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> *The Editor:*

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> *The issue is not the amount of stipends representatives at the GVRD or Translink level receive so much but that none of them has been directly elected to these positions. They can hide behind all kinds of bureaucratic posts and pillars and spend hundreds of millions of dollars of the public's money without being directly accountable.*

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> *If directly elected, the public, might at least have the opportunity to ask who is minding the municipal store while they are doing paid GVRD time.*

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> *The issue is of particular importance in the District of North Vancouver. Unlike other functionaries in top GVRD positions who are Councillors, including Chair Hunt, Bell is Vice Chair but is also the Mayor of the District of North Vancouver.*

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> *But, judging by newspapers accounts of ongoing scandals and charges of gross incompetence in his own municipality, Bell has even less justification to be absent from his paid municipal post than other non-elected GVRD representatives.*

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> *The issue of governance has been raised, including in the District of North Vancouver on more than one occasion, but need you guess, nothing has ever come of it.*

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> *Ernie Crist, Councillor,*

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> *District of North Vancouver.*

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