



AGENDA PACKAGE

(Public Meeting)

Revised: January 24, 2017

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Room 427/428, TransLink Office, 287 Nelson’s Court, New Westminster, BC

9:00AM	1. Preliminary Matters	
	1.1 Call to Order	
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	1.3 Approval of Minutes (October 12, 2016)	2
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9:10AM	2. Election of 2017 Mayors’ Council Chair and Vice-Chair.....	ORAL
Report added:		
9:30AM	3. Report of the Funding Strategy Committee	9
10:00AM	4. TransLink Update.....	ORAL
	• Access Transit	
	• Fare Policy Review	
	• Evergreen Extension	
	• West Coast Express	
10:30AM	5. Report of the Executive Director	
Report added:	5.1 Revisions to Mayors’ Council Rules and Procedures	15
Report added:	5.2 2017 Mayors’ Council Work Plan and Budget	21
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11:00AM	6. Public Delegations [no applications from eligible public delegates received]	
	6.1 Written submissions received	32
11:00AM	TERMINATION	

MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016** at 1:00 p.m. in Room 423, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver, Chair
Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey, Vice-Chair
Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Councillor Mathew Bond, North Vancouver District (Alternate)
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra
Bill Holmes, Electoral Area A (Alternate)
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta

Councillor Dan Johnston, Burnaby (Alternate)
Councillor Craig Keating, North Vancouver City
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Councillor Linda McPhail, Richmond (Alternate)
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City
Mayor Murray Skeels, Bowen Island

REGRETS:

Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver

Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Rae Ratslef, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Draft Agenda for the October 12, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.

The Chair advised that there were no public delegations registered.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public meeting scheduled October 12, 2016, as revised on October 11, 2016.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes of the September 16, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public meeting held September 16, 2016.

CARRIED

2. Report on Upcoming Public Consultation Process for Phase One of the 10-Year Vision

Documents available at www.tenyearvision.translink.ca and provided at the meeting:

- "Public Consultation Discussion Guide – Phase One of the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation" dated October 2016
- Backgrounders on "Transit Fares", "Property Tax" and "Regional Development Fees" for Phase One of the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation" dated October 2016
- Highlights of services and related maps for "South of Fraser", "Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows", "Vancouver/UBC/UEL", "Burnaby/New Westminster", "City of Richmond, Corporation of Delta, Tsawwassen First Nation", "North Shore", and "Northeast Sector"
- Map highlighting transit service improvements
- Card inviting public online input on Phase One of the 10-Year Plan
- "Phase One of the 10-Year Vision Questionnaire".

The Chair commented on the work of the Mayors' Council to advance the 10-Year Vision, noting that the public consultation process was launched the prior day.

Geoff Cross, Vice President, Strategic Policy and Planning, TransLink, led a review of a presentation titled "Update on Public Consultation Process – 10-Year Investment Plan" and highlighted:

- The Mayor's Council 10-Year Vision is the regional blueprint for transportation investments
- Process and schedule for stakeholder and public consultation on the 10-Year Vision.

Discussion ensued on:

- Interest to have the capital component of the regional share and Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) clearly indicated
- Request that online documentation be updated to reflect that the Richmond B line was approved for action during the first five years
- Clarification that borrowing would be done for TransLink's share of Major Road Network (MRN) improvements, bus services, capital associated with rail and station improvements for Phase One
- Request that maps be corrected to show Delta and North Delta combined into one
- Suggestion to include additional Park and Rides on the south side of the Fraser
- Clarification that there are additional resources available where there is demand in new areas, e.g. Tsawwassen Mills or the Evergreen Line
- Note that TransLink provided a media outlet with information on the number of pass ups along key corridors for its recent news coverage

- Confirmation that TransLink has a contract with Canada Line, which needs to be renegotiated in order to make any service changes
- Differences in the process for purchasing cars for Canada Line versus Expo Line.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report for information.
CARRIED

3. TransLink Update

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, advised that he would be making a presentation to the Vancouver Board of Trade on October 13, 2016 regarding his observations since joining TransLink under the categories of performance, engagement, innovation and investment. He also intends to discuss the 10-Year Vision in depth.

Mr. Desmond led a review of an overhead presentation and highlighted:

- Purpose of the Regional Goods Movement Strategy (RGMS)
- Collaboration process with stakeholders to date on urban freight issues
- Proposal to establish an Urban Freight Council, complimentary to the Gateway Council, with executive level representatives from the public and private sector to advance priorities, coordination and knowledge exchange
- Access Transit Planning in relation to fare fare access, Custom Transit Service Delivery Review, and HandyDART service expansion
- A transit fare review, which would consider how best to raise revenues from amongst different trip and user types to meet the needs of the Investment Plan
- Evergreen Extension and related plans to change the service pattern on the Expo and Millennium lines beginning October 22, 2016, including a public education campaign.

Discussion ensued on:

- Support for updating the RGMS
- Importance of ensuring that the Mayors are informed of consultations occurring in their communities
- Support for a special briefing for Delta Council on the RGMS
- Truck traffic concerns in communities south of the Fraser
- Success of the Compass Card in reducing fare evasion issues, which resulted in a 7% increase in SkyTrain revenues almost immediately
- 2015 Transit Service Performance Review, which identified the need to focus on adding services
- Confirmation that a key action in the RGMS is to designate and manage a Regional Truck Route Network, including harmonizing the definition of trucks, permitting and enforcement.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report for information.
CARRIED

Councillor Keating departed the meeting.

Bob Chitrenky, President, Amalgamated Transit Union Local representing HandyDART drivers, presented an argument to move HandyDART service in-house rather than to continue to contract the service out, and sought the support of the Mayors' Council.

Discussion ensued on:

- Clarification that the Mayors' Council does not have a role in operational matters
- Complaints from seniors in Maple Ridge about being rerouted from HandyDART to taxis and the interest in reviewing related statistics
- Concern that HandyDART is not always able to meet the level of demand for its services at present.

4. Termination

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation on Regional Transportation Public Meeting held October 12, 2016 be now terminated.

CARRIED

(Time: 2:35 p.m.)

