

## **Comox Valley School Group Transit Pass: Low Cost Transit for Field Trips 2021**

The Comox Valley Regional District in partnership with School District 71 is pleased to offer the School Group Transit Pass Program, which provides classes the opportunity to experience the Comox Valley Transit System at a reduced rate for the purpose of traveling to and from field trips.

### **About the Program**

Public transit plays an essential role in building a vibrant and healthy Comox Valley by providing everyone with the freedom of mobility while reducing air pollution and traffic congestion. The purpose of the School Group Transit Pass program is to allow students to experience the transit system and understand how it works as well as its many benefits. The pass will provide more opportunities for our schools to explore different parts of the Valley and celebrate the beautiful region we live in. With this knowledge and experience, we hope that students will support sustainable forms of transportation and understand its importance throughout their lives.

### **Program Description**

- Teachers may access the program for their class field trip travel or as an opportunity to teach their students about alternative forms of transportation.
- The Comox Valley School Group Transit Pass is available to any class in School District No. 71, as well as private schools within the Comox Valley.
- The entire class, teacher, and any classroom assistants are able to ride the transit system for \$30 per day (includes return trip).
- The entire class must travel together and must travel on a regularly scheduled Comox Valley Transit route (special transit service is not provided).
- Please note that travel approval will only be granted for trips taking place within the system's off-peak hours of 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.
- Contact Darren Richards at [darrenr@pwtransit.ca](mailto:darrenr@pwtransit.ca) or call 250-339-5453 to confirm your school group pass and for information planning your trip.
- **\*\*\*2021 Covid protocols-** there is a max bus ridership of 30 people. To ensure there is space contact Darren Richards to view average ridership for your planned route and time. All riders must be wearing a mask at all times while on the bus.

### **Application Process**

1. Teachers call or email requesting bus service a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the field trip travel date: e: [darrenr@pwtransit.ca](mailto:darrenr@pwtransit.ca) | t: 250.339.5436 and including the following information:
  - # of people travelling
  - Route number
2. Teachers will receive a letter via email that they will **print off and show the transit driver on the day of the trip.**
3. Teachers will pay **\$30 cash to the cash box** on the bus (bills or change are fine). The return trip is included in the cost

