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TRANSIT PLANNING MOVING FORWARD

New transit system scheduled for the fall

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – A few months away from its first journey, the City of Airdrie’s new ICE (InterCity Express) bus service has garnered significant attention. The express bus service, scheduled to launch in the fall, will connect Airdrie and Calgary, becoming the region’s first municipal commuter bus service.

“We’re excited to be the first municipality in the region to establish a commuter service into Calgary,” says Airdrie Mayor Linda Bruce. “Airdrie residents share this excitement and interest. They have rated transit as Airdrie’s third most important service and identified transit service to Calgary as a priority for Council. We support their sustainable vision and will roll out our new transit system this fall.”

The new InterCity Express bus option will offer complete two-way service between Airdrie and Calgary during peak AM and PM times. The commuter service will use three articulated buses connecting with Calgary Transit’s extensive public transit networks at three transit hubs. This connectivity will allow users to easily transfer to reach their end destination in Calgary.

“We are committed to provide a transit service that is safe, comfortable, convenient and reliable. We’re working closely with the province and Calgary Transit to finalize details related to the route, fares and schedule that reflect our core transit values,” added Mayor Bruce.

Airdrie’s local transit network will also receive a make-over. New easily accessible community shuttles will circulate on two revised routes. These routes will connect communities with major commercial and employment centres as well as the ICE system at north and south transfer terminals. The revised local service is also scheduled to begin in the fall.

Finalized routes, fares and schedules will be published on the City of Airdrie’s website, www.airdrie.ca this summer.

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