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North Shore voters reject TransLink vote

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Lower Mainland voters have rejected the plebiscite to fund TransLink improvements with a new sales tax. The region-wide vote came back **61.68 per cent No to 38.32 per cent Yes.**

Elections B.C. announced the results from the B.C. Legislature on Thursday morning.

The majority of voters in all three North Shore municipalities voted No. City of North Vancouver voters came down 55.08 per cent against the tax. The District of North Vancouver's No vote came in slightly higher at 55.39 per cent and the District of West Vancouver's voters — where Mayor Michael Smith had also come out on the No side of the debate — topped local opposition at 55.98 per cent.

The decisive but not-binding vote now raises the question: What's next?

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner, who are chairman and vice-chairwoman of the TransLink Mayors council, are expected to respond to the results at 11 a.m.

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone will address the media at 2:30 p.m.

The North Shore News is following the story and will provide reaction from local political leaders later today.

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