



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 30, 2020**

Date: January 24, 2020

From: Councillor Sharmarke Dubow, Ben Isitt, Jeremy Loveday and Sarah Potts

Subject: Advocacy for Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, the Union of BC Municipalities and member local governments, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Partnerships for Fare-Free Public Transit

WHEREAS equitable access to mobility is fundamental to full and meaningful participation in local communities, including access to education, employment, services, recreation, culture and community life;

AND WHEREAS emissions from transportation generate a majority of community-based emissions in many communities, meaning that changes in transportation options have the potential to have a substantial impact in reducing green-house gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS forward-looking jurisdictions around the world from Kingston, Ontario to Kansas City, Missouri, to Luxembourg and Estonia are eliminating user-fee barriers to public transit ridership, with residents paying for transit services through the tax system rather than at the fare box;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia work with local governments to introduce fare-free public transit services where communities support the elimination of user-fee barriers to public transit ridership.

Respectfully submitted,

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