



June 9, 2023

Mayor and Council
City of Vancouver
Via Email

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Endorsing the Transit for Teens Campaign to Extend BC's Get on Board Program up to Age 18

In our 2022 BC Child Poverty Report Card, First Call Child and Youth Advocacy Society recommended that the provincial government "Provide free public transit for minors ages 13 to 18 and free or reduced-fee transit access for low-income households."

We urge you to add the support of the City of Vancouver to the Transit for Teens Campaign recommended by this motion when it comes up for a vote at the June 14th Standing Committee on City Finance and Services agenda.

A vote calling on the provincial government to make public transit accessible to all teens in the province will be an important acknowledgement of the income inequality and poverty experienced by many Vancouver teens, and those in other parts of the province, resulting in limitations on their ability to fully participate in educational, social and other important activities.

Free public transit for teens is a necessary step to support greater community inclusion for low-income youth and to reduce financial stress for their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrienne Montani". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Adrienne Montani
Executive Director

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