



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Boardroom

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
	<u>AGENDA – OCTOBER 8, 2020</u>	Approve
	<u>Supplementary Agenda</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
2-4	Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2019	Adopt
	<u>REPORTS</u>	
5	Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator – Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Funding Communication Update	Receive
6-17	Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator – Rider’s Survey Report: Compilation of Data – 2017 to 2019	Receive
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
18	Town of Smithers – Exploration of Three Expansion Options	Receive
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**(Committee Of The Whole)****Thursday, September 5, 2019**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Tom Greenaway
	Directors	Gladys Atrill Shane Brienen Mark Fisher Clint Lambert Brad Layton Linda McGuire Mark Parker Bev Playfair Jerry Petersen Michael Riis-Christianson Gerry Thiessen Kim Watt-Senner
	Directors Absent	Dolores Funk, Village of Burns Lake Rob Newell, Electoral Area "G" (Houston Rural)
	Staff	Curtis Helgesen, Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services Debbie Evans, Agriculture Coordinator – arrived at 1:10 p.m. John Illes, Chief Financial Officer Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning – arrived at 1:10 p.m. Deneve Vanderwolf, Planning Technician/Regional Transit Coordinator Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant
	Others	Dave Christie, EDO, Village of Fraser Lake Melany Helmer, CAO, District of Fort St. James
	Via Tele- Conference	Brenda Anderson, Financial Officer, Village of Granisle Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Transit Branch, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure Debbie Joujan, CAO, Village of Telkwa Jim Martin, CAO, Regional District Fraser-Fort George Rob Ringma, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit Tiina Schaeffer, Manager of Sustainable Community Development and Transit, City of Prince George Aaron Thompson, Transit Planner, BC Transit
	Media	Blair McBride, Lakes District News
	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Chair Greenaway called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
	<b><u>AGENDA</u></b>	Moved by Director Layton Seconded by Director McGuire
	<b><u>RTC. 2019-2-1</u></b>	"That the Regional Transit Committee Agenda for September 5, 2019 be adopted."
	(All/Directors/Majority)	<b><u>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u></b>

**MINUTES****Regional Transit Committee  
Minutes – March 7, 2019**

Moved by Director Thiessen  
Seconded by Director Layton

**RTC.2019-2-2**

“That the Regional Transit Committee Minutes of March 7, 2019 be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS****Closed Circuit Television  
(CCTV) Cameras**

Moved by Director McGuire  
Seconded by Director Layton

**RTC.2019-2-3**

“That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator’s August 19, 2019 memo titled “Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Fort St. James Intercommunity  
Transit Feasibility Review**

Moved by Director Playfair  
Seconded by Director Layton

**RTC.2019-2-4**

“That the Regional Transit Committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako direct staff to work with BC Transit and the RDBN Finance Department in regard to the Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit Feasibility Review.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chair Greenaway brought forward concerns in regard to the costs of a Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit system. Director Playfair mentioned that the District of Fort St. James Council considered the Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit Feasibility Review at its last council meeting and concerns were raised in regard to the minimal time in Prince George and cost of the system. Rob Ringma, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit mentioned the review was conducted to determine interest in an intercommunity transit and provide preliminary information to local government. With interest shown he noted more work can be conducted and options reviewed to determine next steps.

Director McGuire questioned the Community Transportation Grant. Linda Harmon, Director, Strategic Outreach & Business Engagement, Transit Branch, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure mentioned that the current grant was for a three year term and there is discussion taking place at the Provincial level in regard to next steps but no decisions have been made. She noted that there may be an opportunity to speak with Andrew Brooke, Executive Director, Programs & Corporate Initiatives and Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy & Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure at the 2019 UBCM Convention.

**REPORTS (CONT'D)**

Director Thiessen spoke of Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake and Fort St. James working in the past to develop an intercommunity busing system and the opportunity to connect to the Highway 16 Transit system. He noted the importance of investigating all possible opportunities available in developing a Fort St. James Intercommunity Transit. Discussion took place in regard to the importance of investigating potential ridership and the capacity of the Highway 16 Transit system.

