

## **Lack of answers shows why to reject new TransLink tax**

In Friday's paper, the mayor of Port Coquitlam stated that [Jason Bateman's number of \\$250 million a year in extra revenue for TransLink from the proposed sales tax "didn't add up" but he couldn't provide a number.](#) You would think if the Greg Moore, Metro Vancouver's chairman, were doing even a reasonable job, especially in watching over TransLink, he would have a number at his fingertips.

The fact that he couldn't answer that simple question should give people proof that these municipal governments aren't interested in reining in TransLink and preventing waste.

If you take the numbers from the provincial budget for the year, you have 2.4 million people living in Greater Vancouver, or 53 per cent of the BC population of 4.6 million. Fifty-three per cent of the sales tax revenue projected for 2015, \$5.9 billion, comes out to about \$221 million in revenue next year for TransLink and going up from there.

Toss in the people from Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Squamish and Mission going into Greater Vancouver to work and the \$250 million is certainly a realistic number. Moore is a prime example of why are so many people oppose TransLink's proposed new tax.

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