

2025 PLUS 55 BC GAMES SHUTTLE REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Regional District of Nanaimo Transportation Services to provide transit shuttle service for the 2025 Plus 55 BC Games for a maximum of four events between September 9 and September 13, 2025. The total cost charged to the 2025 Plus 55 BC Games will not exceed \$6,000.

BACKGROUND

The 2025 Plus 55 BC Games Transportation Committee has requested the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) provide transit shuttle service for participants and others for four events during the games within the City of Nanaimo (Attachment 1).

The 2025 Plus 55 BC Games Transportation Committee's request includes shuttle services for the following events:

1. September 10: Opening Ceremonies at Serauxman Stadium. Two (2) conventional Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses shuttling from Beban Park and Downtown Nanaimo to Serauxman Stadium for a total of eight (8) hours.
2. September 10: Sponsors Reception at the Nanaimo Museum following the Opening Ceremonies requiring two (2) CNG buses from Serauxman Stadium to Downtown Nanaimo for a total of two (2) hours.
3. September 11: Participant Special Event at the Nanaimo Conference Centre requiring one (1) CNG bus providing shuttles between the Conference Centre and Beban Park for a total of eight (8) hours.
4. September 12: Passing of the Flag event at the Nanaimo Conference Centre requiring one (1) CNG bus to provide shuttles between Beban Park and the Conference Centre and return for a total of eight (8) hours.

The four events requested for shuttle service meet the below criteria of the RDN's Policy C3-01, 'Use of Buses for Special Events' (Attachment 2):

- The event is community oriented and open to participation by all members of the public.
- The event is held within the Transit service area.

This shuttle service will help the Plus 55 BC Games and the public spectators and supporters, encourage mass transit as an alternative to personal automobiles and help reduce greenhouse gases in the region, supporting the Board's strategic plan.

Regular transit service will take priority over the provision of shuttle service for these events. However, as the events fall within the summer transit schedule, which typically operates with reduced service levels, we do not anticipate any challenges in accommodating this request and maintaining regular RDN transit service.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025 Plus 55 BC Games request for six (6) buses and operators to support four (4) events between September 9–13, 2025, is expected to result in a financial impact not exceeding \$6,000, based on an estimated 40 transit service hours. There is no cost to the RDN to provide this service. RDN staff will consult with BC Transit to explore any further cost-saving measures that could benefit the 2025 Plus 55 BC Games.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Managing Impacts of Climate Change - Shift to more environmentally sustainable modes of transportation to help achieve provincial objectives and regional targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 Plus 55 BC Games Transportation Committee Request
2. Policy C3-01 Use of Buses for Special Events (June 2017)