

Subject: RE: BC Rail lands announcement

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Dear Mayor Sharp, it is unfortunate that none of us got a press release, only an invite to an announcement for a bus center on a piece of land that does not permit bus centers under the current zoning. The first I have heard about this was 2 weeks ago at Council when the whole issue of bus centers was brought up. So far this subject had not even been discussed in relation to these lands, in public, in camera or anywhere else. Council asked staff to prepare a report for us on the impact of a bus center in that area, because we have been looking at light industrial. Whether this area is appropriate for this use or any other will be the subject of a public process and public hearing. I find it highly unusual and in very bad taste to announce what will be happening on a piece of land when the process has not even begun! You state that these announcements are quite common, well not in my municipality. We like to hear what our residents have to say before we make these kinds of decisions. According to everyone I have talked to from your council to mine and District staff, along with some reporters that had yet to see any press release, someone jumped the gun, know wonder Translink has such a bad reputation. Rezoning is the most fundamental process that local government has and if the local politicians of Translink don't understand that we are all in a lot of trouble. Councillor Lisa Muri, NVD

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

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Ms. Adams.

If you read the 5th paragraph on the press release paragraph you should a statement, clearly, that a number of conditions are on the purchase of the lands and one of those conditions is the possibility of a rezoning by the District of North Va Council. That process is underway.

One would think that such a significant commitment on the part of Translink would make north shore citizens happy given there has been so many complaints over the lack of infrastructure and return for north shore dollars.

All Councils are completely aware of the need as well as the search for land to relocate the 3rd street depot and this site was certainly one of the sites that has been mentioned for a very long time.

I am shocked anybody would be surprised about this.

The announcement fully takes into the consideration the ability of the District Council to not agree to rezone. Many of us in elected positions as well as a great many citizens are hopeful they will support a rezoning.

These kinds of announcements are quite common but then again I guess you can't win. If you tell people what is happening some aren't happy. If you don't tell them what is happening there are some that aren't happy then either.

At least this announcement let's North Shore residents (all across the 5 communities) know that something is in the works for the North Shore.

I personally believe this potential site is a great one.

Translink was not the only party interested in this site so the bidding was confidential till this week while issues were worked out on the potential purchase and the list of conditions (aka rezoning).

I am happy we are finally getting closer to a new depot over here and feel I have worked hard as the rep in moving that along and not having the money go elsewhere.

This is a great news story.

Mayor Barbara Sharp.

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To Translink, et al

The upcoming announcement of the use of the B.C. Rail lands in North Vancouver District for a transit depot, to be made on Friday by Mayor Barbara Sharp and Translink, is extremely interesting. As a community leader in the Lower Capilano area, I have knowledge that the B.C. Rail lands are not zoned for use as a transit depot. There has been no discussion, at least on a public level, on this issue.

I would like to ask Mayor Sharp whether she, as well as the councillors and residents of North Vancouver City, would appreciate being told what will happen in their municipality, rather than consulted!

I suggest that this announcement is very premature, and that it would only be appropriate if zoning and approval were in place.

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