Certified Correct:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair

Rae Ratslef, Recording Secretary
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on **Wednesday, November 23, 2016** at 11:00 a.m. in Rooms 427/428, TransLink Offices, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver, Chair
Mayor Linda Hepner, Surrey, Vice-Chair
Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township

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Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge
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REGRETS:

Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
First Nation

Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat

INVITED GUESTS:

TransLink Board of Directors

Don Rose, Chair
Janet Austin
Larry Beasley
Jim Chu
Lorraine Cunningham
Murray Dinwoodie
Brenda Eaton
Barry Forbes
Tony Gugliotta
Marcella Szel

TransLink Staff

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer
Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy
Jesse Koehler, Manager, Strategy and Plan Development, TransLink

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Preliminary Matters

1.4 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Draft Agenda for the November 23, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public meeting scheduled November 23, 2016, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Reports

2.1 Approval of the 2017 – 2026 Investment Plan: Phase One of the 10-Year Vision

Report dated November 18, 2016 from Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, regarding "Approval of the 2017 – 2026 Investment Plan: Phase One of the 10-Year Vision", was provided with the agenda material.

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, commented that the focus of the 2017 – 2026 Investment Plan: Phase One of the 10-Year Vision (Phase One Plan) is to provide services to TransLink's customers and urged the Mayors' Council to approve the Phase One Plan.

The spirit of collaboration and sense of shared objectives of the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board of Directors has resulted in the development of the Phase One Plan to respond to the needs of the public. TransLink commits to continue to work closely with the Mayors' Council on the Phase Two Plan to deliver the entire 10-Year Vision.

The following comments were provided:

- A positive decision from the Province to provide the legislative authority to implement regional development cost charges (DCCs) is required to allow the Phase One Plan to be delivered
- Need to press the Provincial Government to cooperate with the Mayors' Council on regional DCCs prior to the May 2017 provincial election
- The common vision expressed by mayors with respect to transportation in the region articulated in the 10-Year Vision
- Acknowledgement that the majority of the funding for the Phase One Plan is from local sources
- Need for solid commitments from senior levels of government to deliver Phase Two of the 10-Year Vision
- Concern that the Phase One Plan is contrary to an historic decision of the Mayors' Council not to increase property taxes to fund transit improvements
- Concern that an increase in property taxes is inequitable to residents of West Vancouver
- Need for local control of regional revenue sources to fund transportation improvements in the region

- Need for a better balance of funding from regional, provincial and federal governments for future phases of the 10-Year Vision
- Recognition of the significant effort of the Mayors' Council and TransLink Board members and staff to develop the Phase One Plan
- The Phase One Plan is a testament to the improved collaboration and commitment to unity of the Mayors' Council and TransLink Board of Directors
- The Phase One Plan will provide immediate improvements to transit users in the region.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation approves the 2017 – 2026 Investment Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the November 18, 2016 report titled "Approval of the 2017 – 2026 Investment Plan: Phase One of the 10-Year Vision."

CARRIED

(94 weighted votes for; 0 weighted votes against)

3. Termination

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation on Regional Transportation Public Meeting held November 23, 2016, be now terminated.

CARRIED

(Time: 11:30 a.m.)

Certified Correct:

Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

Agenda Item 3

Report of the Funding Strategy Committee

January 26, 2017

Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council

Committee Composition and Terms of Reference

Mayors' Council Funding Strategy Committee

- Jonathan Côté (Chair)
- Jack Froese
- Linda Hepner
- Greg Moore
- Gregor Robertson
- Richard Walton

TransLink Board Investment Plan Committee

- Lorraine Cunningham (Chair)
- Sarah Clark
- Murray Dinwoodie
- Anne Giardini
- Tony Gugliotta
- Marcella Szel

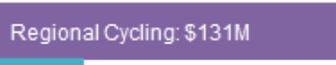
Committees terms of reference:

- Provide strategic oversight and policy direction to guide the preparation of TransLink 10-Year Investment Plans, including:
 - Scope of investment
 - Regional revenue approach and sources
 - Partner government funding and intergovernmental strategy

