Bus Catches fire on Pat Bay Highway

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An alert Patricia Bay Highway motorist saw smoke coming from the engine area in the back of a B.C. Transit bus yesterday managed to signal the driver, who pulled over and ushered his 20 to 25 passengers out the doors.

It is believed that a leak in an oil line led to the engine fire, which B.C. Transit spokesman Ron Drolet described as minor. "It was mainly smoke damage, it certainly blackened the back of the bus."

Drolet said the bus driver assessed the situation and decided he could take action himself.