

Bus Route Review Recommendations - History

The Annual Bus Route Review process started in the 2017/18 school year. The following provides information of Bus Route alterations made through this process. The alterations listed were presented and approved in the year prior to the dates listed: i.e., bus route changes made in 2018/19 were a part of the 2017/18 Annual Bus Route Review.

2018/19

Bus Route 1 – Trip 1 – Service to Hammond Bay Rd. to Dover Bay.

With 12 registered, eligible riders, safe walk conditions and availability of public transit bussing, it is recommended to eliminate this Trip of Route 1.

Routes 5 & 6 – Trip 2 – Service to Lantzville to Seaview School.

With 33 registered riders on Route 6, Trip 2 and 27 registered riders on Route 5, Trip 2 unless registration increases, it is possible to combine the Trip on both routes into one route for the 2018/19 school year.

Bus Routes 11 & 15 – Service to Cassidy/Yellow Point areas to LSS.

These bus routes drops students off at LSS well before school start time. Several complaints/concerns have been mentioned by parents and school-based staff. Transportation Department staff have done a thorough review of all bus routes providing bus service in the south end of the district and propose changes that would affect bus routes 8, 11, 12, 15 & 17 and provide service improvements to service for LSS students in the Cassidy and Yellow Point areas. It is expected that the proposed changes will increase ridership from current eligible riders who do not take advantage of the bus service due to time of route/drop off at LSS. These changes would affect the Cassidy and Yellow Point areas to LSS.

2019/20

Bus Route 3 – Trip 1 – Service to Jingle Pot Rd. area to NDSS

With 12 registered, eligible riders, reasonably safe walk conditions and availability of public transit bussing, it is recommended to eliminate this Trip of Route 3.

2020/21

Bus Route 3 – Trip 1 & 2 – Service to Jingle Pot Rd. area to NDSS and Mountain View Schools

Bus Route 3 alterations that moved 2 bus stop locations from Jingle Pot Road for traffic safety issues. The alteration provided bus stop in the Arbot Road and Westwood Road area and another in the Cathers Lake area. This would improve student safety and partially address the requests from Parents – to provide bus service in the Westwood Lake area to Mountain View School. For safety reasons, staff do not recommend providing bus service into this area.

2021/22

Bus Route 1 – Trip 1 & 2 – Service to Aulds, Rock Ridge and Island ConnectEd areas to Pleasant Valley Elementary (Rutherford)

Bus Route 1 added additional courtesy stops to provide service to courtesy riders at Pleasant Valley while attending swing location (Rutherford) during seismic upgrades at Pleasant Valley. The route was expanded from one trip to two and included new temporary stop locations

Bus Route 10 -- Service to Pleasant Valley area to Pleasant Valley Elementary (Rutherford)

Bus Route 10 was added to provide service to courtesy riders at Pleasant Valley while attending swing location (Rutherford) during seismic upgrades at Pleasant Valley. The route was added to meet high registration numbers.

Bus Route 16 -- Trip 1 – Service to Pleasant Valley area to Pleasant Valley Elementary (Rutherford)

Bus Route 16, Trip 1 was added to provide service to courtesy riders at Pleasant Valley while attending swing location (Rutherford) during seismic upgrades at Pleasant Valley. The trip was added to meet high registration numbers.

Bus Route 18 -- Trip 1 – Service to Cilaire area to Cilaire Elementary (Woodlands)

Bus Route 18 was added to provide service to courtesy riders at Cilaire while attending swing location (Woodlands) during seismic upgrades at Cilaire.

Bus Route 19 -- Trip 1 & 2 – Service to Cilaire area to Cilaire Elementary (Woodlands)

Bus Route 19 was added to provide service to courtesy riders at Cilaire while attending swing location (Woodlands) during seismic upgrades at Cilaire.

2022/23

Bus Routes 1 -Trip 2, 10, 18 and 19 – Service to Woodlands and Rutherford

These routes were eliminated due to completion of seismic upgrades at Cilaire and Pleasant Valley

Bus Route 1 – Trip 2 – Service to Doumont and Rock Ridge to Dover Secondary

Bus route 1 replaced Trip 2 with an additional run to service eligible riders from the Doumont and Rock ridge neighbourhoods to Dover Bay Secondary School, eliminating transportation assistance to families in these areas.

2023/24

Bus Route 3 – Trip 1 – Service to Mountain View Elementary

Provided added stops on route #3 for eligible riders in Benson Meadows to Mountain View Elementary.

2024/25

Bus Route 9 – Trip 2 – Service to Cedar Secondary.

This route had overflow issues that resulted in a new trip permanently added to Route 2 to provide a second bus to service the extension area and eliminate the overflow issue.

Bus Route 12 — Service to Ladysmith schools.

This route had overflow issues that resulted in some permanent changes to route 8, 11, and 15 which balanced out the student numbers on the buses and eliminated the overflow issue.

2025/26

Bus Route 24 – Service for diverse abilities students

This route was added to the Transportation department on a permanent basis based on the increased needs year over year. An additional Type A bus (small) with a wheelchair lift was approved in the minor capital plans and purchased for this route.

Bus Route 19 – Service to Frank J. Ney Elementary

This route was redesigned to meet out-of-walk limits for students in the updated Frank J. Ney catchment. Students that were shifted to the Rutherford catchment no longer require transportation, while those newly reassigned from Departure Bay to Frank J. Ney are now outside walk limits, so the bus service has been redirected to support them.