



## NEWS RELEASE

### New Bus, More Transit Service in Quesnel

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**QUESNEL, BC** – Residents of the Quesnel community joined the City of Quesnel and other partners to celebrate the launch of expanded transit service.

Beginning September 8, 2008, the expanded services made possible through funding from the provincial Transit Plan, will provide new service to North Fraser Drive and Baker Drive areas, as well as increased service to North Quesnel and the North Cariboo Community Campus. The provincial funding also provides an additional bus for the fleet.

The Province of BC is providing \$156,100 to support the improved service including \$45,000 for operating costs and \$111,100 to purchase the bus. The City of Quesnel will contribute an additional \$37,000, with passenger fares and other revenues contributing the remainder.

"The expanded service is the result of excellent partnerships between the City of Quesnel and BC Transit," said Mayor Nate Bello. "These transit system improvements will have a positive impact on our community, providing much needed transportation without putting more cars on the road, resulting in a greener, healthier community to be enjoyed by all."

"BC Transit's vision is to link communities, businesses and people's lifestyles," said BC Transit CEO Manuel Achadinha. "Any time we introduce new or improved services it provides people the opportunity to use transit to and from work, school or recreation and it provides people a way to be part of the climate change solution."

This year marks the largest province-wide expansion in BC Transit's history. Over 140,000 hours of expanded service is being implemented in 20 communities throughout British Columbia. Quesnel is one of the communities receiving additional hours of service.

Quesnel Transit is a partnership between the City of Quesnel and BC Transit, the agency responsible for the planning and management of transit systems throughout British Columbia. The Cariboo Regional District also provides funding towards the Quesnel Transit System. Five Five Transport is the operating company.

For more information about routes, schedules and fares visit [www.busonline.ca](http://www.busonline.ca), pick up a copy of the Rider's Guide on the bus or call 250-992-1109

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Reporter: The official name of the transit system is Quesnel Transit. BC Transit should be referenced as a funding partner.

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