

Bus Line Seeks Subsidy

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PORT MOODY — Columbia Stage Lines Ltd. has informed city council that it will be necessary to cut its service to Port Moody unless it can get a city subsidy.

G. H. Northcott, secretary-treasurer of the stage line, said that fare increases would no longer solve the problem.

"We are prepared to continue our day service, starting at 6 a.m. and running to 6:45 p.m., but unless we receive help for the balance of our daily service, we will be forced to ask the public utilities commission to approve dropping this part of the service by Jan. 1, 1968," Northcott said in a letter.

The service at present runs between New Westminster and Port Moody until 9:30 p.m. weekdays and to 11:25 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Northcott pointed out that on statutory holidays the service might take in \$18 in fares while its expenses would amount to \$100.

He said that unless some help was forthcoming from the city, a move to curtail the evening service would be undertaken by the end of October.

Ald. Bert Flinn was delegated to meet with Columbia Stage Lines representatives to determine what amount of subsidy would be required.