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LETTER: A Yes vote on TransLink is a Yes vote for your neighbours

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Dear Editor:

To those upset with TransLink executive salaries, unwelcome densification, and/or squandered tax revenue, please know this: voting No in the transit plebiscite will not solve these issues.

You will be voting No to clean air, a more liveable region and an easier commute for all. Are you truly unwilling to risk 35 cents a day to achieve those goals? Jim Pattison, who will head the public accountability committee, is famous for his penny-pinching ways. I know he'll wring much more out of my 35 coppers than I possibly could.

Please make time to learn more before voting No as a knee-jerk tax protest — visit mayorscouncil.ca and learn how the plan will ultimately save you money. Or speak with public health officials, business groups, environmental organizations or other bodies who offer solid reasons for voting Yes.

You might think the transit system doesn't affect you. It does. Still not convinced? Then spare a thought for the low-income shift worker whose late-night commute takes two hours due to infrequent buses. Or the student who misses a final exam while over capacity buses pass her by. Or the unemployed parent who has to turn down a job because there is no public transit route to get him there. Are these neighbours amongst us worth 35 cents a day? I would vote Yes.

How about you?

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