



Announcement

Nanaimo CarShare Transitions to Modos Today - Both Co-ops Benefit by Collaborative Move

Vancouver, BC (May 1, 2017) – Member-owned carsharing pioneer Modos announces that, effective today, the carsharing service in Nanaimo has transitioned to Modos.

The collaborative transition will provide continuity of carsharing and enhanced service to the people of Nanaimo.

Modos CEO Patrick Nangle says his co-op and incumbent Nanaimo CarShare Cooperative both see the advantages of this move. “Modos will deliver improved technology, upgraded vehicles and deeper operational support, building on the great foundational work Nanaimo CarShare has done to establish carsharing and build support for it across the region.”

The City of Nanaimo applauds the move to secure a future with carsharing. “As we’ve seen locally and abroad, carsharing can positively contribute to the transportation challenges that growing cities like ours face,” says David Stewart, the City’s Environmental Planner. “Modos’s investment in Nanaimo will support and expand upon the work previously done by Nanaimo CarShare to promote carsharing as a viable and sustainable form of transportation in Nanaimo for many years to come.”

Members of Nanaimo CarShare (NCS), a volunteer-run co-op, determined they did not have the capacity to take things to the next level. “We’ve had deep ties to Modos since day one,” says NCS Board Chair John Peirce. “NCS has grown to the point where it is no longer sustainable on an all-volunteer basis. Modos’s expertise will sustain and grow the business and make sure that the co-op model maintains a strong presence in Nanaimo.”

Effective May 1 members of Nanaimo CarShare become members of Modos with the same privileges and rates. Nearly half are already affiliated with Modos through the two co-ops’ reciprocal or “roaming” agreement.

With Modos locations conveniently located in Nanaimo and at either side of the ferries, carsharing is an affordable and convenient way to get around, or out of town, without the cost and hassle of car ownership. Being able to continue to enjoy the economic, social and environmental benefits of carsharing, has members on both sides of the Strait feeling positive about NCS’s transition to Modos.

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About Modo: Modo provides convenient, reliable and affordable access to the most diverse fleet of shared vehicles across the Lower Mainland and Victoria. With over 500 sedans, sports cars, trucks, cargo vans, hybrids and EVs, serving more than 17,000 individual and 700 business members, Modo affords all the benefits of having a car, without all the hassles and expense of owning one (or two). <http://modo.coop>

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