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**Wilson's Transportation Ltd. expands its operations in Victoria and opens office in Vancouver.**

VICTORIA - On February 1, 2016, Wilson's Transportation Ltd. will begin operating the **BC Ferries Connector**, the scheduled bus service between downtown Victoria and downtown Vancouver, on BC Ferries' Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route. With this new service comes an expansion for the local Vancouver Island company into Vancouver.

With this new service brings 10 new jobs and the purchase of six buses bringing the Wilson's Transportation fleet up to 150. *"We are very proud to be a growing business in this community employing 95 people year round and up to 200 seasonally,"* says CEO John Wilson.

Wilson's Transportation Ltd. continues to work on a collaborative transition of the service with Pacific Coach Lines continuing to act as reservations agent. Seasonal schedules will remain until October 15, 2016 with three departures per day until May 1 when departures will increase for the summer season. Fares for the bus transportation will also remain through to October 15, 2016.

"This is an exciting time for The Wilson's Group of Companies as we increase our product offerings to tourists and locals in both Vancouver and Victoria," says Wilson, "the summer of 2016 is expected to be a very busy year for tourism and we look forward to helping visitors experience both the Mainland and the Island with the BCF Connector service."

The first departure on February 1, 2016 will be from the Victoria bus depot at 7:45am for the 9:00am BC Ferry sailing and from the Vancouver Pacific Bus Station at 9:45am for the 11:00 am sailing.

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**About Wilson's Transportation Ltd.**

Wilson's Transportation Ltd. is a locally owned and operated business in the Victoria community for over 35 years known for its exceptional customer service.

As Vancouver Island's largest charter transportation company with over 140 vehicles available Wilson's Transportation offers charters and rentals for all types of groups and events from small elite tours to large conferences. In addition to its core business offering of bus charters and rentals, the company operates Gray Line Sightseeing and the YYJ Airport Shuttle as part of its group of companies. The company also operates an eight bay mechanical and body shop facility where its contracts include retrofitting BC Transit buses.

Wilson's is committed to actively supporting a healthy and vibrant community not only through sponsorships and charitable donations but also by having its leadership team volunteer on various boards and committees.