

Fare Change Notice: YouthPASS discontinued effective April 1, 2016

BC Transit is the Crown Corporation responsible for coordinating the delivery of public transportation throughout the province of British Columbia. For the Victoria Regional Transit System, the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC) is responsible for making decisions on service levels, budgets and fares.

The VRTC amended the fare structure effective April 1, 2016. **One impact is the elimination of the YouthPASS program.** The decision was based on the following reasons:

- **Equality:**
 - Only families with the ability to pay a minimum of 6 months in advance were eligible for the program.
- **Administrative Burden:**
 - BC Transit incurs overtime expenses to serve the demand of the program; losing the capacity to manage any other fare programs.
- **Availability:**
 - BC Transit's Head Office and participating schools are the only locations to purchase a Youth Pass.

Some important information to understand:

- As of April 1, 2016 the YouthPASS program was cancelled. BC Transit will no longer be offering this program.
- Existing YouthPASSES will be honoured until the expiry date listed on the pass.
- If lost, existing YouthPASSES can be replaced for a fee of \$25. The expiry date on the pass cannot be changed.
- The Youth/Senior monthly bus pass can be purchased as a replacement product. It costs \$45 per month and can be purchased from more than 150 bus pass vendors within the Greater Victoria area. Please visit bctransit.com/victoria/fares to view our vendor locations.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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