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LETTER: SeaBus bomb scare scuttles evening transit adventure

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The SeaBus terminal at Lonsdale Quay was shut down yesterday evening as police investigated a suspicious package. File photo Cindy Goodman

Dear Editor:

Re: [Walkman Prompts SeaBus Evacuation \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/seabus-evacuated-for-suspicious-walkman-threat-1.1788829\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/seabus-evacuated-for-suspicious-walkman-threat-1.1788829), March 13 front-page story.

Motivated by the North Shore mayors' debate last Monday night, we set out to take the SeaBus downtown to meet our friends for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

After paying \$9 for parking, \$4 each for the fare and with three minutes to spare, we were ready to board the SeaBus.

We stood waiting on the platform patiently for 10 minutes staring into the empty ferry, when the public announcement told us to leave the terminal and run for our lives.

Believing that someone forgot his briefcase or lunch on the seat, we rushed as fast as we could.

We were wrong, it was a CD player left under the seat. No matter, the bomb squad, canine unit and other experts managed to resolve the situation and at 9 o'clock the service resumed again. Congratulations, well done!

Our car got us downtown only five minutes late. One would assume that (TransLink) would at least offer replacement tickets for the unused fare, but customer relations insists that is not the policy. It would cost them nothing as we already paid for no service.

With all the SkyTrain breakdowns and long interruptions due to bomb threats, public transportation is a good alternative to the car when one has time to burn.

We are already planning our next SeaBus adventure for a sunny afternoon next summer.

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