

#AllOnBoard

Mayor and Councillors
c/o The Office of the City Clerk
Burnaby City Hall
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, B. C., V5G 1M2

January 31st, 2019

Re: Request to Appear as a Delegation on February 25th, 2019

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to request to appear as a delegation on Monday, February 25th, 2019. Along with a local resident, who is a volunteer with our #AllOnBoard campaign, I will be speaking about the #AllOnBoard campaign ask and motion, and how we can achieve an affordable and accessible transit system for Metro Vancouver that leaves no one behind.

Enclosed you will find supporting material related to the delegation, including the resolution that we would encourage council to endorse. This resolution has now been endorsed in New Westminister, Vancouver and Port Moody.

Sincerely,

Viveca Ellis

#AllOnBoard Campaign Coordinator

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Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Planning and Building

City of Burnaby

Notice of Motion: #AllOnBoard Campaign

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents, and lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for missing medical appointments and a significant barrier to social inclusion and labour market inclusion for low income adults and youth; and

WHEREAS the #AllOnBoard campaign, concerned agencies in Vancouver and through-out Metro Vancouver, and directly impacted youth and adult community members have brought to the attention of the City of Burnaby the direct harm that is brought to them through the bad credit ratings they develop due to fare evasion ticketing. Those living below the poverty line have brought forward that they cannot afford to pay the \$173 fines received individually, or the resulting accrued 'TransLink debt' from many unpaid fines; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby and other municipalities contribute to charities and non-profits which then out of necessity subsidize transit tickets for those who cannot afford to access crucial social services provided by the City of Burnaby and other municipalities, and sometimes pay off 'TransLink debt' and fare evasion fines to TransLink and external collection agencies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign; the City write a letter to the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the Board of Directors of TransLink, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18), and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible; and

THAT the City write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) to request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink immediately and without delay amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18, unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults, and introduce options, including allowing low-income adults to access community service as an alternative to the financial penalty of a fare evasion ticket; and lower the ticket price substantially; and

THAT the resolution regarding support for the #AllOnBoard Campaign be forwarded for consideration at the 2019 Lower Mainland Government Management Association of BC (LMGMA) convention and subsequent Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention

AND THAT the #AllOnBoard forthcoming research report containing evidence and testimonies in support of the #AllonBoard Campaign be included in the submission to the LMGMA once available.