

# Help us restore an Edmonton BBC Trolley Coach for Vancouver



## WHY BRING IT HERE?

The relevance of the Edmonton trolley is that in 1980, Vancouver and the Edmonton Transit System (ETS) worked on a joint procurement which, after some philosophical disagreements, resulted in ETS buying the BBC's and Vancouver buying the Flyers. Having the two products of the largest ever trolley coach procurement in Canada available for side by side comparisons is a unique opportunity, not likely to be repeated.

BBC/GMC did bid on the contract to supply 250 trolley coaches to Vancouver. If BBC had been successful, Vancouver may have had them instead of the Flyer/Westinghouse trolleys. Also, Vancouver did operate in service one modified trolley with BBC chopper controls as a test. Hopefully you will be able to compare the smoothness of the BBC controller over the Flyer Trolleys.

## WHAT IS A BBC?

In 1981 - 82, General Motors built 100 of the most unusual New Look (Fishbowl) buses at their St. Eustache plant in Quebec for the Brown Boveri company. They were model T6H-5307N bodies without engines or transmissions.

Brown Boveri installed their chopper control electrical equipment and the buses became trolley coaches. These buses also featured both dynamic and air brakes. The electrical equipment was mounted on a readily removable cradle at the rear of the bus.

They sported the fleet numbers 100 – 199 in the ETS fleet.

At different times some of these Edmonton trolleys saw service as “demonstration” models in Toronto and Seattle, however to our knowledge only these 100 units were built.

Many of the retired BBC trolleys have been shipped to Bulgaria where they will continue in service. A small number were saved for museums.

# HOW MUCH?

Edmonton Transit has kindly donated a BBC Trolley to TRAMS for \$1, but the cost of trucking the coach to Vancouver and proper restoration will be \$5,000. We have already raised nearly 50% of the cost and we need your help to make this a reality.

# Please donate!



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# YES!

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### Canadian Tax note:

TRAMS can provide tax receipts for a minimum donation of \$25

### Your tax benefit will be:

A donation of between \$25 and \$200 will get you roughly a 20% tax credit (you must complete schedule 9 and BC428 to get the combined federal and provincial credits)

For Donations over \$200 you will receive a tax credit of 43.7% of the donation amount over \$200.

