2026/27 Comox Valley School Group Transit Pass: Low-Cost Transportation for Field Trips

The Comox Valley Regional District in partnership with School District's 71 & 93 is pleased to offer the School Group Transit Pass Program, which provides classes with the opportunity to experience the Comox Valley Transit System at a reduced rate for the purpose of traveling to and from field trips.

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. With this knowledge and experience, we hope that students will support sustainable forms of transportation and understand their 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's No. 71 & 93, as well as private schools within the Comox Valley.

How to Participate: 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 trips must take place within the system's off-peak hours of 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Visit Comox Valley Region Bus Schedules & Route Maps | BC Transit to view the transit schedule.

Number of students: Maximum 30 people (including students and chaperones).

How to book: Please email the travel date, class size (max 30) and the times/bus route to Peggy.Fergusson@keolis.ca or call 250-339-5426. First come first serve. Please contact Peggy directly to confirm your school group pass, how you will be paying: cash or cheque, space availability, and trip planning consultation.

Cost:

- Students 12 years old and under are **FREE**. Teachers and chaperones pay **$2.75** each transit trip, or **$5.50** for a day pass (unlimited trips that day). Put exact cash fare in the cash box (no change provided) for all teachers and chaperones. Alternately, each teacher and chaperone may pay with UMO or contactless method, individually.

- If students are 13 years or older, standard fare is **$2.75** per student and chaperone per trip, or **$30 for a RETURN School Group Transit Pass** paid in cash (put exact group fare into the cash box of the bus – no change provided) or mail cheque to Comox Valley Regional District and note: **01-2-780-076** in the memo. Thirty people (13+ years) would normally cost $165 return, so it's a significant cost savings to use the group rate.

Need help planning your trip? Use the trip planning tools at Comox Valley Region Buses & Public Transit Systems | BC Transit Once you have an idea of the date/times, please contact Michael to confirm your class transit trip (Peggy.Fergusson@keolis.ca or 250-339-5426).