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SERVICE CHANGES IN NELSON TO INCLUDE NEW EVENING TRIP TO BALFOUR, ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS

NELSON, B.C. – To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the transit system, BC Transit customers in Nelson will see a number of schedule and route changes starting Monday, November 14.

"We are working on a regional strategy and looking at how Nelson fits within the overall system," said John Dooley, Nelson Mayor. "It's been 20 years since we've reviewed transit. Council is committed to working with the community, BC Transit and our regional partners to find efficient, long-term solutions that will work for all of us."

"BC Transit is dedicated to providing an effective and sustainable transit service that offers value to all our customers and the community in Nelson," said Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO of BC Transit.

Service changes include a new 10 North Shore run to Balfour. The last trip will now leave Downtown Nelson at 8:40 p.m. and arrive at Balfour at 9:25 p.m. Of this extended service, Electoral Area F Director Ron Mickel said, "We are pleased with the opportunity to provide improved access to centralized service and employment for our rural populations."

To achieve efficiency in the overall system, a number of routes have also been adjusted:

- 3 Rosemont – route will continue on Observatory and no longer serve Perrier Road
- 2 Fairview – route will continue on Gordon and no longer serve Radio Avenue
- Waldorf run is discontinued

Other minor schedule changes can be found on board in the new Rider's Guide or at www.bctransit.com.

Funding for the Nelson Transit System is cost shared among the City of Nelson, the Regional District of Central Kootenay and BC Transit. Decisions about fares, routes and service levels are made by the City of Nelson and the Regional District of Central Kootenay.