

Subject: Recent releases question RAV project

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Mayor and Council,
DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER,
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RE: RECENT RELEASES QUESTION RAV PROJECT

Dear Members of Council:

This material is forwarded further to my July 28 2003 presentation to Council.

You will recall that, at that time, I discussed the relationship between North Shore Councils and TransLink and expressed concern re the rationale and expense of the RAV project.

Important additional material on RAV can now be found at the following web addresses:

www.best.bc.ca/_etc/pdfs/policy/RAV_release_july_2003.pdf

www.best.bc.ca/_etc/pdfs/policy/Rav_letter_july_2003.pdf

For those who may not be aware, Better Environmentally Sensitive Transportation [B.E.S.T.], as its name would imply, not only supports public transit, it shares my opinion that the only way to achieve regional strategic goals is to spend available transportation dollars wisely. Not only is this the case, but B.E.S.T. actually receives a fair chunk of funding from TransLink - the agency about which it expresses such concern.

It is encouraging to me that so many individuals and groups are now coming forward with the same message to TransLink and GVRD: You are travelling down the wrong - No Exit - road; stop and take another look at your map before it's too late!

Council - You have an opportunity to show leadership on this issue; to provide *stewardship*, and to *foster the economic well-being of your community*.

And now, a message addressed, with respect, to Mayor Bell: Last November, you were elected by District voters to be their Mayor. At no time during the election campaign did you indicate that you would also be seeking the GVRD Vice-Chair position, which would require you to "be careful to remove your (full-time) District hat when discussing regional matters."

Many of those voters will agree with me when I express the hope that you will, at all times, place the best interests of North Vancouver District taxpayers ahead of the interests of GVRD or TransLink committees upon which they are able to exert little, if any, influence.

In closing, I remain absolutely convinced that the current TransLink model, much of the time, acts to the detriment of North Shore interests. To a large extent, the same applies to GVRD.

Yours truly,

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