Historical Ridership

Moved by Director Lambert  
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-5

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's August 19, 2019 memo titled "Historical Ridership."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ridership

Moved by Director Riis-Christianson  
Seconded by Director Lambert

RTC.2019-2-6

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's August 19, 2019 memo titled "Ridership."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Director Brien  
Seconded by Director Layton

RTC.2019-2-7

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:23 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

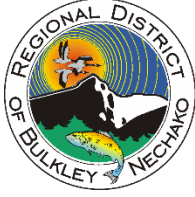
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Tom Greenaway, Chair

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Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo

**TO:** Chair Greenaway and Regional Transit Committee

**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator

**DATE:** October 8, 2020

**SUBJECT** Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Service Funding Communication Update

### RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

Receipt

### Funding Communication Update

In 2020 the following funding opportunities have been explored:

1. At the June Rural Directors meeting a memo was put forward asking Rural Directors to consider the following:

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee recommend to the Board that Bylaw No. 1790 be amended to include the entire Regional District as the Service Area and increase the maximum requisition amount in the bylaw to \$150,000.”

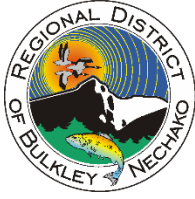
The resolution was discussed and the following was moved:

“That the Rural/Agriculture Committee defer Motion RDC.2020-5-7 to a future meeting in order to provide additional funding model options.”

2. Letter to City of Prince George asking to continue funding after 2021; a new draft five year agreement was also provided
3. Grant in Aid request to RDFFG Electoral Area C
4. Grant in Aid request to RDBN Rural Directors

Current 2020 Funding Partners contributing annually:

- |                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. City of Prince George   | \$50,000 |
| 2. Nadleh Whut'en          | \$1,250  |
| 3. Stellat'en First Nation | \$1,250  |
| 4. Lake Babine Nation      | \$5,000  |



## Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo

**TO:** Chair Greenaway and Regional Transit Committee

**FROM:** Deneve Vanderwolf, Planner 1/Regional Transit Coordinator

**DATE:** October 8, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Rider's Survey Report: Compilation of Data – 2017 to 2019

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### RECOMMENDATION

(all/directors/majority)

Receipt

### BACKGROUND

At the September 7, 2017 Rural Directors Committee meeting discussion took place regarding the need to identify the origin of persons using the bus service. Therefore, a rider's survey was conducted in the following months:

2017 November

2018 March

July

December

2019 May

November

This report compiles all six months of data. This information was also presented to the Rural Directors at the June 2020 Committee Meeting to assist in the discussion for rural participation in the service.

### ATTACHMENTS

Rider's Survey Report: Compilation of Data – 2017 to 2019

# Rider's Survey Report

Compilation of Data – 2017 to 2019

## Background

At the September 7, 2017 Rural Directors Committee meeting discussion took place regarding the need to identify the origin of persons using the bus service. Therefore, a rider's survey was conducted in the following months:

2017	November
2018	March
	July
	December
2019	May
	November

This report compiles all six months of data.

## Introduction

The main purpose of the survey was to learn where transit rider's primary residence is located. Additionally, four questions were asked to obtain more information on transit riders, and a space for comments was included.

1. Why are you riding the bus?
2. How often do you ride the Bulkley-Nechako Transit System?
3. What best describes your transit travel?
4. What age category best describes you?

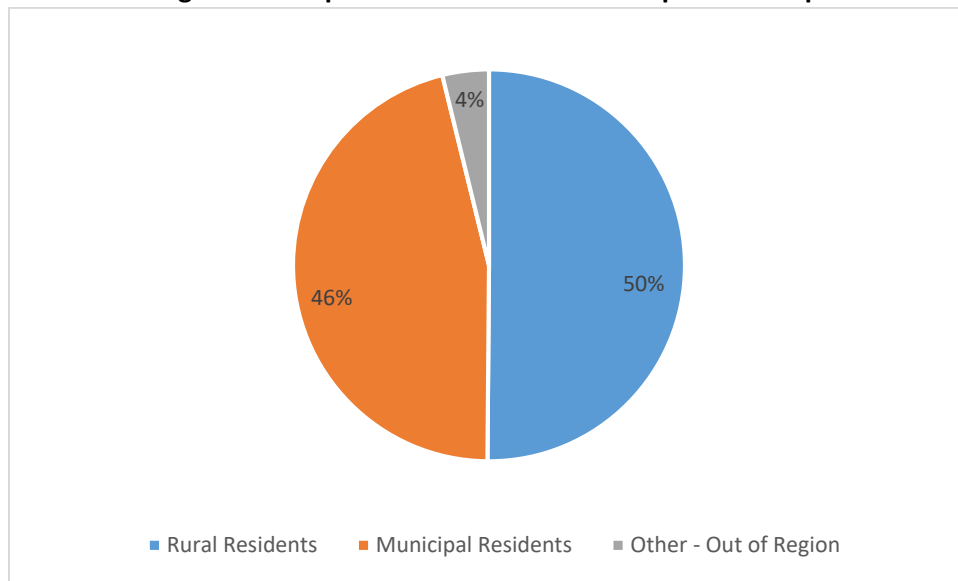
The following table summarizes survey participation. Total participation in the survey was good with an average of 23% of riders filling out the survey over the six different months it was offered.

