

**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 Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 11:40 a.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Boardroom, #400 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District, Chair  
Mayor Wayne Wright, New Westminster, Vice Chair  
Mayor Heather Anderson, Anmore  
Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock  
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond  
Mayor Brenda Broughton, Lions Bay  
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody  
Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby  
Mayor Ernie Daykin, Maple Ridge  
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra  
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township  
Bill Holmes, Electoral Area A (Alternate)  
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta  
Councillor Craig Keating, North Vancouver City  
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam  
Councillor Alison Morse, Bowen Island (Alternate)  
Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver  
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City  
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam  
Mayor Deb Walters, Pitt Meadows  
Mayor Dianne Watts, Surrey

**REGRETS:**

Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver  
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bob Irwin, Regional Transportation Commissioner  
Ian Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink  
Howard Nemtin, Vice Chair, TransLink Board of Directors  
Robert Paddon, Executive Vice President Strategic Planning and Public Affairs, TransLink  
Sheldon Stoilen, Senior Advisor to the Regional Transportation Commissioner

**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 11:40 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

**1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public Meeting scheduled September 26, 2013 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2013**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public Meeting held July 17, 2013 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Bill Holmes arrived at the meeting.

**2. Public Delegations**

None.

**3. Review of 2014 Base Plan**

Robert Paddon, Executive Vice President Strategic Planning and Public Affairs, TransLink, provided an overhead presentation titled "2014 Base Plan TransLink Technical Briefing", and together with Ian Jarvis, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, responded to questions.

Mayor Watts departed the meeting.

Discussion ensued on:

- Consistency of 2013 and 2014 revenue trends
- Forecast that fuel tax revenues will begin to decrease in coming years
- Investments in funding improvements to the major road network as compared to investments in transit

- TransLink's declining rate of service per person and operating deficit since 2009
- Challenges in the face of increasing population and increasing inability to service
- TransLink's reliance of the sale of assets to fund operations
- Current and forecasted rate of subsidy for the Golden Ears Bridge
- Availability of information on potential tolling revenues and infrastructure costs
- Planned presentations to the Metro Vancouver Transportation Committee and Board of Directors in October 2013
- Concern that the Compass Card does not allow transfers from buses to rapid transit for cash fares
- Plans to use Compass Card information in determining fare policies
- Role of the Mayors' Council to establish the level of investment in the Base Plan with the ultimate authority for the Base plan resting with Board
- Interest in information on the assets TransLink plans to sell and whether this affects the ability for expansion of the transit system
- Process for accessing fuel tax revenues.

Councillor Keating departed the meeting.

Discussion continued on:

- Need to focus on generational changes in transit-oriented neighbourhoods by providing transit at time of build
- Timeline for implementation of the Compass Card, collection of data including whether there is a case for true distance based travel, and a full policy review
- Completion of the Regional Transportation Strategy Strategic Framework and work on a 15-year Implementation Plan that will be presented later in 2013
- The Board's recognition of the inability to expand service without new sources of funding to keep pace with the growing needs
- Need for a decision at the provincial level to allow TransLink to move forward in implementing new funding sources
- Suggestion that Board meetings no longer be held privately, and that opportunities for engagement be permitted
- Funding commitments for the Pattullo Bridge to address seismic upgrades and potential for additional commitments to address its rehabilitation.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive for information the presentation on the 2014 Base Plan TransLink Technical Briefing.

**CARRIED**

**4. Other Business**

*Letter from Metro Vancouver dated August 8, 2013 re "Metro Vancouver's Comments on TransLink's Regional Transportation Strategy Framework".*

The next Mayors' Council meeting will take place on October 18, 2013 at the Metro Vancouver offices: 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC.

The Mayors' Council meeting on November 13, 2013, will take place at TransLink's offices: #400 - 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

**5. Termination**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation meeting held September 26, 2013 be now concluded.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 12:39 p.m.)

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Richard Walton  
Mayor Richard Walton, Chair

Original signed by Rae Ratslef  
Rae T. Ratslef, Secretary  
Raincoast Ventures Ltd.