

Proposed Bus Service

To Serve Coquitlam Area

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Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam may soon be served with inter-municipal transportation if application for same to Public Utilities Commission by Sabina Enterprises Ltd. of Vancouver is approved.

Company president Er Meyer, said he first became interested in feasibility of extending bus service to areas of Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, when his car broke down and he himself became stranded recently on Port Moody hill.

"I went looking for a bus hoping to catch one, and the people there told me there weren't any, and that started me thinking."

Meyer stated the two routes he has in mind would extend into Simon Fraser University, New Westminister, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and Port Moody, also the present bus loops of B.C. Hydro at Kootenay and Broadway, near PNE grounds in Vancouver. Meyer has already purchased a number of B.C. Hydro buses. The fare scale and zone areas are now being planned.

"I hope to have buses running and in full operation before the end of August in time for school opening" concluded Meyer.

Alderman Bert Flinn of Port Moody added "When this new service starts it will cover Port Moody, Coquit-

lam, more efficiently and comprehensively than Columbia Stages ever did. I can say we are all extremely happy over the announcement, the company will be entirely on their own as far as operation goes, and no question of municipal subsidy or responsibility being needed."

The new routes are expected to serve all Coquitlam major shopping areas, sports area, as well as high density residential apartments areas.

Coquitlam Municipal Manager Ray LeClair confirmed that a meeting had been held with Meyer and Port Moody late Tuesday, and reports and plans were most encouraging. Columbia Stage Lines ceased service May 22.

Mayor Jack Campbell of Port Coquitlam, interviewed

re proposed new transit service, had this to say to The Herald. "I am waiting for meeting with the principals re the new proposed service. However, we must be cautious in that any new service does not conflict with present B.C. Hydro's Pacific Stage Service to Port Coquitlam. Any agreement, we may go for, would have to be in full accordance with B.C. Hydro, present service. Should the proposed service cease to function, Pacific Stage discontinue their present service, in light of new inter-municipal service then the city would lose and be without any bus service at all, unfortunately I was unable to be present at meeting Tuesday re new service."

At present Pacific Stage Lines, maintains daily service and direct transit to Vancouver, and east to Harrison with all buses now stopping at Port Coquitlam.