**Table 1: Survey Participation**

Month	Number of Surveys	Total Ridership (161 & 162 Routes)	Percentage of riders that participated in the survey
November 2017	116	365	32%
March 2018	164	515	32%
July 2018	106	599	18%
December 2018	96	522	18%
May 2019	211	648	33%
November 2019	89	688	13%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>3337</b>	<b>23%</b>

## Who is Riding the Bus

**Figure 1: Comparison of Rural and Municipal Ridership**



Survey results indicate that rural ridership is slightly higher than municipal ridership. When ridership percentages are applied to actual ridership the following data can be inferred. Table 2 breaks down total ridership by year. Rural and municipal riders are based on the percentages of survey respondents.

**Table 2: Overall Ridership**

Year	Total Actual Riders	Rural Riders (50%)	Municipal (46%)	Other (4%)
2017	2,548	1,274	1,172	102
2018	6,779	3,390	3,118	271
2019	7,708	3,854	3,546	308
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,035</b>	<b>8,518</b>	<b>7,836</b>	<b>681</b>

By applying survey percentages to actual ridership, of the 17,035 people that have ridden the bus, we can estimate that 8,518 were from rural areas and 7,836 were from municipalities. The 681 other riders are survey respondents that indicated their primary residence was outside the borders of the RDBN.



## Rural Riders

The Rider's Survey has shown that riders from all electoral areas are represented. The data we receive from BC Transit is based on bus stops and does not provide information on where riders live. The majority of bus stops are located in the on corridor municipalities and BC Transit ridership data is based on ridership at these bus stops. The number of bus stops in rural areas are as follows:

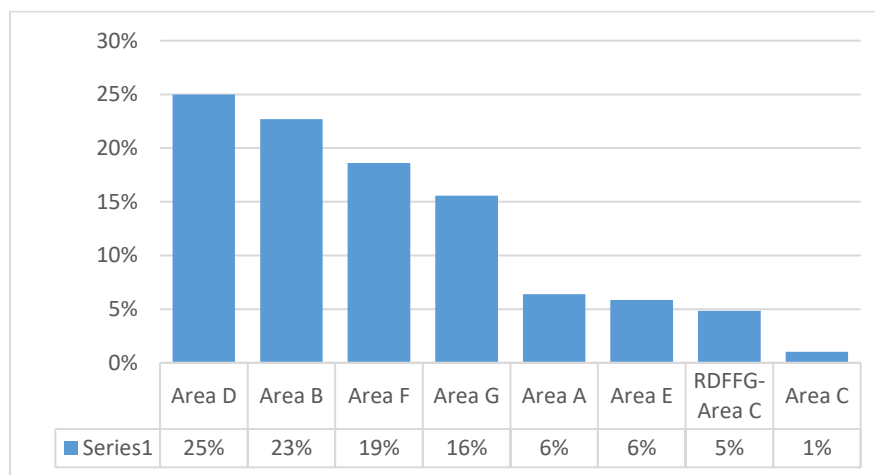
- Area D 4
- Area B 4
- Area F 1
- Area G 1
- Area A 1
- Area E 0
- Area C 0

We can not get an accurate picture of rural ridership from typical rider counts. The rider's survey collected data on where people's primary residence is located. Data collected indicate that 50% of riders are from rural areas. Table 3 breaks down survey data by electoral area. Figure 2 shows the percentages of riders and Table 4 uses the percentages to extrapolate ridership in electoral areas from actual ridership numbers.

