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From: Ivan Leonard <ileonard@telus.net> Date: Mon, 09 Jul 2007 18:20:43 -0700

To: fonvca@fonvca.org

To all Members of the Coalition and Community Associations of City of North Vancouver.

Please read the article below, printed in the **Tri - City News** about the changes in Translink.

Those of you that believe in the democratic system in which Elected Representation is the Law, must wonder what on earth Kevin Falcon's understanding is of Democratic Principles. An elected member of the BC Legislation and Minister of Transportation he would appear to believe it's **His Way** or/and **the Highway**.

It is necessary for those who have concerns about how our Governments conduct "our business", whether agreeing with the outcome or not, to voice your opinions to those in elected positions.

Email your concerns about the way the Minister of Transportation, therefore the Government, is imposing it's will upon the Translink Board, **illegally, without Due Process**, to Mayor Richard Walton, sole Translink representative for the North Shore.

Email your friends and contacts and other Municipal and Government representatives. Email your concerns to the newspapers.

It would appear that Kevin Falcon has no concern for the law and intends to impose 'His Will' and the 'Gateway Program' upon the public, without the public's consent. This imposed new Transit Board provides a perfect example of Machiavellianism.

This system of dictatorial leadership is against the Law in this Country. We fought long and hard to keep our Democratic System alive and well in Canada.

It must not be allowed to be quietly eroded.

It maybe the holiday season Mr Falcon but we are not sleeping.

Please read the article below.

Thank you.

Ivan Leonard Chair,

Coalition of Community Associations, City of North Vancouver.

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TransLink following minister into new structure

By Jeff Nagel Black Press

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TransLink directors are preparing to co-operate with Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon's plan to start naming a new TransLink board before reforms become law.

They've agreed to sit on a working group with area mayors to name a municipal representative to a five-member screening panel. The panel will, in turn, nominate 15 professionals qualified to serve on the board.

The decision to help set up the panel reflects the expectation reforms laid out in Bill 36 that **didn't pass** in the spring session of the legislature but will likely be enacted this fall.

The move is contested by the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE), which represents TransLink workers.

The unions lawyers say a mayors council that is to be created by Bill 36 doesn't yet exist and theres no legal way to proceed ahead of time.

Most of the screening panel members are to be appointed by either Falcon or various business groups.

He is operating without legal authority to replace a board of democratically elected representatives with Liberal back-room operatives, said COPE vice-president Bob Derby. I don't see how the minister can look British Columbians in the face and tell them that what he is doing is good for democracy and good for accountability.

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