



News Release

Council Approves Regional Bus Service

ABBOTSFORD January 14, 2014 - Abbotsford City Council gave approval last night for a new bus service that will connect the residents of Abbotsford with Chilliwack, Langley and Metro Vancouver, announced Mayor Bruce Banman today.

“Abbotsford needs to plan today for the increase in population forecast for our region,” said Banman. “Transportation is a key part of that process and it is important we continue to work closely with our partners in other communities to support initiatives like this one.”

In addition to supporting local economies, the new bus service will also increase access to regional facilities such as University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre, law courts and entertainment facilities.

“This new service will improve transportation options for a wide variety of residents, including seniors and students. It will also help in reducing the number of cars on the road, which supports the protection of our fragile Fraser Valley airshed,” said Banman. “It is important that we continue to promote green-transportation options for our residents.”

The bus service is expected to begin in 2015 and will connect people from Chilliwack to Langley's Carvolth Transit Exchange, which connects Valley residents to TransLink services. FVRD officials will work on determining final fare structures, schedule development and potential bus routes in the coming months.

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