



PARTNERSHIPS

The Key to Addressing the Challenges of
Homelessness and Transit



METRO VANCOUVER
**TRANSIT
POLICE**

Who We Serve



SkyTrain
53 stations
79 kms of rail

**Metro Vancouver
Transit Police**
183 Police Officers

**West Coast
Express**
8 stations
65 kms of rail

CMBC
1,500 buses
215 routes



TransLink

SeaBus
1 route

Policing the Moving City



- 21 Municipalities
- 17 Jurisdictional Police agencies
- 1800 sq. kilometers (1120 miles)

Community and Transit Concerns



The Metro Vancouver Transit Police Motto is,
“Safely Linking Communities”

The concerns of the communities we serve
and our transit enterprise partners around
homelessness include:

- Personal safety
- Increase in needles
- Garbage / hoarding
- Panhandling
- Street Vending
- Mental Health
- Fire risk



Health and Safety Concerns



Transit Tariff



All persons using the TransLink transit system must comply with the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (TransLink) Transit Tariff.

The Tariff;

- define the obligations of transit passengers
- define the authorities of transit employees
- define the enforcement authorities of police officers

The Tariff allows for the enforceability of the Transit Conduct and Safety Regulations.

- **Any Transit Employee** may exercise all of the rights of the Tariff which allows for the **Refusal of Transportation or Access to transit property**.



Transit Conduct and Safety Regs.



Requirement to obey signs and rules

- a transit employee may require the person obey the signs or comply with the rules posted on transit vehicles and transit property.

If a person does not obey a sign or comply with the rules when required to do so by a transit employee the employee may:

- Refuse the person
- Order the person to leave
- Order the person not to enter

Failure to comply is enforceable under the Transit Conduct and Safety Regs.



Jurisdictional Issues



- Whose jurisdiction?
- Who is the property rep?
- What outreach, social and community services are available?
- What housing opportunities are there?
- What enforcement options are there?
- What By Laws are there?
- Who will clean, remove the garbage?



Enforcement



We recognize that being homeless is not a Crime!

- Notice to Vacate, (served by Property Rep)
- Transit Act
- Railway Safety Act
- Safe Streets Act
- By Law
 - Inform
 - Educate
 - Enforce
- Provincial Act
 - Offence Act
- Criminal Code of Canada
 - Trespass
 - Mischief



Partnership are the Key



- Homelessness is not a policing issue but has become one. We recognize that being homeless is not a crime.
- The goal of transit police and our police partners within the Metro Vancouver region is for consistent rules of engagement in policing to work with the homeless
- We could not address the homeless problem without our transit enterprise, community and police partners!

