Nanaimo Mid-Island Branch No. 600

Minutes Membership Meeting, Branch 600 DATE: November 10, 2026

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall*, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo*

1. Call to Order, *1:30 pm*

Roz Kennedy introduced our guest speaker

Today our Special Guest Speaker is Scott Myers, Manager of Transit Relations & Planning, at the Regional District of Nanaimo. He runs the transit service for the Regional District of Nanaimo. The service is more than just buses. The average household spends over $10,000 annually on transportation. In 1983 our regional system became part of BC Transit. Every bus is fully accessible. The system makes use of the latest technology. There is a shared use of resources across the province (except Translink in Vancouver). The RDN is in partnership with Cowichan Regional District.

VIU is a big user as are visitors to Nanaimo. Handi-Dart is another large user. Nanaimo now surpasses its pre-Covid numbers. There is a master plan to meet future growth. There is a need for good transit exchanges. Working on fare free program for teens. Working on improving Handi-dart and to scheduling and better reliability. Collecting data on riders' transportation uses and needs. This way they can better meet the needs of the region. Better best routes with better connections. Looking at an on-demand system with smaller buses going from local areas to transit hubs.

Battery electric buses are planned for the future. (4 in late February, 2027) Electronic fare system - UMO – is now available.

Contact Information – Scott Myers, Manager, Transit Relations & Planning Transportation Services 250-920-9527 or 1-800607-4111 smyers@rdn.bc.ca

Thanks to Scott who was presented with a notebook and pen.

2. Executive Roll Call:

√ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson
√ *Roz Kennedy* – 1st Vice-Chair/Programs
√*Kathy Torhjelm* – Secretary
_X *Warren McCormick* - Membership/Treasurer
√ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee
_*Vacant*– Director, Special Events

There were 17 in attendance.

3. Adoption of the Minutes from October 13th 2026. M/S Brian Wheaton/Roger Lytton. Correspondence.

4. Correspondence -
a) None

5. Treasurer Report – *Warren McCormick* – The bank balance is $4160.62

6. Membership Report – *Warren McCormick* – no report

7. Special Events - Preparation for the Christmas Dinner is in the works. The location will be Ricky's All Day Grill Nanaimo South, same as last year.

(Parking with no stairs at the front, facing the hwy. and there are handicapped spaces there)

Tickets will be $20 a person, members and non-members. Arrive at 11:45 with food ordered at noon off the seniors' menu.

Call Chris 250-816-1449 if you have any questions.

How does everyone feel about a Christmas sing-a-long? Is there anyone interested in leading or playing a musical instrument? There were no volunteers

Discussion on having a Valentine Lunch on February 9th. At the Hall, perhaps with an earlier start date - maybe 12:30. The hall is available. We will discuss further in January.

8. Guest Speakers – *Lea* Guest speakers confirmed for 2027

January - Rowena Narayan – ICBC

April – Dan Levitt- Provincial Seniors Advocate

May - Lydia and Halleigh – from the Credit Union - Estates

9. Unfinished Business:

Is there anyone willing to assist with meeting set ups, i.e. tables?

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10. New Business: none

12. Good and Welfare – Book Exchange to continue.

Reminder: To Purchase your Christmas Luncheon tickets. $20 a person.

One $30. Gift Card from Country Grocer will be drawn. (A mug may be provided as a second door prize, if over 15 members are in attendance.)

Marilyn Terry won a notebook and pen. Roger Lytton was the recipient of the $30 Country Grocer Gift Card,

13. Next Meetings – December 8th - Christmas Luncheon at Ricky's Southend.

January 12, 2026, 1:30 pm

At the Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

14. Adjournment at 2:45 by Roger Lytton.

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•Nanaimo Area Phone: 250-390-4531

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250-954-1001

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