

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

Re: Bus Traffic on Douglas Road and on Kitchener Street

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council forward copies of this report to Mr. D. Renwick, Manager, Burnaby Transit Centre, BC Transit, Mr. Scott Mitchell, 4005 Grant Street, Burnaby, and Mr. Eric Scott, President, Local 11, Independent Canadian Transit Union.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1998 May 12, adopted the attached report responding to correspondence from Mr. Scott Mitchell regarding bus traffic on Douglas Road and on Kitchener Street.

MEMBERS:

Mr. Lyle Boivin  
Mr. Raymond Lupien  
Mr. W.B. Roxburgh  
Ms. L. Tatangelo

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans  
Chair

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Vice Chair

Councillor N. Volkow  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS 1998 MAY 07  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
(Transportation and Transit Division)

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 8.211

**SUBJECT: BUS TRAFFIC ON DOUGLAS ROAD AND ON KITCHENER STREET**

**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence from Mr. Scott Mitchell regarding bus traffic on Douglas Road and on Kitchener Street.

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**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

At its regular meeting of 1998 March 11, the Traffic and Transportation Committee received correspondence from Mr. Scott Mitchell of 4005 Grant Street, Burnaby on the subject of the use of Douglas Road and Kitchener Street east of the Burnaby Transit Centre by BC Transit buses. In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Mitchell, the Committee requested a report from staff regarding the volume of buses using Kitchener Street and Douglas Road.

**2.0 CORRESPONDENT'S CONCERNS**

In his correspondence dated 1998 February 28, Mr. Mitchell notes that in the last two weeks of February, violations of the current agreement with BC Transit on bus use of Kitchener Street increased dramatically, including the following:

- Evening Usage - buses returning to the Burnaby Transit Centre until 9:00 pm on a regular weekday basis and occasionally later
- Weekend Usage - ten or more violations each weekend day
- Total Usage - more buses using Kitchener on a regular day than ever before

To determine the extent of violation of the current agreement with BC Transit, counts of transit vehicles on Kitchener Street were undertaken. An analysis of the current situation is provided for the information of the Committee as a basis to assess the correspondent's concerns and to determine the need for further action.

## 2.0 COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT AGREEMENT

### 2.1 Previous Monitoring

The current agreement with BC Transit permits buses to use Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays only. Buses are prohibited from using Kitchener outside of these hours on weekdays and at all times on weekends. To assess compliance with this agreement, in the fall of last year staff conducted 24 hour vehicle classification counts from Tuesday 1997 September 16 to Sunday 1997 September 21. The results (see *Table I*) showed that in the six day period, only eight of the 210 buses using the section of Kitchener Street from Ingleton to Douglas were not in compliance with the agreement with BC Transit, representing a rate of compliance of 96.2%.

TABLE 1

**BUS VOLUMES: SEPTEMBER 1997  
 KITCHENER STREET: DOUGLAS TO INGLETON  
 (Both Directions)**

TIME PERIOD	Tues. Mar 16	Wed. Mar 17	Thurs. Mar 18	Fri. Mar 19	Sat. Mar 21	Sun. Mar 21	Total:
Before 6:30 a.m.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	0	<i>1</i>	5
6:31 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	56	54	51	41	<i>1</i>	0	203
After 7:00 p.m.	0	0	<i>1</i>	0	<i>1</i>	0	2
Total:	57	55	52	42	2	1	210

Note: Buses in violation of the agreement are in **bold** typeface

**2.2 Current Monitoring**

Further vehicle classification counts were conducted in 1998 March to reassess the degree of compliance to the agreement relative to the observations of violations identified by the correspondent as occurring during the last two weeks of February. As shown in *Table 2* below, the results of these counts are almost identical with the results of the previous six day monitoring period undertaken in 1997 September.

**TABLE 2**  
**BUS VOLUMES: 1998 MARCH**  
**KITCHENER STREET: DOUGLAS TO INGLETON**  
**(Both Directions)**

TIME PERIOD	Tues. Mar 16	Wed. Mar 17	Thurs. Mar 18	Fri. Mar 19	Sat. Mar 20	Sun. Mar 21	Total:
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6:31 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	56	55	49	41	<b>1</b>	0	202
After 7:00 p.m.	0	0	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	3
Total:	57	56	51	43	2	1	210

Note: Buses in violation of the agreement are in **bold** typeface

With regard to the correspondent's observations, the recent counts covering a six day period show the following:

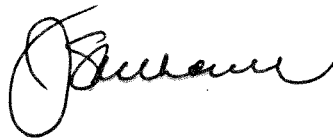
- Evening Usage - three buses were counted returning to the Burnaby Transit Centre after 7:00 p.m. in violation of the agreement.
- Weekend Usage - three buses were counted using Kitchener Street on the Saturday and Sunday.
- Total Daily Usage - daily bus volumes on Kitchener Street are equal to that of the previous monitoring period.

In summary, the results show little or no variation in bus usage of Kitchener Street

that would indicate any change in the level of compliance by BC Transit to the agreement. The recent monitoring of the agreement has shown only nine violations, for an overall rate of compliance of 95.7% which is marginally lower than the previous 96.2% attained in the 1997 September monitoring period.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis of bus volumes on Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas, it can be concluded that BC Transit, with few exceptions, is continuing to comply with the current agreement with the City on the use of Kitchener Street by buses. However, in appearing before the Committee at its 1997 June meeting, the Manager of the Burnaby Transit Centre extended a commitment to divert all buses away from Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas. As the transit vehicle counts show little progress in this direction, discussions with the Burnaby Transit Centre have been initiated by staff with a view to putting in place a process to further this objective.



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cc: City Manager

