



# **AGENDA PACKAGE**

**(Public Meeting)**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, TransLink Office, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC

- 12:30PM**    **1. Preliminary Matters**
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- 12:40PM**    **2. Update on 10-Year Transit & Transportation Plan .....TO COME**
- 1:40PM**    **3. Public Delegations**
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- 2:00PM**    **TERMINATION**

# MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

## PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, 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 Karl Buhr, Lions Bay  
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody  
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby  
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster  
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A  
Councillor Craig Keating, North Vancouver  
City (alternate)  
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore

Councillor Linda McPhail, Richmond  
(alternate)  
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Angie Quaale, Langley Township  
(alternate)  
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge  
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City  
Mayor Murray Skeels, Bowen Island  
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver  
Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver  
District  
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First  
Nation (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

### **REGRETS:**

Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra  
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta

Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

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

### **PREPARATION OF MINUTES:**

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

## **1. Preliminary Matters**

### **1.1 Call to Order**

The Recording Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

### **1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

*Draft Agenda for the January 27, 2016 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation.*

### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public Meeting scheduled January 27, 2016 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

*Draft Minutes of the October 1, 2015 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation.*

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public meeting held October 1, 2015 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. Election of 2016 Mayors' Council Chair and Vice Chair**

The Recording Secretary reviewed the process for the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

**2.1 Election of the Chair**

The Recording Secretary called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation for 2016.

Mayor Robertson was nominated for the position of Chair and consented to the nomination. The Recording Secretary made a second and third call for nominations. There were no further nominations.

The Recording Secretary declared Mayor Robertson acclaimed as Chair.

Mayor Robertson assumed the Chair.

**2.2 Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Robertson called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation for 2016.

Mayor Hepner was nominated for the position of Vice Chair and consented to the nomination. The Chair made a second and third call for nominations. There were no further nominations.

Chair Robertson declared Mayor Hepner acclaimed as Vice Chair.

**3. TransLink Update**

Cathy McLay, Acting CEO, TransLink provided a presentation titled "TransLink Update" and highlighted:

- Recent accomplishments

Chief Bryce Williams joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

- Compass card rollout
- Plans for 2016
  - Six key priorities
  - Transit network consultation
  - Partner consultation program

- Fare policy review
- Update on major projects

Discussion ensued on:

- The terms of the bonds recently negotiated in the financial markets
- Whether the fare policy review will result in any changes to the one-zone system that has been implemented on buses
- The details of the platinum level sustainability award given to TransLink
- The financial impact of the change to the one-zone system on buses
- Concerns with the debt levels and interest rates associated with the Canada Line P3 procurement arrangement
- The need for the TransLink leadership and the Mayors' Council to have a clear understanding of the complicated financial arrangements with respect to the Canada Line
- The potential strategies to increase transit ridership
- The suggestion that TransLink staff engage with the refugee community to provide assistance in learning to navigate the transit system
- The suggestion to provide wi-fi service throughout the transit system.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.

**CARRIED**

**4. Governance Update**

The Chair advised that Mayors Becker, Clay, Hepner and Walton have been participating in the Metro Vancouver Transportation Planning and Governance Review Task Force Working Group (Working Group) to discuss options, opportunities and challenges to increase collaboration and coordination between the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board of Directors.

Mayor Mike Clay provided an update on work being done by the Working Group and highlighted:

- A meeting was held with the TransLink Board Stakeholder Relations Committee on January 26, 2016
- The need to understand the roles of each governance entity
- Two meetings of the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board will be scheduled in late-February/early-March 2016 to discuss areas of overlapping and joint responsibilities.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Executive Director's Report

### 5.1 2016 Mayors' Council Budget and Work Plan

*Report dated January 22, 2016 from Michael Buda, Executive Director regarding "2016 Mayors' Council Annual Budget" was provided with the agenda material.*

Michael Buda, Executive Director, reviewed the report provided with the agenda material.

Discussion ensued on:

- Confirmation that the increase in the 2016 budget is to cover the cost of retaining consulting advice to ensure independence from TransLink
- Whether TransLink would be willing to fund expenditures for consulting services if the 2016 budgeted amount were to be exceeded
- The suggestion to remove the consulting budget from the 2017 budget and to include the amount in a contingency budget, with the stipulation that all consulting engagements are to be approved by the Mayors' Council
- How the services provided by TransLink staff are accounted for the Mayors' Council budget
- Whether there are sufficient funds in the 2016 budget for the Mayors' Council to host a meeting with the full TransLink Board of Directors.

#### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Approve the 2016 budget of \$538,100;
2. Directs the Chair and Vice Chair to oversee the 2016 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*.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Termination

### **It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Public meeting held January 27, 2016 be now terminated.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 10:13 a.m.)

Certified Correct:

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Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair

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Carol Lee, Recording Secretary  
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

May 19, 2016

Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

**ITEM 3.1: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM PUBLIC DELEGATES**

Purpose

Members of the public are invited to make requests to speak to the Mayors' Council on issues that fall within the Mayors' Council's legislated authorities. Members of the public occasionally note that they are unable to physically attend a meeting, and have asked to make submissions in writing.

This report provides written submissions received by the time the agenda is finalized.

Public Submissions

*Submission #1*

**From:** John Beeching [mailto:----]  
**Sent:** March-17-16 8:34 PM  
**To:** Mayors Council  
**Subject:** Re: Board meetings

This draft has all our thoughts on the subject.  
DRAFT:

*The present liberal government continues with transit changes made by ex-Premier Campbell and adds to them to worsen conditions.*

*The appointed TransLink Board seems unable or unwilling to carry out their mandate.*

In the upcoming 2017 BC Elections we call on candidates to declare publicly they will support and or introduce the following two points in the BC Legislature.

- Restoration of TransLink Board made up mainly of the former Mayors of the South Coast BC.
- Remove 'contracted service' from contracted corporation/companies and make them corporations like most other companies in TransLink-Coast Mountain Bus Company.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

Michael Buda  
Executive Director