

Bus service in valley expected

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Bus service for Fraser Valley residents after April 1 is almost assured, with a decision on a Cascade Charter Services Ltd. bid expected early next week, superintendent of motor carriers Allen Fitch said Thursday.

Fitch said Cascade's application to take over the Fraser Valley run was delivered Thursday to the motor carrier commission.

Fraser Valley residents earlier feared they would be left without bus service because the provincial government said it would shut down the operation unless a buyer was found.

Pacific Coach Lines, which received about \$7 million a year from taxpayers, is to terminate service March 31.

Human Resources Minister Grace McCarthy, the minister responsible for Pacific Coach Lines, said earlier the government will make about \$5 million on the sale.

"In my opinion, nobody is going to be without bus service," Fitch said.

The provincial motor carrier commission has already approved a bid from Maverick Coach Ltd. to take over the Vancouver-Nanaimo run, Fitch said, and a decision is expected today on a bid from Pacific Coach Lines (1984) Ltd. to operate the Vancouver-Victoria run.



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