

## LETTER: Nix mayors' council to prompt TransLink fix

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**Dear Editor:**

It seems to me the fastest way to fix all that ails TransLink is for all the mayors to quit the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation. This will force the province to take over. The province will have one year to come up with and present a plan, not only in running TransLink but also to grow and fund expansion.

We the people of the Lower Mainland will have a true referendum, the next election, on what the province does with TransLink.

Of course, we will also consider other issues that we feel need provincial improvement, such as: an economic justification not only on the bridge to replace the Massey tunnel, but also on any resource and infrastructure development; have the B.C. Utilities Commission review Site C dam; robbing Crown agencies to bring a balanced budget; outlaw politicians from receiving additional pay but what their salaries are; outlaw dinner fundraising (we want our politicians to make unbiased decisions); stop using meaningless terms, example, "world class" in oil spill response.

As for the poor mayors, they may lose the mayors' council salary, but they will gain respect from their respective electorate whether they seek re-election or go to higher political office. Were I a mayor (no intention of being), I would be happy to have done something that my electorate would respect me for.

Good luck mayors, earn our respect.

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