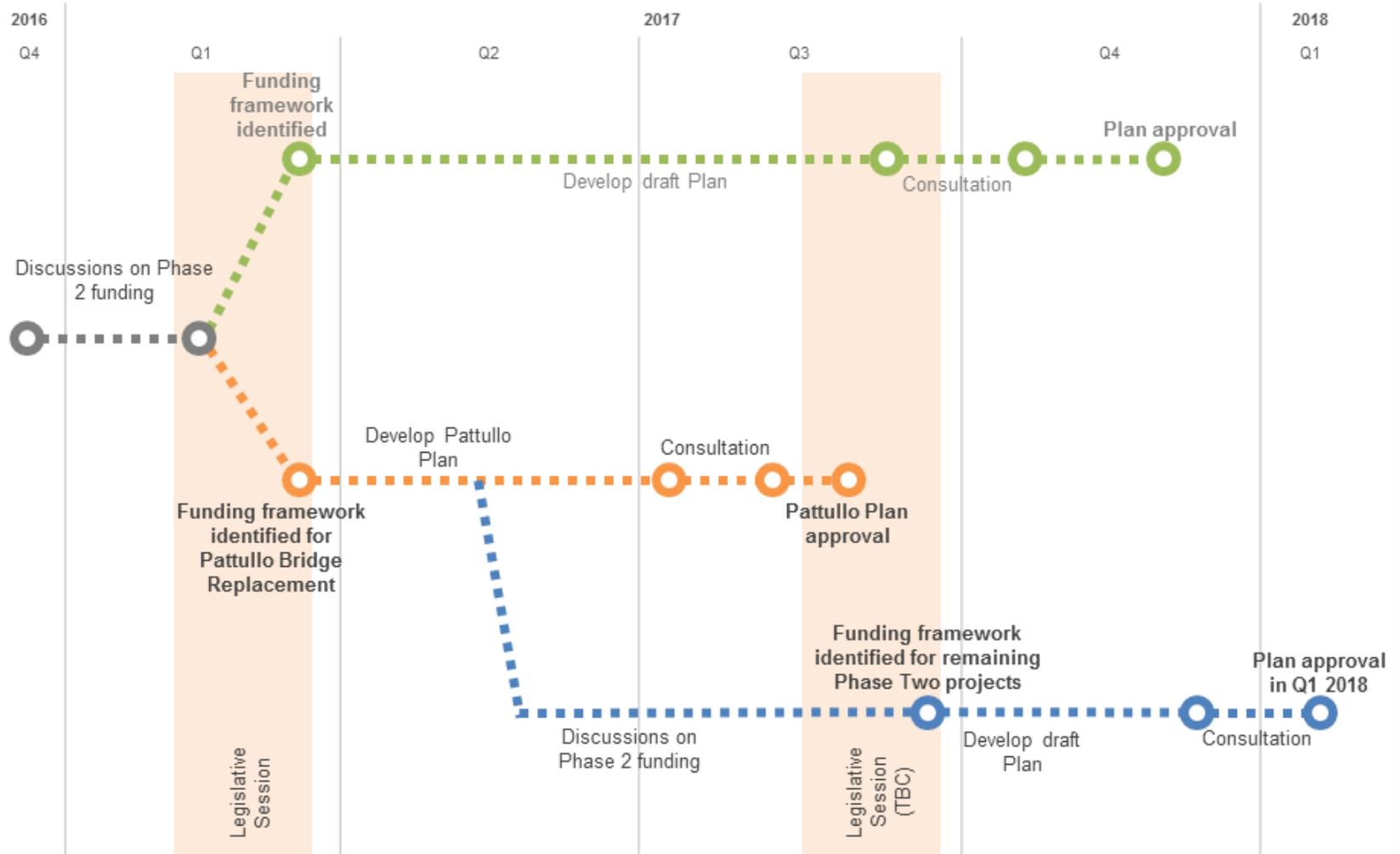
10-Year Vision Investment Dashboard

Investment	10-Year Vision	Phase One (Approved/Underway)
Bus service 	 25% increase 11 new B-Lines	 10% increase 5 new B-Lines
SeaBus service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 new SeaBus • 10 min peak frequency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 new SeaBus ✓ 10 min peak frequency
HandyDART service	 30% increase	 15% increase
Rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115 Expo/Millennium Lines cars • 22 Canada Line cars • 10 WCE cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 Expo/Millennium Lines cars ✓ 22 Canada Line cars • 5 WCE cars + 1 new locomotive
Major Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Line Broadway Extension • SoF Rapid Transit • Pattullo Bridge Replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-construction on Broadway Extension • Pre-construction on Newton-Guildford Line • Design for Pattullo Bridge Replacement
MRN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRN expansion: 1% annual increase + one-time 10% increase  MRN upgrades: \$200M  MRN seismic: \$130M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MRN expansion: 1% annual increase + one-time 10% increase  \$50M (25% of Vision)  \$32.5M (25% of Vision)
Walking & Cycling 	 Regional Cycling: \$131M  Walking Access to Transit: \$35M	 \$41.3M (30% of Vision)  \$12.5M (35% of Vision)
Transit Exchanges 	13 new or expanded transit exchanges	3 upgraded transit exchanges, in addition to 2 exchanges part of Surrey pre-construction work

10-Year Vision Investment Dashboard

Investment	10-Year Vision	Phase One (Approved/Underway)	Phase Two: Working Assumptions
Bus service 	 25% increase 11 new B-Lines	 10% increase 5 new B-Lines	 Additional 4-6% increase Next phase of B-Lines
SeaBus service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 new SeaBus 10 min peak frequency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 new SeaBus ✓ 10 min peak frequency 	
HandyDART service	 30% increase	 15% increase	 Additional 6-8% increase
Rail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 115 Expo/Millennium Lines cars 22 Canada Line cars 10 WCE cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 Expo/Millennium Lines cars ✓ 22 Canada Line cars 5 WCE cars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Expo/Millennium Line cars Additional station upgrades Storage and maintenance facilities
Major Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Millennium Line Broadway Extension South of Fraser Rapid Transit Pattullo Bridge Replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-construction for Broadway Extension Pre-construction for Newton-Guildford Line Design for Pattullo Bridge Replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Millennium Line Broadway Extension ✓ Surrey Newton-Guildford LRT ✓ Pattullo Bridge Replacement
MRN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRN expansion: 1% annual increase + one-time 10% increase  MRN upgrades: \$200M  MRN seismic: \$130M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MRN expansion: 1% annual increase + one-time 10% increase  \$50M (25% of Vision)  \$32.5M (25% of Vision)	 \$40M (20%)  \$26M (20%)
Walking & Cycling 	 Regional Cycling: \$131M  Walking Access to Transit: \$35M	 \$41.3M (30% of Vision)  \$12.5M (35% of Vision)	 \$23.8M (18%)  \$10M (29%)
Transit Facilities 	13 new or expanded transit exchanges	3 upgraded transit exchanges, in addition to 2 exchanges part of Surrey pre-construction work	Additional investment in transit facilities

Pathways to develop Phase Two



Next Steps

- Ongoing roll-out of Phase One investments
- Continued engagement with provincial and federal governments to secure senior government funding commitments
- Further planning work to refine investment scope for Phase Two Plan

Report to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

ITEM 5.1: REVISING THE MAYORS' COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

Purpose

This report provides an update on the project to revise the Mayors' Council's *Rules of Procedure*, and includes a short outline of the proposed changes. A full set of proposed changes will be presented for discussion and consideration at the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Mayors' Council.

Background

The current *Rules of Procedure* (see Annex 1) was last revised in 2010. At the July 28, 2016 meeting, in response to discussion, the Executive Director indicated that he would work with the Recording Secretary and TransLink's Corporate Secretary to review the 2010 *Rules of Procedure*, and if necessary, recommend revisions.

Current Status

The review process, led by Recording Secretary Carol Lee, is nearly complete. TransLink's Corporate Secretary is reviewing potential revisions, and providing feedback to ensure changes are consistent with the 2014 amendments to TransLink's legislation and do not create any new or unintended consequences to the operation of the Mayors' Council.

Analysis

A lot has changed in the Mayors' Council's responsibilities and operations since its *Rules of Procedure* were last updated in 2010. Most significantly, in 2014, TransLink's governing legislation was amended which changed some of the Mayors' Council's responsibilities, and as a consequence how it operates. In the same year, the Mayors' Council hired an Executive Director who has been undertaking some of the responsibilities that the 2010 version of the Rules assigned to the Corporate Secretary. Revisions will be proposed to address these and other changed circumstances.

