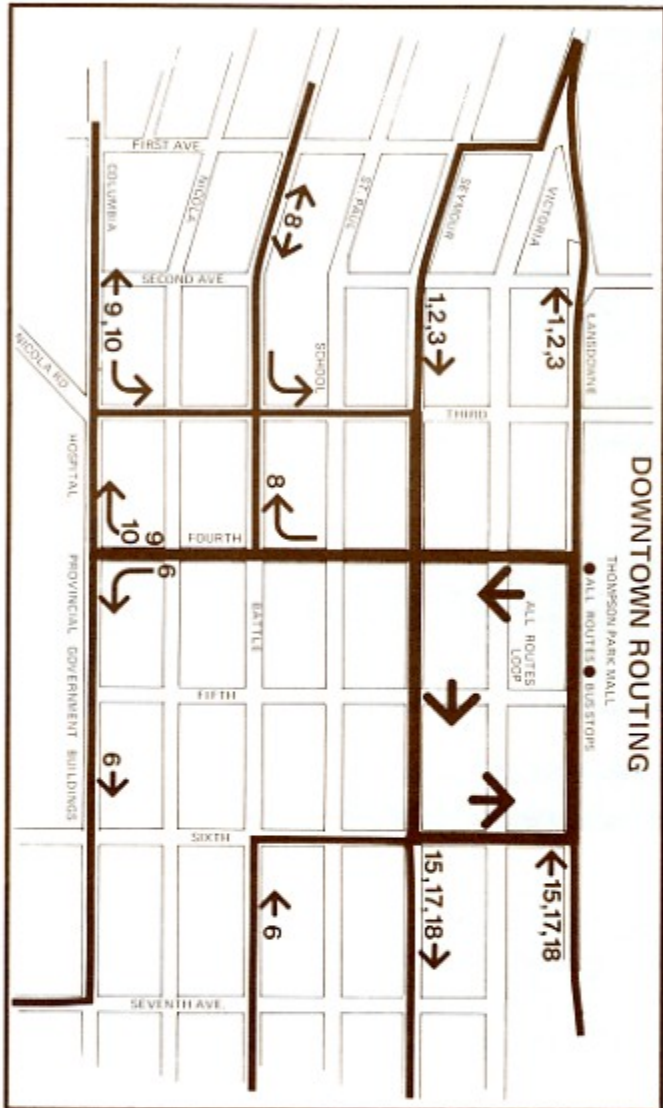


KAMLOOPS TRANSIT SERVICE

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TRANSIT YESTERDAY

The history of transit service in Kamloops can be traced back nearly half a century.

In 1929, Wilkinson and Blackwell Stages began a local freighting operation and passenger service to the T.B. sanitorium at Tranquille. The first real bus, a 16 passenger Dodge with wicker seats, was purchased the following year for local service through Brocklehurst. Later in the decade the operation was acquired by B.C. Coach Lines.

Shortly after the Second World War, a local firm called Civic Transportation operated a loop service within what was then the City of Kamloops and also ran a line to the suburban community of North Kamloops. Residents of Brocklehurst had their bus service provided by the long-established B.C. Coach Lines, as part of its Kamloops - Tranquille route.

Consolidation took place in 1961, when B.C. Coach Lines acquired the routes and business of Civic Transportation. Patronage grew as the area expanded in population and new buses were added. In 1965, Canadian Coachways Ltd. purchased B.C. Coach Lines and local Kamloops buses appeared in the "Glacial Blue" (actually, a deep green) livery of that company. The front cover of this timetable shows a local Coachways bus at the bus depot of the time.

In 1970, operation of Kamloops buses changed hands again. Coachways, which was interested primarily in intercity service, sold the Kamloops system to Western Bus Lines (B.C.) Ltd. Under Western's management, the system was dieselized, and one of the buses so employed is shown on the cover.

While this activity was taking place in the main urbanized area, bus service was being provided by Valley Stage Lines to Westsyde and Valleyview. At the hands of owner Mr. Bill Riste, the familiar little maroon bus (see cover), patrons were offered a friendly, personalized service.

On October 1, 1976 the provincial crown corporation Thompson - Okanagan Transit, Ltd. assumed responsibility for the operation of Western's routes. And, with the effective date of this timetable, services to Westsyde and Valleyview are provided by Thompson - Okanagan.

TRANSIT TODAY

Today, transit services in Kamloops are planned jointly by the City of Kamloops and the British Columbia Department of Municipal Affairs. Funding of the system's operating deficit is shared by the City and Municipal Affairs. Motorbuses for the system, including some with innovative "hill climbing" specifications, are provided by the Province.

Questions concerning the planning of services should be addressed by telephone or in writing to the City Traffic Engineer or the Transit Services Division, Department of Municipal Affairs, c/o Courthouse, Vancouver. Queries and complaints concerning the operation of buses, including "lost and found", should be addressed to Thompson - Okanagan Transit Ltd.