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TransLink unaccountable on tax

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North Vancouver - Dear Editor: Like many others, I would not think twice about voting yes in the upcoming Metro Vancouver transit referendum if I thought that money would be well spent! But, like most in the area, I cannot help but ask the question, will it be? And my answer is a resounding, no! I see it as giving good money to an organization that has shown no real concern about how much they spend and where they spend it. Moreover, they seem to be unaccountable to anyone! As such, I see this as throwing good money after bad.

TransLink is one amongst a few organizations that seem to operate without any direct accountability to the public. I put the ferry corporation and Metro Vancouver on this list too! I am not saying they are not necessary. But like so many, I am becoming increasingly, reluctant to give these organizations any more money because they have no accountability to the taxpayer. And we are the very people whom they are suppose to be representing and listening to.

The Mayors' Council is going to have a very hard sell, as far as I am concerned, to get a positive vote on this. This need not be the case.

People are willing to do what is necessary to build the infrastructure needed. But, I - and I know I am not alone in this - am not willing to give TransLink another penny until they are accountable to the taxpayers of this province.

I hope someone out there will start to listen to me and so many other people in this province.

We all want the right thing. But we need accountability.

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