to visit City Hall and have passes for June, July and August mailed to their home.

“Although transit has been free during the COVID-19 pandemic, fares are returning over the coming weeks, so this innovation is perfectly timed,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “I believe in free transit for youth and I’m excited to see this valuable program moving forward in a way that keeps residents and staff safe.”

The youth transit pass program allows youth aged 18 and under to explore the city by bus and travel for free to school, work, shopping and recreation. This municipal program is the first of its kind in the province, with a goal to encourage low-carbon, affordable transportation while creating lifelong transit riders that will lead to fewer vehicles and less traffic congestion.

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 that cannot apply online can contact the City’s Public Service Centre by emailing upass@victoria.ca or calling 250.385.5711.

Currently 12 per cent of trips to, from and within Victoria are made on public transit. As a part of GO Victoria, the City’s mobility strategy that aims to improve affordability and reduce GHG emissions, Victoria has set a target to achieve 25 per cent transit mode share by 2030.

To apply for the youth transit pass online visit: upass.victoria.ca

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

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