**Table 3: Survey Results for Rural Riders**

Electoral Area	2017 November	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
Area D	12	22	13	12	24	15	<b>98</b>
Area B	21	29	9	16	11	3	<b>89</b>
Area F	16	15	4	6	26	6	<b>73</b>
Area G	17	10	17	1	10	6	<b>61</b>
Area A	3	12	3	1	4	2	<b>25</b>
Area E	2	6	3	1	6	5	<b>23</b>
RDFFG-Area C	2	12	3	0	1	1	<b>19</b>
Area C	2	2	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>

**Figure 2: Percentage of Rural Riders by Electoral Area**



**Table 4: Rural Riders 2017-2019 based on survey percentages**

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>Total Riders</b>
Area D	<b>2129</b>
Area B	<b>1959</b>
Area F	<b>1618</b>
Area G	<b>1363</b>
Area A	<b>511</b>
Area E	<b>511</b>
Area C	<b>85</b>

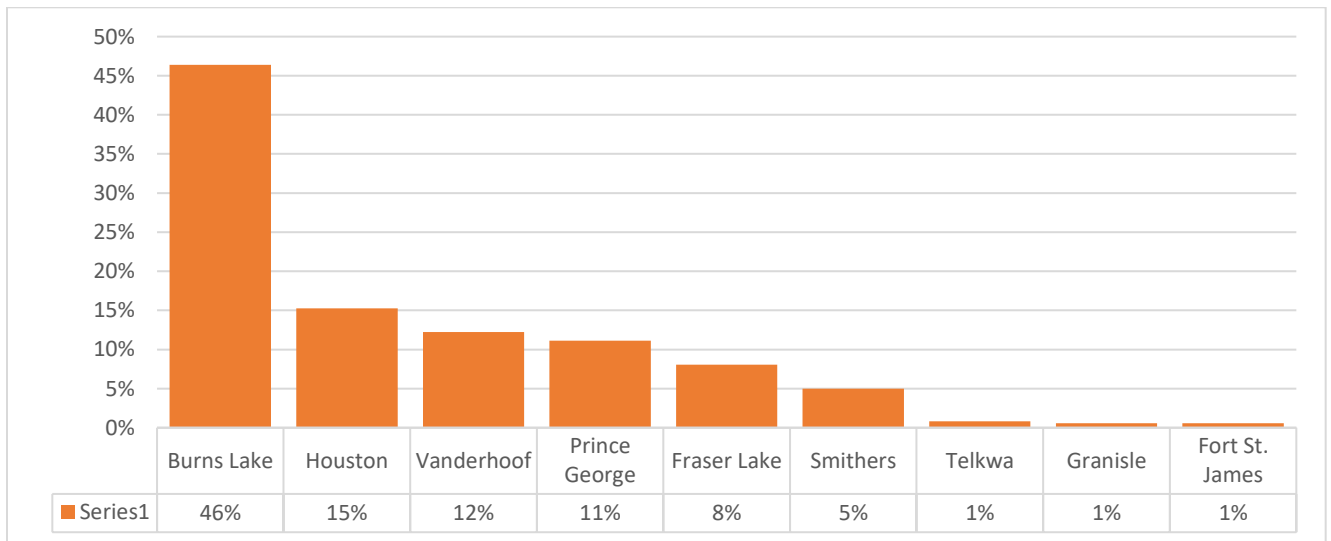
## Municipal Riders

Just as in the rural riders section, we see rider representation from all municipalities. Burns Lake has the highest numbers as it is the starting point for the bus and includes data for both the 161 and 162 routes. Table 5 breaks down survey data by municipality. Figure 3 show the percentages of riders and Table 6 uses the percentages to extrapolate total municipal ridership from actual ridership numbers.

**Table 5: Survey results for Municipal Riders**

Municipality	2017 November	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
Burns Lake	9	19	18	34	57	30	<b>167</b>
Houston	7	10	10	9	16	3	<b>55</b>
Vanderhoof	8	11	4	3	14	4	<b>44</b>
Prince George	4	5	9	2	13	7	<b>40</b>
Fraser Lake	4	5	5	5	5	5	<b>29</b>
Smithers	5	0	2	3	7	1	<b>18</b>
Telkwa	1	1	0	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Granisle	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
Fort St. James	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>

**Figure 3: Percentage of Municipal Riders by Municipality**



**Table 6: Municipal Riders 2017-2019 based on survey percentages**

Municipality	Total Riders
Burns Lake	3605
Houston	1175
Vanderhoof	940
Fraser Lake	627
Smithers	392
Telkwa	78
Granisle	78
Fort St. James	78

The following tables summarize the additional data that was collected in the six different months we did the survey.

