

Subject: Agenda Item 7: Blue Bus for NorthVan

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Dear Mayor & Council:

In support of Councillor Crist's motion, I'm forwarding some timely information that I just received from Carolanne Reynolds of West Vancouver. Yours truly,
Dave Sadler

Would someone please bring up the fact that if the operating system/costs for **Coast Mountain Bus** (over \$80 an hour, maybe is as high as \$86) were brought into line with that of the **WV Blue Bus** (just over \$60, maybe about \$63 -- in any case a \$23 an hour difference), the savings would be over \$60 million dollars, pretty well enough to cover the deficit so cuts wouldn't have to be made.

Will someone suggest it?

Anyone willing to wrestle the unions to common sense?

TransLink has advised all GVRD municipalities that current revenues are insufficient to maintain existing levels of transit service and funding of major road networks. It is anticipated that the delivery of currently identified service levels will result in a \$40 to \$50 million deficit for 2002. Under current legislation, TransLink cannot budget for a deficit and must therefore institute significant cuts in transportation service and/or find new sources of revenue.

Council members from the Bowen Island Municipality, Village of Lions Bay, City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver have arranged a meeting with TransLink officials to discuss the impact of TransLink's funding and service issues on North Shore communities:

Thursday, October 4, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, West Vancouver Municipal Hall

750 - 17th Street, West Vancouver

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call 604-925-7004.