Revisions are proposed in the following major thematic areas (other more minor revisions will also be proposed):

1. **Metro Vancouver precedent:** Where possible, rules will reflect those used by Metro Vancouver, given the familiarity with those rules of most members.
2. **Definition of meeting:** The Council no longer meets solely in person as an entire body, and has used committees, workshops, teleconferences and has met jointly with the TransLink Board or Metro Vancouver Directors more and more frequently. Revisions are proposed to recognize and facilitate the different types of meetings the Council has and may reasonably use.

3. **Elections:** At present, the election of Chair and Vice Chair traditionally occurs at the first meeting of each calendar year. However, under legislation, the term actually ends December 31, which leaves a gap of days or weeks in the official position until the election occurs. Before the 2014 legislative amendments, this did not have a significant real world impact, but with the Chair and Vice Chair serving on the TransLink Board, this gap affects Board participation, and other administrative tasks such as accounting approvals. It will be proposed that elections be moved to the final meeting of each calendar year.
4. **Staff roles:** The existing Rules describes specific responsibilities for the Corporate Secretary which are now mostly delivered by the Executive Director or Recording Secretary. Revisions are proposed to accommodate changing staff roles.
5. **Weighted voting:** The application and process of weighted votes has resulted in uncertainty from time to time, particularly given some of the new responsibility granted under the 2014 amendments. Revisions may be proposed both to clarify weighted voting rules, as well as to ensure these rules are consistent with legislation.

In addition to proposed changes to the *Rules of Procedure*, in response to a request for a Council member, at the next meeting, staff will also propose a policy and process to facilitate the public release of in-camera reports whenever appropriate to increase transparency.

A full set of proposed rules revisions will be presented to the February 16, 2017 meeting of the Mayors' Council for comment and consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive this report.

Michael Buda
Executive Director

ANNEX 1:

**MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

1. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of Meetings:

"Act" means the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act*;

"Board" means the Board of Directors of TransLink;

"Board Chair" means the Chair of the Board, appointed by the Board;

"Chair" means a Council Member, elected as Chair by the Mayors' Council;

"Chief Executive Officer" means the person appointed as Chief Executive Officer of TransLink, pursuant to the Act;

"Committee" means a committee of Council Members established by the Mayors' Council;

"Committee Chair" means the Committee member appointed as chair by the Committee;

"Corporate Secretary" means the Corporate Secretary of TransLink;

"Council Member" means a member of the Mayors' Council;

"Delegate" means a member of a mayor's municipal council appointed by the Council Member to attend and act on his/her behalf, in his/her absence, at a Mayors' Council meeting;

"Director" means a member of the Board;

"Mayors' Council" means the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation established under the Act;

"TransLink" means the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority; and

"Vice Chair" means a Council Member, elected as Vice Chair by the Mayors' Council.

"Executive Director"
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Adopted: December 9, 2010

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- 2.1 Pursuant to the Act, the Mayors' Council must elect one of their number as Chair. The Mayors' Council will also elect one of their number as Vice Chair.
- 2.2 Any Council Member may be nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair at the Mayors' Council meeting where the election of the Chair and Vice Chair is to be considered. The nomination must be seconded by another Council Member and must be accepted by the Council Member so nominated.
- 2.3 If more than one person is nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, a vote by secret ballot will be taken to determine the outcome at the meeting when the nominations are made. The person who receives the most votes, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Secretary, will be the Chair and Vice Chair.
- 2.4 The Chair and Vice Chair shall hold office for a one year term, commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 of that same year. *2 years*
- 2.5 The Chair and Vice Chair should declare their intention to seek re-election or to resign from the office by notifying the Council Members by email, mail or facsimile no later than November 1.
- 2.6 If the office of the Chair or Vice Chair becomes vacant, the Mayors' Council will elect a new Chair or Vice Chair at its next meeting, to hold office until such time as he/she is no longer a Council Member or until the Mayors' Council elects another Council Member as Chair or Vice Chair.

3. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

- 3.1 The Chair will each decide from time to time where and when meetings will be held.

4. MEETINGS

- 4.1 The Chair will preside at all meetings. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall preside.
- 4.2 A part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the Mayors' Council or another position appointed by the Mayors' Council;

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- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a Mayors' Council award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the Mayors' Council on condition of anonymity;
- (c) the security of the property of the Mayors' Council;
- (d) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Mayors' Council or Committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Mayors' Council;
- (e) law enforcement, if the Mayors' Council or Committee considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct of an investigation under or enforcement of an enactment;
- (f) litigation or potential litigation affecting the Mayors' Council;
- (g) an administrative tribunal hearing or potential administrative tribunal hearing affecting the Mayors' Council, other than a hearing to be conducted by the Mayors' Council or Committee or a delegate of the Mayors' Council or Committee;
- (h) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (i) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (j) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a Mayors' Council service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Mayors' Council or Committee, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the Mayors' Council if they were held in public;
- (k) relations or negotiations between the Mayors' Council and other levels of government and/or agencies;
- (l) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting;
- (m) the consideration of whether a meeting should be closed under a provision of this Item or Item 4.2;

- (n) the consideration of whether the authority under Item 4.4 should be exercised in relation to a meeting.
- 4.3 A part of a meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:
- (a) a request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, if the Mayors' Council is designated as head of the local public body for the purposes of that Act in relation to the matter;
 - (b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the Mayors' Council and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;
 - (c) a matter that is being investigated under the Ombudsman Act of which the Mayors' Council has been notified under section 14 [ombudsman to notify authority] of that Act;
 - (d) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public must be excluded from the meeting.
- 4.4 If the only subject matter being considered at a meeting is one or more matters referred to in Items 4.1 or 4.2, the applicable subsection applies to the entire meeting.
- 4.5 The Corporate Secretary will circulate the proposed agendas for the public and in camera meetings to all Council Members ten days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Upon receipt of the proposed agendas, the Council Members may request the Chair to move items from the public meeting agenda to the in camera meeting agenda and vice versa, prior to the agendas being finalized.
- 4.6 The Corporate Secretary or his/her designate will attend all Mayors' Council meetings and record the business and proceedings thereof.
- 4.7 The Chief Executive Officer, the Board Chair and those individuals whose attendance is deemed to be required by either the Chief Executive Officer or the Board Chair will attend all Mayors' Council meetings unless otherwise determined by the Mayors' Council.

