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VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION APPROVES FARE INCREASES AND EXPANSION PLAN EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

VICTORIA, B.C. – On February 8, the Victoria Regional Transit Commission approved a tariff strategy effective April 1, 2010 and a three-year expansion plan for the Victoria Regional Transit System.

After public consultation and consideration by the Commission, cash fares will increase by 25 cents for adult, senior and youth fares. Monthly passes increase by about nine per cent. Subsequent monthly pass increases were also approved for the next two years. Fares were last increased in 2007.

The Commission also approved the expansion plan for the next three years. An additional 50,000 service hours will be implemented, less than half of what was initially proposed.

"After consulting the public, we decided to take a more conservative approach with the overall transit funding strategy," said Mayor Christopher Causton, Chair of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission. "The incremental fare increases, along with a moderated expansion plan, will help meet the funding requirements of the system."

A property tax lift was also approved to about \$7 per household.

More information on the Victoria Regional Transit System can be found at www.bctransit.com.

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Table: Tariff Structure, as of April 1, 2010

Fares	Current	April 1, 2010
Adult		
Cash	\$2.25	\$2.50
Tickets (10)	\$20.25	\$22.50
DayPASS	\$7.00	\$7.75
Senior 65 + with valid ID		
Cash	\$1.40	\$1.65
Tickets (10)	\$12.60	\$15.00
DayPASS	\$5.00	\$5.50
Youth 6 to 18		
Cash	\$1.40	\$1.65
Tickets (10)	\$12.60	\$15.00
YouthPASS (Minimum 6 months)	\$28.00	\$35.00
DayPASS	\$5.00	\$5.50
Child 5 and under	Free	Free
handyDART		
handyDART Cash	\$2.25	\$2.50
handyDART Tickets (10)	\$20.25	\$22.50
Other		
ProPASS	\$29.02 (bi-weekly)	\$31.69 (bi-weekly)
College Monthly Pass	\$65.25	\$72.00

Monthly Passes	Current	April 1, 2010	April 1, 2011	April 1, 2012
Adult	\$73.25	\$80.00	\$82.50	\$85
Senior 65 +	\$42.00	\$46.00	\$49	\$52
Youth 6 to 18	\$42.00	\$46.00	\$49	\$52
handyDART	\$73.25	\$80.00	\$82.50	\$85
U-PASS (4-month)	\$73.25	\$80.00	\$82.50	\$85

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