



CITY OF
PRINCE GEORGE

FREE TRANSIT FARES POLICY

POLICY NAME: FREE TRANSIT FARES

CATEGORY: Environment
APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 2017/07/24
DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Planning and Development
Sustainable Community Development Division

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy offering free transit fares on Prince George's transit systems for the transit promotions listed below.

POLICY:

The following policy reduces transit cash fares to zero on the Prince George transit systems (conventional, community and custom transit) annually for the following promotions:

1. Clean Air Day, once a year annually for all riders;
2. On general voting days for all riders for General Local Elections; Referendum/Assent Voting; Federal or Provincial Elections; and By-Elections (*An election held to fill a vacancy in an elected local government office*)
3. For the whole week during Bike to School and Work Week for registered participants, with the presentation of their bike helmet to drivers;
4. During Food for Fare promotions with the donation of a non-perishable food item upon boarding;
5. On National Seniors Day (October 1st), for persons 65 or over with valid I.D.; and
6. Upon request for any class in School District no. 57, as well as private schools within the City of Prince George, limited to:
 - a. Trips along regularly scheduled routes, during off-peak hours (between 9am and 2:30pm)
 - b. A maximum of two trips per class per year
 - c. A maximum of 35 people travelling on any one trip (including adult helpers)
 - d. Travelers with a valid approval issued in writing by the responsible Department.
7. This policy does not apply to the Bulkley Nechako Regional Transit System.
8. This policy does not apply to advanced voting days for General Local Elections; Referendum/Assent Voting; Federal or Provincial Elections; or By-Elections (*An election held to fill a vacancy in an elected local government office*)
9. Annual budgetary impacts associated with this promotion will be accounted for in Transit Budget
10. Utilization of free transit promotions by riders will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis

The General Manager of Planning and Development or their designate is authorized to prepare the approvals necessary to administer the provisions of this Program, and to develop, establish, implement and maintain Administrative Procedures and amendments thereto. The City Manager is authorized to approve amendments to the Administrative Procedure as may be required.