Adopted: December 9, 2010

5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 5.1 Meetings of the Mayors' Council will be called by the Corporate Secretary, at the request of the Chair, and notice of the meeting will be delivered to Council Members at least five clear calendar days before the date of the meeting and:
- (a) The notice will state the general purpose of the meeting and the day, hour and place of the meeting;
 - (b) The notice will be delivered to Council Members by mail, e-mail or facsimile or other means of transmitting legibly recorded messages to the address given to the Corporate Secretary for that purpose; and
 - (c) At least five calendar days before a meeting, the Secretary must give public notice of the day, hour and place of the meeting by way of a notice posted on the TransLink website.
- 5.2 In an emergency, the Chair, or any three or more Council Members upon written request, may call a meeting with less than five clear calendar days notice. The notice will indicate the agenda items to be dealt with at the meeting and only those matters will be dealt with at the meeting except where a resolution to place an additional item on the agenda has been passed unanimously by those Council Members and Delegates present at the meeting.
- 5.3 A Meeting of the Mayors' Council shall be called by the Corporate Secretary for a specified purpose, at the written request of three or more Council Members, and notice of the meeting will be delivered to Council Members at least five clear calendar days before the date of the meeting and:
- (a) The notice will state the purpose of the meeting and the day, hour and place of the meeting;
 - (b) The notice will be delivered to Council Members by mail, e-mail or facsimile or other means of transmitting legibly recorded messages to the address given to the Corporate Secretary for that purpose; and
 - (c) At least five calendar days before a meeting, the Secretary must give public notice of the day, hour and place of the meeting by way of a notice posted on the TransLink website.
- 5.4 Meetings of the Mayors' Council may be held for the express purpose of receiving public input. The meeting will be called by the Corporate Secretary, at the request of the Chair, and notice of the meeting will be delivered to Council Members at least fifteen clear calendar days before the date of the meeting.

Adopted: December 9, 2010

6. QUORUM

- 6.1 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Mayors' Council shall be a majority of the Council Members.
- 6.2 Delegates will be included in the determination of quorum.

7. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

- 7.1 The Mayors' Council will allot a maximum of one hour on the day of a public meeting to receive public delegations.
- 7.2 Each delegation will be given a maximum of five minutes to address the Mayors' Council.
- 7.3 Any person or organization wishing to appear before the Mayors' Council must submit an application to the Corporate Secretary no later than 8:00 a.m., two business days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- 7.4 The application must indicate the agenda item or issue the applicant wishes to address, the name of the designated speaker and the specific action that is being requested of the Mayors' Council. The Mayors' Council will receive public delegations only on those matters that are within the authority of the Mayors' Council to decide.
- 7.5 The Mayors' Council will receive one representative from an organization at each meeting. If an organization wishes to appear as a delegation, one person should be selected as a designated speaker for the organization. If more than one individual from an organization submits an application, the individual who registered first with the Corporate Secretary will be deemed to be the designated speaker for the organization. Additional representatives from the organizations will be received, time permitting within the time allotted to receiving public input, in accordance with Item 7.7(c).
- 7.6 The Corporate Secretary shall, no later than noon on the business day prior to the scheduled meeting, advise the applicant whether he/she is scheduled to appear before the Mayors' Council.
- 7.7 Applications to appear as delegations will be prioritized in accordance with the following process:
 - (a) Those individuals or organizations (in accordance with Item 7.5) speaking on an agenda item to be considered at the meeting will be received first.

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Priority will be given to those individuals or organizations that have not previously addressed the Mayors' Council on the agenda item of interest.

- (b) Those individuals or organizations (in accordance with Item 7.5) speaking on issues not included on the agenda for the meeting and on a matter that is within the authority of the Mayors' Council will be received next. Priority will be given to those individuals or organizations that have not previously addressed the Mayors' Council on the issue of interest.
- (c) Representatives, other than the designated speaker of an organization that has already been heard at the meeting, will be received next in the order in which they register with the Corporate Secretary (subject to Item 7.8), if time permits within the time allotted by the Mayors' Council to receive delegations.

- 7.8 Where the number of applications exceeds the time allotted by the Mayors' Council to receive delegations, a maximum of four presentations on each agenda item or issue will be received. The Corporate Secretary will attempt to provide a balance of perspectives on the action being requested of the Mayors' Council on a specific agenda item or issue.
- 7.9 Where the number of applicants exceeds the time allotted to receiving public input, the applicants that are not accepted will be invited to submit written input to the Mayors' Council.
- 7.10 Where circumstances warrant, the Mayors' Council, may extend the length of time allotted to receiving public input.

B. RULES OF CONDUCT

- 8.1 The Chair will preserve order and decide all points of order that may arise.
- 8.2 The Chair may expel or exclude any person from a meeting for improper conduct.
- 8.3 Any decision of the Chair made under this Section may be appealed by a Council Member or Delegate. On an appeal, the question "Will the Chair be sustained?", will be immediately put by the Chair and decided without debate and the Chair will be governed by the vote of the majority of those present at the meeting and:
 - (a) The Chair shall not be entitled to vote on an appeal; and
 - (b) In the event of the votes being equal, the decision of the Chair will be upheld.

- 8.4 If the Chair refuses to put the question "Will the Chair be sustained?", the Council Members and Delegates shall immediately appoint a Council Member or Delegate to preside temporarily to act as Chair and to proceed in accordance with Item 8.3.

9. VOTING

- 9.1 Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of those present.
- 9.2 Except as provided in Item 8.3(a), the Chair shall vote on all business coming before a meeting.
- 9.3 In the case of an equal number of votes for and against a question, including the vote of the Chair, except as provided in Item 8.3(a), the question shall be defeated.

