



REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO

**NANAIMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL EVENTS SHUTTLE FOR THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce request for Transit for Special Events be approved to provide transit shuttle service for the summer Thursday Night market, ending September 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

The Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce has provided a letter, Attachment 1, requesting that Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Transit provide transit shuttle services from a park & ride location at the Nanaimo North Town Centre, to the Thursday Night Market on Commercial St, Nanaimo, until September 1, 2022. This event is one of outstanding importance and popularity for the Chamber of Commerce. Providing an alternative transportation option helps build habits in seeking alternative transportation as well as reduces greenhouse gases (GHG). This shuttle would require one transit vehicle and operator from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm to travel between Nanaimo North Town Centre (park & ride location) to downtown Nanaimo (Commercial St). This shuttle service would be provided within the RDN Transit service area of the City of Nanaimo and is for an event that is open to the general public.

This event request for shuttle service meets the criteria of the RDN's Policy C3-01 (2017), '*Use of Buses for Special Events*', Attachment 2.

While the attached letter from the Chamber is dated in June, staff and the Chamber have been exchanging information for some time, culminating in an agreement in early July. Due to the short timeline, staff brought this report directly to the Board for consideration (rather than the Transit Select Committee) for approval of the events starting July 14 until September 1, 2022.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Chamber of Commerce has requested one (1) RDN Transit bus and operator for four (4) hours of service (4:30pm-8:30pm) for each Thursday night through the summer until September 1, 2022, at a cost of not more than \$600 per event day.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

This recommendation advances the strategic plan priority by reducing greenhouse gases, providing a green alternative for public events.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

- D. Marshall, Manager, Transit Operations
- D. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Chamber of Commerce Public Transit Request Summer 2022
2. Policy C3-01 Use of Buses for Special Events (June 2017)