

Subject: Response to letter from Mr. Klaus Ebert.

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Dear Mr. Ebert:

I am in receipt of your email to the Mayor regarding the recent traffic tie-up. I simply wish to inform you that I have made numerous attempts to address traffic and transportation issues to and from as well as within the North Shore for many years but without success. Most of my suggestion and motions based on common sense as well as strategic considerations, successfully tested in other countries for many decades were not even seconded which means I was not even allowed to explain them to the electors much less debate them as should be the case in a "democratic" forum. This is the true state of democracy in the District.

However, what I can tell is that my proposals ranged from a tunnel to accommodate light rail to Whistler and beyond along the existing rail infrastructure on both sides of the inlet to additional Sea Bus crossings including from Deep Cove and Maplewood to Vancouver and from Ambleside to Vancouver. I also proposed that we set up our own North Shore Transportation Commission as we are allowed to do within the Translink framework, but that too met without success.

I also suggested some years ago construction of an emergency road linking Lynn Valley with Seymour for emergency use including ambulances and fire trucks at least. But that too was nixed by District Council. When the recent Regional Transportation plans for 2010 was debated, I attempted to include these proposals in the long range plans, but without success.

I think we have to recognize that this Council is either not cognizant of the importance of transportation and/or is unwilling to face up to it. This includes our representatives to Translink and the GVRD both past and present. It is up to the suffering public to draw the necessary conclusions. All I can say at this time is that we were lucky that there was no chemical spill at the time of the traffic snarl.

For Further information you may wish to contact Ms Liz James from Cage BC. at (cagebc@yahoo.com).

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