10. RULES OF DEBATE

- 10.1 Where there is a motion under debate, a Council Member or Delegate shall not speak other than on that motion under debate and the matters relating to that motion as set out in Item 10.3.
- 10.2 No Council Member or Delegate shall speak on any question for longer than five minutes without leave of the Mayors' Council.
- 10.3 No Council Member or Delegate, with the exception of the mover of the motion under debate, shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the Mayors' Council except in explanation of a material part of his or her speech which may have been misconceived, and in doing so, the Council Member or Delegate is not to introduce any new matter.
- 10.4 If, during debate on a motion, a motion to refer or defer that motion is put while there are Council Members or Delegates remaining who have indicated an intention to speak, the Chair shall, at his/her sole discretion, refuse to accept the seconding of such a motion of deferral or referral until those on the list of speakers for the first motion have been heard. No other names shall be added to the speakers list, and following the hearing of those entitled to speak, the Chair shall ask if there will be a seconder to the motion to defer or refer and, receiving an affirmative response, shall call the question on such motion.
- 10.5 Item 10.4 does not apply to the mover of the motion under debate and the mover shall be permitted to speak a second time, for a maximum of five minutes, immediately before the question is finally put by the Chair.

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- 10.6 After the question is finally put by the Chair, no Council Member or Delegate shall speak to such question nor shall any other motion be made until after the result is declared.

11. MOTIONS

- 11.1 A motion must be made and seconded before the subject of the question is debated or voted upon.
- 11.2 After a motion is read, it may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment with the approval of those present at the meeting.
- 11.3 When a motion is being debated, the only motions that may be made are to refer it, amend it, lay it on the table, defer it, adjourn the meeting, or to move that the vote be taken.
- 11.4 Motions to defer or refer a decision or to adjourn the meeting shall be decided without debate or amendment.
- 11.5 A Council Member or Delegate may request that a motion that contains multiple parts be divided and a separate vote be taken on each part, subject to the approval of the Chair.
- 11.6 A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but no second motion to the same effect shall be made until some intermediate proceeding shall have been taken.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 Any Council Member or Delegate desiring to bring a new matter before a meeting of the Mayors' Council, other than a point of order or a point of privilege, shall do so by way of motion.
- 12.2 Any new matter that requires further information than could or would normally be available to the Mayors' Council at a meeting, may be ruled by the Chair as a notice of motion and shall be dealt with as provided by Item 12.3(b).
- 12.3 A notice of motion may be introduced by a Council Member:
- (a) Providing the Corporate Secretary with a signed copy of such motion, no later than five clear calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting, and the Corporate Secretary shall add the motion to the agenda for said meeting; or

- (b) Providing the Corporate Secretary with a signed copy of such motion during a meeting and the Corporate Secretary shall, upon the Council Member or Delegate being acknowledged by the Chair and the notice of motion being read to the meeting, include it in the minutes of that meeting as notice of motion and shall add the motion to the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Mayors' Council.

12.4 A motion may be introduced without previous notice having been given by a resolution waiving notice of motion passed by two-thirds of those present at the meeting.

13. AMENDMENTS

13.1 Amendments shall be voted on in the reverse order to that in which they are moved.

- (a) Every amendment submitted shall, when requested by any Council Member or Committee member, be reduced to writing and be decided upon or withdrawn before the main question is put to vote.

- (b) Only two amendments shall be allowed to the main motion and only one amendment shall be allowed to an amendment.

13.2 A question of referral, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments to the main question.

14. RECONSIDERATION

14.1 A matter that has previously been decided by Mayors' Council may be returned to the Mayors' Council for reconsideration, provided that the motion to reconsider is made by a Council Member or Delegate who previously voted with the prevailing side. A motion to reconsider may be seconded by any Council Member or Delegate.

14.2 A matter being returned to the Mayors' Council for reconsideration shall be passed by a simple majority of those present.

15. ATTENDANCE

15.1 Council Members and Delegates are expected to attend meetings in person.

16. COMMITTEES

- 16.1 The Mayors' Council may establish Committees and delegate the powers and duties of the Mayors' Council to the Committee.
- 16.2 Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 15 shall apply to meetings of any committees established by the board except that, where applicable, the term "Committee Chair" will be substituted for the term "Chair" and the term "committee meeting" will be substituted for the term "Mayors' Council meeting".
- 16.3 Section 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 shall not apply to Committee meetings.
- 16.4 The Chair is an ex officio member of all Committees.
- 16.5 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business at a Committee meeting shall be a majority of the Committee members.

17. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 17.1 If the Procedures for the Conduct of Meetings do not apply to any situation, the proceedings of the Mayors' Council thereof shall be governed in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

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January 20, 2017

Report to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

ITEM 5.2: 2017 MAYORS' COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET

Purpose

This report provides a brief summary of the Mayors' Council 2016 revenues and expenditures expenses, and proposes a 2017 work plan and budget.

Background

As set by the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act (SCBCTA Act)*, in 2017, the Mayors' Council is allocated a maximum budget based on 0.07% of TransLink's gross revenue in the previous fiscal year (approximately \$1.11 million).¹

Current Status

There are several mandated or basic costs that the Mayors' Council must budget for every year:

1. Meeting expenses (facility costs, A/V services, food and refreshments, etc.)
2. Recording Secretary
3. Members' remuneration and expenses
4. Statutory responsibilities (costs, usually related to research or consultants, associated with our oversight and/or approvals of long-term strategies, investment plans, short-term fare increases, customer satisfaction/complaint process, disposition of major assets, directors' remuneration and executive compensation).

In addition to these basic costs required to run the Mayors' Council, or that are associated with discharging legislated responsibilities, the Mayors' Council has in the past chosen to undertake the following costs:

1. *Secretariat*: The Mayors' Council has elected to engage the services of a full time Executive Director to oversee the operations of the Mayors' Council Secretariat and provide advice and support to the mayors. This position represents an additional ongoing expense. No other full-time staff is contemplated for the secretariat besides the Executive Director and the Recording Secretary (retained on a consulting basis).
2. *Consulting support for strategic projects*: The Mayors' Council has, from time to time, engaged consultants to assist with its work, undertaking projects in 2016 that included: financial modelling and communications advice related to the development of the Phase One Plan. Similar kinds of projects, at a higher intensity, are expected to continue in 2017 as the Phase Two Plan is advanced.

