

RDN Transit Winter Schedule, Route Changes and Service Expansion

Changes are coming to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) transit schedules, routes and service over the holiday season and in early 2025.

Holiday Season Route Changes

Between December 22, 2024, and January 5, 2025, the trips marked with “s” in the schedule, will be removed on the following routes:

- 1 Country Club/Downtown
- 5 Fairview
- 15/15A VIU Connector
- 20/20A Hammond Bay/Dover
- 30 NRGH
- 40 VIU Express
- 92 Hammond Bay

In addition, Route 11-Lantzville will not serve Dover Bay Secondary between December 22, 2024, and January 5, 2025. These routes will have reduced service when classes are not in session. School trips will be reintroduced as part of the new Winter 2025 schedule, which begins Sunday, January 5, 2024.

Holiday Season Schedule Changes

Date	Local Service	handyDART	10 - Fanny Bay to Deep Bay (Mon-Sat)	70 NCX - Nanaimo to Cowichan (Mon-Sat)
Dec. 24	Regular Service			
Dec. 25	Sunday Level Service	No Service		
Dec. 26	Saturday Level Service	No Service	Regular Service	
Dec. 27-30	Regular Service			
Dec. 31	Regular Service Free Evening Service 6 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.	Regular Service		
Jan. 1	Sunday Level Service	No Service		
Jan. 2	End of the Holiday Schedule - Regular Service			



Service Hours Expansion and Major Route Changes

This fall, 1,000 hours of service were added to our region's transit system. In January, an additional 8,700 service hours will be added to several routes, including routes 50-Woodgrove/Downtown, 91-Intercity, and 11-Lantzville. These hours will help make transit trips to school, work, and other destinations more convenient for transit customers.

Major and minor adjustments have been made to all routes to ensure they reflect the current conditions. Recovery time adjustments were made to help routes stay on time so transit customers can make their connections and get to their desired destination as per the transit schedule.

On January 5, 2025, the following route numbers will change:

- Route 1 Country Club/Downtown will become 72 Country Club/Downtown
- Route 11 Lantzville will become 31 Lantzville
- Route 50 Woodgrove/Downtown will become 1 Nanaimo Rapid Line
- Route 91 Intercity (Qualicum/Beach/Woodgrove) will become 9 Intercity Line (Qualicum/Beach/Woodgrove)

The major route adjustments are guided by the RDN's Transit Redevelopment Strategy (TRS) and made possible by increased RDN and provincial funding. The TRS is a comprehensive priority plan for improving the RDN's conventional transit services in partnership with BC Transit over five years. The TRS outlines how transit can be routed and service and infrastructure added to better connect residents across the region. The RDN is currently working on year two of the TRS.


Transit Service Alerts

Transit operations can be impacted by adverse weather, accidents, construction detours, changing road conditions and more. To ensure the safety of passengers, drivers and the public, bus routes are detoured as needed. For information on route changes and to check for service alerts, visit rdn.bc.ca/transit-service-alerts. For trip planning on the Nanaimo Regional Transit System, including the winter schedule, visit bctransit.com/nanaimo.

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