**Table 6: Rider Frequency**

	2017 November	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
1-2 times per month	51	81	37	38	95	42	344
Less than once a month	35	52	38	30	56	25	236
Weekly	30	31	31	28	60	22	202

**Table 7: Riding Habits**

	2017 November	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
Return trip on the same day	58	67	34	49	101	45	354
Return trip on a future day	31	61	42	37	79	28	278
One-way trip	27	36	30	10	31	16	150

**Table 8: Age Demographics**

	2017 November	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
25-64 years	77	103	57	76	140	59	512
18-24 years	17	23	17	7	30	8	102
17 years and under	4	20	20	6	18	10	78
65 years and over	18	18	12	7	23	12	90

**Table 9: Reason for Travel**

	2017 November*	2018 March	2018 July	2018 December	2019 May	2019 October	Total
Visiting Friends and Family	0	64	35	26	50	27	202
Medical Appointment	0	32	23	20	46	34	155
Shopping	0	29	21	26	41	12	129
Other	0	15	6	12	15	5	53
Travel Connections	0	14	14	8	19	5	60
Work	0	8	7	4	30	4	53
School	0	2	0	0	10	2	14

\*This question was not asked on the November 2017 survey

## BC Transit Ridership Data

The following tables include actual ridership provided by BC Transit. BC Transit data counts riders getting on at designated bus stops. The data in these tables are organized by Electoral Area, First Nation, and Municipality. Numbers include multiple bus stops. Individual bus stop information is available by request.

### 2017 Ridership

Municipality/Electoral Area	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-18	2017 Totals
<b>Route 161 Burns Lake - Prince George</b>							
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural							
Wet'suwet'en First Nation	10	8	6	12	17	14	67
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	71	64	69	66	48	99	417
Electoral Area "D" Fraser Lake Rural							
Stellat'en First Nation/Nadleh Whut'en	12	25	22	24	18	26	127
Fraser Lake	18	13	7	26	25	29	118
Vanderhoof/Saik'uz First Nation	49	52	45	52	51	48	297
RDFFG - Electoral Area "C" Beaverly	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Prince George	101	154	139	158	115	145	812
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1841</b>
<b>Average per day</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Route 162 Burns Lake - Smithers</b>							
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural							
Wet'suwet'en First Nation	0	2	0	10	1	5	18
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	22	15	14	14	16	16	97
Electoral Area "G" Houston Rural	0	1	1	1	1	3	7
Houston	71	56	31	52	35	45	290
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	1	0	4	0	0	0	5
Telkwa	5	2	2	1	6	2	18
Smithers	54	47	38	53	31	49	272
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>707</b>
<b>Average passengers per day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>162 Midday Run- Departs Smithers 11:30 am Departs Houston at 1:00 pm</b>							
Houston	18	16	2	14	9	8	67
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telkwa	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Smithers	21	11	16	12	10	10	80
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Average passengers per day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## 2018 Ridership

<b>Route 161 Burns Lake - Prince George</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>	<b>Feb-18</b>	<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>Apr-18</b>	<b>May-18</b>	<b>Jun-18</b>	<b>Jul-18</b>	<b>Aug-18</b>	<b>Sep-18</b>	<b>Oct-18</b>	<b>Nov-18</b>	<b>Dec-18</b>
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	21	13	17	13	26	11	18	17	20	25	28	13
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	81	63	91	56	109	97	117	72	94	122	88	90
Electoral Area "D" Fraser Lake Rural Stellat'en First Nation/Nadleh Whut'en	24	24	39	34	61	29	30	24	35	37	47	28
Fraser Lake	30	23	22	23	38	23	36	19	16	24	21	22
Vanderhoof/Saik'uz First Nation	40	34	41	34	32	65	47	72	47	50	51	38
RDFFG - Electoral Area "C" Beverly Prince George	2	2	4	1	3	1	0	4	0	2	4	2
	163	140	180	145	222	184	185	160	152	200	234	181
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>374</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Route 162 Burns Lake - Smithers</b>												
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	20	6	9	7	8	5	8	1	0	0	7	0
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	34	20	12	12	22	19	8	34	7	17	20	25
Electoral Area "G" Houston Rural Houston	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	3	6	0	1
	87	35	54	73	96	86	70	71	86	82	84	66
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural Telkwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	0	4	2	1	2	4	9	0	1	1	0
Smithers	83	33	41	66	84	83	71	73	70	69	78	56
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>162 Midday Run-</b> Departs Smithers 11:30 am Departs Houston at 1:00 pm												
Houston	7	10	28	18	16	25	17	18	43	19	29	19
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural Telkwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Smithers	18	11	10	17	22	31	25	16	21	17	17	17
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

