

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

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 greenhouse gas emissions 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 for one 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 limit the total number of people travelling by transit to 35.
- Please note that travel approval may only be available for trips taking place within the system's off-peak hours of 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.
- Visit bctransit.com or call 250-339-5453 for information about transit routes.

Application Process

1. Teachers call or email the Comox Valley Transit operating company requesting bus service a minimum of 2 business days in advance of the field trip travel date.
e: watsonandash@shaw.ca | t: 250.339.5426 and including the following information:
 - # of people travelling
 - Route number
 - Time of departure and return trip
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 fare box on the bus (bills or change are fine). The return trip is included in the cost.