

NSCCC

MONDAY MEETING

Location: Newton Senior Center
Date: 03/30/2026 @ 1:00pm
Attendees: Chairperson: Alta Alta,
Speaker: **Marina Damaso**

House Keeping

1. Alta called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and reminded members that they should have scanned your membership cards at the front desk as you came in to check in. This is how the City keeps track of how the attendance are at various centres. There has been talking about eliminating the last senior center in Surrey. If you don't scan your card, we are going to lose the centre, so it is REALLY IMPORTANT to do that.
2. Please silent your smartphone.
3. We don't have new members nor the guests today.
4. Athena read the minutes of March 23rd. Topics: Cricut Maker; AI
5. No errors or omissions noted. Seconded by Kathy.
6. Reminder to save the date for AGM is at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 1st. There will be computer related door prices. All executive positions will be open for nominations. Alta will step aside and withdraw his name from any nomination after 4 years of services. Encourage someone else should step up and take a turn at supporting our president and chairperson. We will also need a nominating chair for that AGM meeting on June 1st.
7. BBQ is at [11:00am](#) on Monday June 8th in a Hazelnut Meadows Community Park on 70th Avenue. We will have 2 barbeque machines. We will need some chefs, choppers, volunteers to set up, clean up, etc. Cost is \$10.00. Athena will collect your \$10.00 starting in May.
8. The center will be closed this Friday, April 3rd & Monday, April 6th, so no computer lab drop-in and the meeting on Monday.
9. We will have Carolyn Conroy here on Monday, April 13th. She is a retired international travel consultant who will help you plan your trip using the internet. She focusses on seniors and solo travels. She is retired so she is not going to sell you anything.
10. Alta introduced the speaker today, Marina Damaso.

Main topic started around 13:20pm

Topic: Translink

Marina has only worked for Translink about 2 years, but her manager, **Chris**, is present to support her and answer questions that she may not be able to answer.

You can plan your travel (trip planner) by accessing Translink's website, www.translink.ca and you can find news about traffic conditions etc. All the information can be supported in many different languages. If you don't have internet, you can call the customer service **604-953-3333**, and request for a translator if English isn't your first language.

Fares – Compass or Concession card or one-time use ticket

- Reloadable
- Cheaper than cash
- Compass card is for 19 – 64 age group
- Concession card for 13 – 18 * 65+ age groups but need a copy of photo ID to prove the age, you may get a ticket of \$173 if you don't have a photo ID while using the orange concession card. Kids under 13 ride for free

You can buy compass card at London Drugs & 7 Eleven stores.

Write your name on the card in case of loss, call Translink and they will lock your card and transfer the balance to your new card.

For visitors, it is still worthwhile to get a compass card because you can get \$6.00 back when you return the card to Translink at the end of your trip.

When reload the card at the station, make sure to tap the card after payment is made and get a receipt.

One-time ticket

- Sold at stations
- Disposable

Fare Zones –

- All bus and HandyDART trips are a 1-Zone fare at all times.
- SkyTrain requires a 1, 2, or 3-Zone fare, depending on the time and day and number of zone boundaries you cross during your trip.
- SeaBus requires a 1 or 2-Zone fare, depending on the time and day.
- All trips across the system starting after 6:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday) and all travel on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) are a 1-Zone fare.
- All trips across the system during [provincial statutory holidays](#) are a 1-Zone fare.
- A single fare is valid for 90 minutes on bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus, and HandyDART.



HandyDART - for people with disability prevent you taking the public transit. GoGo senior groups usually are 55 to 70 and they are more active than Chris, then they can't/shouldn't use HandyDART which has nothing to do with age.

HandyDART delivers around 6500 trips a day, less than 20 trips that are late. The rule actually says specifically, there's a half hour window. 15 minutes before, 15 minutes after. So a half hour window. There are 335 HandyDART serving 30,000 people.

If you need to go to Vancouver, take HandyDART to the nearest SkyTrain station, and schedule a HandyDART at the other station to pick up and take to your destination which will be faster than taking HandyDART all the way to Vancouver.

You can check bus times at translink.ca/nextbus or by texting your stop number and bus route number to 33333.

Safety and Security

- Watch your step when entering or exiting a transit vehicle.
- Hold on to handrails while on escalators or stairs.
- Hold on or stay seated while the transit vehicle is in motion.
- Walk, don't run in and around stations and exchanges.
- SkyTrain tracks are electrified. Stay behind the yellow line while waiting for your train to arrive.
- If you see something, say something. Report any unusual behaviour or non-emergency incidents to Metro Vancouver Transit Police by calling 604.515.8300 or texting 87.77.77. In an emergency, call 911.