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PENTICTON WELCOMES CLEANER, GREENER, BUS FLEET

PENTICTON, B.C. – BC Transit’s President and CEO Manuel Achadinha unveiled the newest addition to the local transit fleet with Penticton’s Mayor Dan Ashton, and Penticton MLA Bill Barisoff today. Penticton residents were able to view the first of eight new 2009 Nova LFS buses that will replace the old fleet by the end of this year.

“It’s our goal to build healthier, more livable communities,” said Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO of BC Transit. “As leaders in identifying cleaner transit solutions, this bus demonstrates how BC Transit continually works to provide communities like Penticton with innovative, efficient and sustainable transportation options.”

“Penticton has continued to be proactive in addressing our transit needs,” said Penticton’s Mayor Dan Ashton. “With the addition of these new buses we welcome their versatility and their low environmental footprint in our community.”

The new 2009 Nova LFS bus is 40-feet long, accommodates up to 2 wheelchairs, is air-conditioned, diesel-powered and carries up to 76 passengers (standing and seated). Compared to the former fleet, eight 1992 New Flyer buses, the 2009 Nova LFS emits less greenhouse gases and is more fuel efficient.

“The current bus fleet is now close to 20 years old and this new investment will ensure that Penticton transit users can continue to enjoy accessible and reliable transportation, that is also more environmentally friendly,” says Penticton MLA Bill Barisoff.

Funding of the local transit system is cost-shared between the City of Penticton and BC Transit.

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