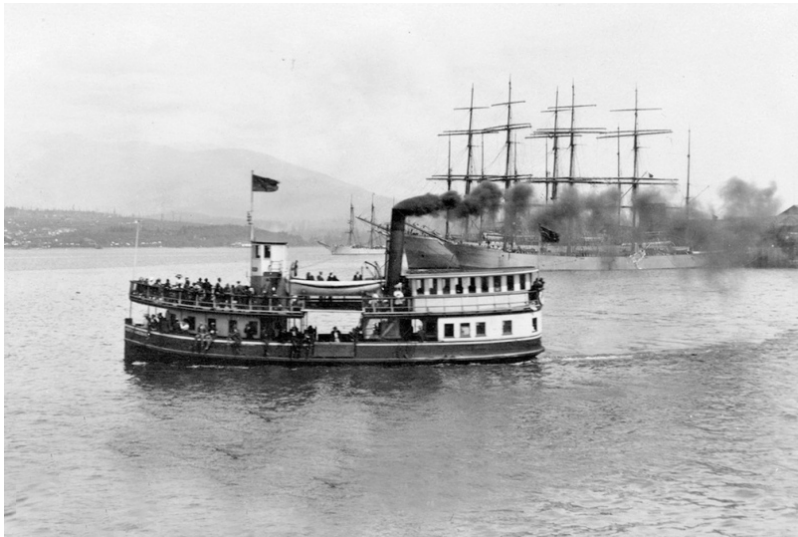


LETTER: Replace 'second rate' SeaBus with faster SkyTrain tunnel

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A ferry crosses Burrard Inlet in the early 1900s. photo supplied City of Vancouver Archives/ Major Matthews Collection

Dear Editor:

Re: [Stifling SeaBus Ride Too Much For Some Riders \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/stifling-seabus-ride-too-much-for-some-riders-1.2316936\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/stifling-seabus-ride-too-much-for-some-riders-1.2316936), Aug. 5 news story.

The old ferry system (1900-1958) that crossed the harbour from North Vancouver had outside decks you could go out on. For about eight months of the year that can be very enjoyable. I try to avoid that stinky, sweaty, inefficient SeaBus system. I would rather take my vehicle or just avoid going across Burrard Inlet altogether.

Do you want to see a public transit project that actually would have the potential to bring down the traffic congestion problem the North Shore now faces?

Here's how: Let's tunnel the SkyTrain to the North Shore and we will see ridership go up five fold. The SkyTrain may be somewhat stuffy, but it would only take two minutes. Not the 25-plus minutes the SeaBus takes including waiting for it to arrive, boarding and the half-kilometre walk at the south terminal. Politicians and bureaucrats will plead that tunnelling is too expensive. I'm sure running the SeaBus ferries over 30 years or so is not so cheap when you factor in all of the costs involved.

The North Shore should stop being so complacent in continually accepting this second-rate ferry system.

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