Subject: FW: RAV - representation on Translink for the DISTRICT of North Vancouver

Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2004 21:49:04 -0700 **From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: June 23, 2004 10:58 PM

To: 'Barbara Sharp (Mayor)'; Trudy Horne; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: RE: RAV - representation on Translink for the DISTRICT of North Vancouver

Dear Ms Horne:

Mayor Sharpe was following the instructions of the North Shore Councils when she voted against RAV. Although I am a strong supporter of public transportation and puublic transit in general I could not in good faith support this project. The reasons to urge defeat of RAV were based on the fact that although North Shore residents will pay several hundred millions of dollars towards this project they will receive little to nothing in return.

The plain truth is that the North Shore has been virtually ignored in this long term plan.

There is no provision for a Rapid Transit extension to the North Shore in either the 2010 nor even in the 2021 plan. There is no provision for an additional Sea Bus crossing from Deep Cove and Maplewood to Vancouver nor from Ambleside to Vancouver as was suggested. Indeed there is not even a provision for an additional Sea Bus from the existing crossing at the foot of Lonsdale until 2009. The suggested expansion of the bus fleet serving the North Shore is minimal at best and given the record of Translink it is unlikely that Translink would even keep this promise.

There are not even any major future traffic corridors indicated in the plan which are so essential for long term community planning. These are the reasons why Mayor Sharpe was urged to vote against the plan.

There were many public meetings held on the North Shore when this issue was debated including in the District Hall but nobody spoke in favor of RAV as far as I can remember but there were many people who spoke against it.

I hope this will shed some light on the matter.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Barbara Sharp (Mayor) [mailto:BSharp@cnv.org]

Sent: June 23, 2004 7:19 PM

To: Trudy Horne; Mayor and Council - DNV

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Mayor Sharp is to represent the region on the Translink Board.

She has a legal, fiduciary responsibility.

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From: Trudy Horne [mailto:trudy horne@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2004 7:01 PM

To: council@dnv.org

Cc: Barbara Sharp (Mayor)

Subject: RAV - representation on Translink for the DISTRICT of North Vancouver

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Mr. Mayor and Councillors:

I assume Mayor Sharp is currently meant to represent the entire North Shore on the Translink Board. How then is it that subsequent to a poll showing greater than 70% support for RAV on the North Shore, Mayor Sharp chose to vote against it? Since I cannot vote against her in an election, nor can I actively campaign against her, this is clearly a case of taxation without representation. I hope that I, along with the majority of North Van District residents, can rely upon each of you to actively (and quickly) pursue a change of vote on the part of Mayor Sharp.

I will not take up more of your time by elaborating on the need for and the benefits of this system, since I am sure you are just as familiar with the issues as am I. The strong support on the North Shore for this project should be reason enough for our council to push for the timely completion of RAV. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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