

# Taxi man to run bus line

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New Westminster taxi operator Frank Prior has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to run a bus service between downtown Vancouver and Deep Cove, replacing the government-owned Pacific Stage Lines.

He told North Vancouver district council Tuesday that the PSL had agreed to sell him a bus, let him use Larwill Bus depot, and he was ready to start operating on Oct. 15 with council's approval.

The new company, Deep Cove Stage Lines Ltd., would maintain the same schedule as PSL omitting only the 6:05 a.m. bus from Vancouver and the 6:50 p.m. bus from Deep Cove. He said they carried few passengers and would be unnecessary because the bus would be based on the north shore.

Mr. Prior said he hoped to build up the money-losing operation by personalized service, operation of a run through Blueridge sub-division and an extra shoppers' service Friday and Saturdays.

A B.C. Hydro and Power Authority spokesman said the company was quite willing to relinquish the route. The company is able to give up the route without PUC approval because the bill taking over the B.C. Electric removed its operations from PUC scrutiny.

Council will discuss the situation.

A complaint from Dave Dyck Trucking Ltd. that the district was giving hauling contracts to truckers who didn't deserve them was dismissed by council.

Mr. Dyck said in a letter that he had been doing district work since 1938 and he should be hired on a seniority basis. He complained specifically about three trucks being used to haul dirt in the Westlynn area.