¹ TransLink's 2015 gross revenue figure is \$1,627,650,000; the 2016 figure is not yet available, but is expected to be slightly higher. 0.07% of this 2015 figure is \$1,113,950.

3. *Travel:* In 2016, some travel was undertaken by Mayors' Council and municipal staff to support intergovernmental negotiations in Victoria and Ottawa. Additional travel in 2017 is expected to support continued Phase Two related intergovernmental relations work.
4. *Website:* The Mayors' Council website (www.mayorscouncil.ca) was established in 2014 to support the release of the 10-year plan. Modest management costs for running this site (server and software costs, hosting fees, etc.) were covered by TransLink for the first year, and are now borne by the Mayors' Council.

2016 Report

A report on 2016 expenditures is provided in Annex A below. Expenses are 13% higher than budgeted, driven mainly by higher meeting costs (meeting per diems to Mayors' Council members, facility rental costs, A/V services, etc.) due to a 40% increase in the number of Mayors' Council meetings (10 meetings in 2015 versus 14 in 2016) and the establishment of two committees (Funding Strategy Committee and the Mobility Pricing Committee). This increase in meetings is a reflection of the complexity of Phase One planning, consultation and deliberation.

Proposed 2017 Work Plan and Budget

The Mayors' Council did not use all of its allocation from TransLink in 2016, as has been the case for many years, and the same pattern will continue in 2017, with the proposed budget representing just 66% of the maximum statutory amount (up from 59% in 2016).

The focus for the Mayors' Council in much of 2016 was the development, intergovernmental negotiation, public consultation and approval of the Phase One Plan of the 10-Year Vision. In addition, the Mayors' Council completed its other statutory responsibilities including the appointment of TransLink Board members.

The work plan for 2017 is similar, but is expected to be more complex, with the focus now on the larger Phase Two Plan. In addition to a larger Phase Two Plan, the Mayors' Council will need to continue to be engaged in Phase One roll-out activities, including public consultation and communication. Finally, and new for the Council which brings an added draw on its resources, the provincial election represents a significant opportunity for the Mayors' Council to educate and engage residents in the importance of the provincial role in regional transportation planning and funding.

Given these broader and more complex demands of the Mayors' Council's work plan, the proposed 2017 budget is 19% higher than 2016 expenses. These higher costs reflect a continued trend towards more frequent Mayors' Council meetings, and a higher consulting budget. In particular, these higher budgets will support more robust public outreach, education and engagement activities in the pre-election period and through the Phase Two development, consultation and approval process.

Other budget notes:

- Basic costs for meeting expenses, member remuneration and recording secretary requirements will account for **31%** or \$236,000 of the proposed budget.
- Research and communications consulting, to support our statutory responsibilities and advance the Phase Two Plan through a provincial election and extensive public consultations will account for an estimated **36%**, or \$275,000 of our budget.

- A small amount, less than 2% of our budget, has been set aside to support travel to Victoria and Ottawa to meet with federal and provincial officials, to advance the Phase Two Plan of the 10-year Vision.

As was directed last year, it is recommended that the Executive Director, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Mayors' Council be delegated authority to approve expenditures incurred on behalf of the Mayors' Council according to TransLink's existing financial control policies.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Approve the 2017 budget of \$761,100;
2. Directs the Chair and Vice-Chair to oversee the 2017 Mayors' Council budget, and report back on plans and results as needed to the Mayors' Council; and
3. Ensures that all costs and expenses approved by the Mayors' Council Executive Director, Chair or Vice-Chair are necessary for the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation to perform its duties under the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act*;
4. Receive this report;

Michael Buda
Executive Director

ANNEX A

2016 Report and 2017 Proposed Budget

Item	2016 Budget	2016 Expenses	Variance	2017 Budget
Meeting costs	\$4,000	\$7,343	-\$3,343	\$8,000
Staff support (Executive Director, Recording Secretary)	\$212,500	\$203,517	\$8,983	\$223,000
Consulting Services	\$250,000	\$207,657	\$42,343	\$275,000.00
Mayors' Council Member per diem fees and expenses	\$100,000	\$221,621	-\$121,621	\$243,100
Travel and accommodations	\$9,600	\$10,062	-\$462	\$10,000
Website management	\$2,000	\$2,923	-\$923	\$2,000
Totals	\$578,100	\$653,123	-\$75,023	\$761,100

January 17, 2017

Report to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

ITEM 5.3: 2016 MAYORS' COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR

Purpose

This report provides the 2017 meeting calendar that was circulated by e-mail to the Mayors' Council on January 5, 2017.

Background

The meetings are planned monthly, and wherever possible have been set to avoid conflicts with municipal, Metro Vancouver and TransLink council, committee and Board meetings, as well as UBCM, LMLGMA and FCM and Council break weeks.

If and when circumstances warrant, at the direction of the Chair, these meeting dates may be adjusted, or new ones added, as per usual past practice.

2017 Calendar of Mayors' Council Meetings (all meetings at TransLink)

1. Thursday, January 26 at 9AM to 12:30PM
2. Thursday, February 16 at 9AM to 12:30PM
3. Thursday, March 9 at 9AM to 12:30PM
4. Friday, April 7 at 1PM to 4:30PM
5. Thursday, May 4 at 9AM to 12:30PM
6. Thursday, May 25 at 1PM to 4:30PM
7. Thursday, June 29 at 9AM to 12:30PM
8. Thursday, July 27 at 9AM to 12:30PM
9. Thursday, September 21 at 9AM to 12:30PM
10. Thursday, October 19 at 9AM to 12:30PM
11. Thursday, November 16 at 9AM to 12:30PM
12. Thursday, December 7 at 9AM to 12:30PM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Make this calendar available to the public on the Mayors' Council page of TransLink's website;
2. Receive this report.

Michael Buda
Executive Director

Item 6.1

WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL

November 18, 2016

To the Mayors and the TransLink Board

My name is Albert Melenius. I have been involved in HandyDart since 1975, a couple of years before we received guaranteed government funding.

I attach my last three presentations. All speak to the issue of stability for HandyDart. The riders need stability.

I also attach a rejection to an earlier attempt to speak to the mayors.

I have presented many times to the TransLink board and the predecessor boards, the first TransLink board, involving elected officials, and before that the B.C. Transit board and before that, to city councils.

