

Our City of Kamloops Bus System is in **CRISIS!**



Our bus system in Kamloops is a **BIG MESS** - and you're not only suffering the **consequences**, you're also **paying** for it: through bus fares, higher taxes and aggravation.

- Are you **frustrated** with not making your transfers?
- Are you **tired** of riding overcrowded buses?
- Are you **angry** watching full buses pass you up time after time?
- Are you **fed up** at the lack of adequate service in your area?
- Are you **sick** of being late for work or school?

SO IS YOUR BUS DRIVER! And bus drivers are doing something about it, but we need your help!

The Canadian Auto Workers Local 114 represents the more than 90 operators who serve every major community, including Barnhartvale, Dallas, Aberdeen, Sahali, Heffley, Rayleigh, North Shore, Brocklehurst, Batchelor Heights, and Westsyde.



BUSES PASSING YOU BY...

The drivers know more about the frustrations and problems with the bus system than anyone - and we strongly sympathize with our riders because we have to deal with the same situation every day on the job.

That's why we've started the More Buses/ Operating Hours Now! campaign, to push the provincial government, First Bus and City Hall to take action to improve our vital bus system for everyone.



NEED MORE HANDY-DARTS...

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP - to put pressure on the BC government and City Hall, which funds First Bus.

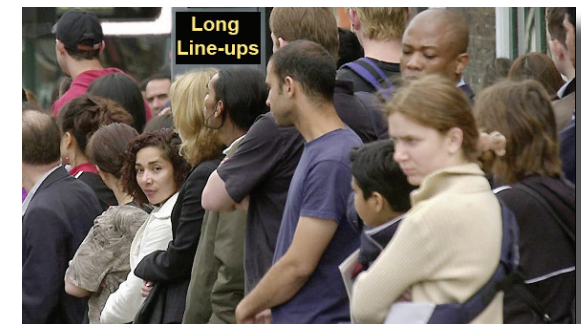
Together we can make sure the City of Kamloops has a much better bus system, one that is more reliable, more comfortable and safer for everyone.

As gas prices remain high and everyone is concerned about global warming, doesn't it make sense for Kamloops to improve its bus service?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH OUR BUS SYSTEM?

Currently we have only 30 buses and 8 school trippers in service in the entire Kamloops area and that's not nearly enough! That works out to just one bus for every 2,316 City of Kamloops residents.

No wonder you can't get on your bus, you're late for work, or you miss your transfer. And it's not supposed to be that way!



LONG LINE UPS...

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

On March 29th, 2009 the City of Kamloops and BC Transit announced an **expansion of 10,000 hours**. In May 2009 four brand new buses came to Kamloops for the expansion. In June 2009 BC Transit announced that there **would be no expansion** and the four new buses were taken from Kamloops and sent to Victoria. Instead, **Kamloops was given a bus from 1978 to use as a spare.**

The City announced to the people of Kamloops that they would keep up their end of the deal and still put in 4,000 operating hours to improve, somewhat, the system, and that those hours would be in effect at the beginning of September 2009. In September the City only gave 1/3 of those hours to be put into use.

We set up a meeting with the City Transit Coordinator and BC Transit, at which **BC Transit refused to meet with us**. The Coordinator said that the remainder of those **hours would be held back** until BC Transit funds arrive, which will be in 18 months or so. We demanded that the 4,000 hours should be used immediately to correct the **on-going problems with the transit system**, in order to make it a safe and efficient environment for our drivers and for our passengers, so the people of Kamloops can make their transfers and make it to school and/or work on time.

30% of buses that break down **DO NOT** get replaced with a spare bus and **they will not go into TRU**. Even if the bus is replaced, it is ordered to bypass Thompson Rivers University.

THE RIDER'S GUIDE IS FALSE AND THE TAXPAYERS OF KAMLOOPS DESERVE AN EXPLANATION!

Is your bus passing you by, late, or not connecting with your transfers?

What you can do
Bus drivers need your help to get a reliable, comfortable, efficient and safe bus service

TAKE ACTION!

MAKE A CALL TO THE

BC Transit Planners

Steve Havard PH: 250.385.2551

Provincial MLAs

Terry Lake PH: 250.314.6027

Kevin Kruger PH: 250.314.6031

Kamloops City Transit Coordinator

Erin Felker PH: 250.828.3702

SEND AN EMAIL OR CALL

Mayor and City Councillors

PH: 250.828.3494

WRITE A LETTER TO/ OR CALL

The Editor of the local paper

or

The local radio station

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**FIND OUT WHY YOUR
BUS IS...**

*passing you by,
over crowded,
not making transfers,*

AND

**WHAT YOU CAN DO
TO FIX IT!**



MORE

**BUSES/OPERATING
HOURS
NOW!**