

**Simon Fraser Transit Manager Bob Mawson Retires  
June 1, 2007**

We recently bid adieu to Bob Mawson, Transit Manager of Simon Fraser HandyDART, who retired in May 2007. During the past few months many colleagues referred to Bob's wry humour as they lamented his upcoming departure. Although it is just a few weeks into his retirement, we already miss the comedic reflections with which Bob would often pepper the day, whether as a member of the GVCSS Management Team, or with colleagues at the Simon Fraser HandyDART operation.

Bob's career with HandyDART started in 1997 when he managed various programs at the Western Society for Senior Citizens Services. Bob took on the responsibilities of Transit Manager when this operation came under the management of GVCSS in 1999. During his time as Transit Manager, Bob dealt with many issues beyond the day to day operation. Some of the changes and challenges he took on over the years included the implementation of the Trapeze scheduling system, managing ongoing growth for clients, service hours and vehicles, securing a permanent parking lot for the HandyDART fleet, and the relocation of the HandyDART office to its new accessible and modern location on 6<sup>th</sup> street in 2006.

Many in the community will surely miss Bob, not only for developing positive relationships with organizations, government, and associated agencies, but also for the care and compassion he demonstrated for the elderly and disabled people who rely upon custom transit to lead a more active life. His commitment to providing accessible transit services for the 5,000 customers we serve is deeply appreciated.

It is with the very best wishes that the Board, Management and staff at GVCSS say thank you and farewell. We wish Bob many wonderful adventures ahead and the very best for the future as he retires from his duties as Transit Manager of Simon Fraser HandyDART. Goodbye Bob and congratulations. We will certainly miss you.