Choosing the wrong contractor could easily throw us into a second version of the 2009 strike which involved trying to take the pension away from people in their fifties who would soon be retiring. TransLink stood by and let this happen.

The riders can't reach the TransLink board. They can vote against politicians, as they did after the 2001 strike at Coast Mountain.

HandyDart needs to become a problem solving organization, rather than a constant political foot ball. Done right, HandyDart will serve everyone.

HandyDart needs stability and improvement. You can provide that.



Albert Melenius

ADDRESS TO THE MAYORS' COUNCIL AND TRANSLINK BOARD

ALBERT MELENIUS

NOVEMBER 10, 2016

My name is Albert Melenius. I started driving HandyDart style buses in 1975 before they were named HandyDarts. I drove them when they were run by charities working on city grants and Ministry of Human Resources funding. I was there when they made the transition to Urban Transit funding and then to the Annual Operating Agreement system.

I think this plan is a step in the right direction. I hope you endorse it.

I wish to speak on the custom transit part of the proposal. I understand that there is a separate review of HandyDart being done. HandyDart should always be seen in the context of transit as a whole. HandyDart makes transit accessible to all. Many of my passengers cannot get to SkyTrain without HandyDart, and some cannot use SkyTrain at all. If you can build SkyTrain and Subway you can fund HandyDart.

I note, at page four in the Draft Technical Documentation a list of increases, including "a 15% increase in Custom Transit across the region." I urge you to keep an eye on this terminology. Custom Transit can mean any bus or system with 'customized' equipment or procedures for special work. The shortage is in one branch of Custom, HandyDart, which is the form of Custom that gives the most help to the passenger. The people of my generation are starting to become seniors and as time goes on many of them will develop disability and sooner or later they will not be able to travel without assistance. That's when they will need HandyDart.

On page eighteen of the same document I see that the federal and provincial governments once again promise to help with capital costs. At some point you must persuade them to start committing to operating costs. A bus with no fuel or no pay for a driver is a useless bus.

Finally, I have been telling the TransLink board that they need to take steps to stabilize HandyDart. My clients are the people who need stability the most. The Annual Operating Agreement system de-stabilizes.

I have presented to the TransLink Board several times and later this month I will give your secretary some of that material for distribution.



ADDRESS TO TRANSLINK BOARD

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

My name is Albert Melenius. I am the guy who negotiated for Vancouver HandyDart for twenty three years without a strike. This is a condensed version of what I said last time.

You are going to open the RFP process.

1. Whatever you do with HandyDart, you must make it more stable. Do not make us part of Coast. We will become a pawn in every transit strike. Don't even park the buses in the same yard.
2. At this time HandyDart is the blame game. This is largely because the decisions are made by people without disability. No able bodied person knows what they need.
3. The only control you need is a global budget.
4. Autonomy is the key to the future of HandyDart.
5. The autonomy that could have made HandyDart a problem solving mechanism has instead made it into a political football.
6. The riders need to work together to improve HandyDart, rather than forever trying to get the attention of able bodied administrators.
7. HandyDart governance should consist of the riders improving all forms of custom transit and reporting directly to TransLink.
8. The present Access Transit staff should be part of HandyDart/Custom Transit and work directly with the riders.



9. **HandyDart is the finishing touch that makes transit accessible to all. It deserves an organization of its own, reporting directly to TransLink.**

Foot note:

ADDRESS TO TRANSLINK BOARD

MAY 6, 2016 FOLLOW UP TO MARCH 30, 2016

THIS IS THE LETTER I PROMISED YOU ON MARCH 30, 2016

My name is Albert Melenius. Last time I spoke to you as a transit driver and a transit rider. I was also a HandyDart negotiator for the ATU. I am the guy who negotiated for twenty three years without a strike.

Whatever you do with HandyDart, you must make it more stable. HandyDart riders need stability to be able to plan their lives. A few are quite vulnerable, but they all have obstacles to overcome if they want full participation.

If you can afford subway and SkyTrain you can afford HandyDart.

Do not make us part of Coast. We will become a pawn in every transit strike.

Our riders deserve better than that. It would be a nasty trick for you to put them in this position. **Don't even park the buses in the same yard.**

A comment on the wholly owned subsidiary. I checked with a lawyer. Subsidiaries have to be majority owned; they do not need to be wholly owned. The phrase 'wholly owned' comes up over and over because it is the easiest two step method to a complete merger. First wholly owned, and then voted inside. It's a roundabout method of achieving the problem I named above.

Show some respect to the riders. Give them a global budget and put them in charge of effective decision making regarding all forms of custom transit. I emphasize, 'effective'. **Have them manage HandyDart. You know the cost, they know the effect.** They could even manage MVT if MVT wasn't focused entirely on profit.

You can use direct experience to build the most accessible transit in the world. Why not?

Many of my passengers can't get to subway or SkyTrain without HandyDart. Some of them can't even use SkyTrain or subway.

HandyDart is the finishing touch that makes transit accessible to all.

The present custom transit system is dominated by fixed route bias and controlled by able bodied people who don't have direct experience of disability. **HandyDart governance should consist of the riders improving all forms of custom transit and reporting directly to TransLink.** MVT could be the Management Company, if the riders made the decisions, and if MVT worked for an administrative fee, rather than for profit.

Finally, I repeat, do not make us part of Coast. We will become a pawn in every transit strike. Our riders deserve better than that.



Re: Applying to Speak at a Mayors' Council Meeting

2 messages

Mike Buda <mike.buda@mayorscouncil.ca>

Fri, Jan 22, 2016 at 1:35
PM

To: "afmelenius@gmail.com" <afmelenius@gmail.com>

Mr. Melenius,

Thank you for your application to speak before the Mayors' Council. The Chair and Vice-Chair have reviewed your request. It has been determined that your proposed topic does not fall within the mandate of the Mayors' Council, and therefore your application to present has been denied.

The Mayors' Council may only consider issues that fall within their legislated mandate, and the operations of the HandyDart system fall outside of their mandate. Operational issues are the responsibility of the TransLink Board, and it is recommended that you direct your request to the Board.

Thank you,

Mike Buda

Michael Buda

Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation