

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee
From: Barclay Pitkethly, Director of Regional Programs

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Subject: BC Transit Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to request the Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure that the Fraser Valley be represented on the BC Transit Board of Directors.

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider selecting a political representative, either the FVRD Chair or a Mayor, to apply to the BC Transit Board of Directors for the Lieutenant Governor in Council's consideration.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship
Foster a Strong & Diverse Economy
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community
Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

PRIORITIES

Priority #2 Air & Water Quality
Priority #4 Tourism

BACKGROUND

At a previous Regional and Corporate Services Committee, the question was noted that the BC Transit Board did not include representation from the Fraser Valley. This report attempts to explain the legislative requirement of the BC Transit Board as well as the current makeup and opportunities for Fraser valley representation.

DISCUSSION

The BC Transit Board of Directors is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to hold office as a director of the Board. The Lieutenant Governor in Council must appoint:

- (a) 2 individuals who are members of the regional transit commission for the greater Victoria metropolitan area established under section 25,
- (b) 2 individuals each of whom is
 - (i) a mayor of a municipality that has a transit service agreement, or

(ii) a chair of a regional district that has a transit service agreement, and

(c) 3 other individuals.

Currently, the Board consists of six members, four of which hail from the greater Victoria area, while two represent Kelowna and Terrace. The Board's membership is currently:

Name:	Location:	Position:	By order:	Expiry:
Brice, Susan M.	Victoria	Director	OIC 91/09, February 27, 2009	At Pleasure
Cairns, Kelly Andrew	Kelowna	Director	OIC 138/06, March 9, 2006	At Pleasure
Hamilton, Carol L.	Colwood	Director	OIC 494/12, June 22, 2012	At Pleasure
Holt, Catherine Mary	Victoria	Chair	Board 495/17, December 8, 2017	At Pleasure
Leclerc, Carol Joan	Terrace	Director	OIC 410/15, July 14, 2015	At Pleasure
Milne, Wendal	Sooke	Director	Board 493/17, December 8, 2017	At Pleasure

Susan M. Brice, elected Councillor of Saanich since 2005, and Carol Hamilton, elected Mayor of Colwood in 2011, and Carol Leclerc elected as Mayor of Terrace are the elected officials representation on the Board. As per legislation, it seems the Saanich and Colwood representatives are appointed to represent the regional transit commission for the greater Victoria area, while the Mayor of Terrace is the lone representative for local government for the remainder of the province. According to the legislature, the Board is one local government representative short of its required appointments.

COST

There are no costs to the Fraser Valley Regional District with this report.

CONCLUSION

Based on the legislation and the makeup of the current Board, now would be an ideal time to seek representation on the BC Transit Board of Directors to protect the interests of the residents of the Fraser Valley.

There is currently one opening available on the BC Transit Board; attached is information pertaining to the appointment to the BC Transit Board of Directors.

COMMENTS BY:

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Not available for comment.

Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.