## 2019 Ridership

<b>Route 161 Burns Lake - Prince George</b>	<b>Jan-19</b>	<b>Feb-19</b>	<b>Mar-19</b>	<b>Apr-19</b>	<b>May-19</b>	<b>Jun-19</b>	<b>Jul-19</b>	<b>Aug-19</b>	<b>Sep-19</b>	<b>Oct-19</b>	<b>Nov-19</b>	<b>Dec-19</b>
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Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	98	83	102	115	81	87	132	78	115	123	166	132
Electoral Area "D" Fraser Lake Rural Stellat'en First Nation/Nadleh Whut'en	26	16	50	29	37	30	35	12	42	41	26	48
Fraser Lake	27	16	14	12	14	22	22	17	20	39	31	35
Vanderhoof/Saik'uz First Nation	54	46	48	41	73	49	67	36	54	73	61	56
RDFFG - Electoral Area "C" Beverly Prince George	2	0	3	2	3	3	7	2	6	2	4	1
	206	108	197	194	203	191	219	101	169	212	244	222
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Route 162 Burns Lake - Smithers</b>												
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	0	4	6	3	6	7	1	1	3	3	4	2
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	18	19	28	26	32	51	10	4	8	14	31	20
Electoral Area "G" Houston Rural	3	4	5	2	1	13	1	0	0	0	2	3
Houston	95	65	80	91	103	73	108	32	94	78	136	104
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	6	17	2
Telkwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	4	3
Smithers	99	69	91	144	85	81	111	48	98	83	131	93
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>162 Midday Run-</b> <small>Departs Smithers 11:30 am Departs Houston at 1:00 pm</small>												
Houston	24	15	18	27	16	16	31	9	17	16	30	13
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telkwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Smithers	30	22	38	38	34	37	34	14	19	36	53	22
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>



## 2020 Ridership

Route 161 Burns Lake - Prince George	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	9	10	9	0	3	4	9	5				
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	93	97	71	23	41	61	58	39				
Electoral Area "D" Fraser Lake Rural Stellat'en First Nation/Nadleh Whut'en	44	42	47	25	17	28	12	19				
Fraser Lake	25	26	17	4	16	16	27	7				
Vanderhoof/Saik'uz First Nation	62	58	32	13	38	45	52	28				
RDFFG - Electoral Area "C" Beaverly	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				
Prince George	190	197	152	47	83	120	100	72				
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Route 162 Burns Lake - Smithers</b>												
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	1				
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	10	11	19	7	4	14	18	4				
Electoral Area "G" Houston Rural	3	5	12	10	2	5	14	5				
Houston	77	107	66	46	50	93	81	46				
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	2	7	1	2	6	11	4	0				
Telkwa	3	3	0	3	1	0	2	3				
Smithers	70	105	57	45	43	67	75	38				
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>162 Midday Run- Departs Smithers 11:30 am Departs Houston at 1:00 pm</b>												
Houston	16	27	15	17	12	32	42	15				
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Telkwa	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0				
Smithers	22	23	31	23	7	16	10	10				
<b>Total Passenger Boardings</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Average boardings per day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



February 13, 2020

FILE: 8500-01

VIA EMAIL: [Lindsay\\_taylor@bctransit.ca](mailto:Lindsay_taylor@bctransit.ca)

Ms. Lindsay Taylor  
Manager  
Government Relations  
BC Transit

Dear Ms. Taylor:

**RE: Exploration of Three Expansion Options**

At its Regular Meeting held February 11, 2020, Council received the January 20, 2020, Smithers and District Transit Committee minutes and made the following motion, based on the recommendation of the Committee:

*THAT Council requests BC Transit to begin exploring the following expansion options: a) Smithers/Houston weekday commuter service; b) service to Two Mile Mailboxes (Route 23 Witset); and c) a new local route in Smithers, to incorporate key areas.*

Council wants to be clear that it is not committing to implementing the above options at this time.

Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the BC Transit planning department, to begin the exploration process.

Yours truly,

Alan Harris  
Chief Administrative Officer

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c: Village of Telkwa, Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Witset Band, Smithers Community Services Association, and District of Houston