

Subject: Response to letter from Mr. Jeremy Dalton re North Shore Translink appointment and Translink issues.

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Dear Mr. Dalton;

Thank you for your letter re the above subject. I share your concerns entirely as to how the North Shore appointment to Translink is being staged.

It would appear that at present it is being done on the basis of three out of the five North Shore Mayors agreeing amongst themselves as to which one of them should represent the North Shore. This is not very reassuring. Also it provides no opportunity for either the public and or the Councillors to be part of the process and/or discuss issues. All in all I would say that democracy is not very well served.

I have made numerous attempts in the past to rectify this situation but without success. Still, in an attempt to change the present high handed approach, I have presented yet another resolution. It will come before Council on Feb. 2, 2004 - that is, provided it is not deferred, which happens quite frequently in the District of North Vancouver.

My motion calls for a meeting, an election meeting of all North Shore Councils if you like, in which relevant matters are discussed in public before the representative to Translink is "appointed". This seems to me to be much more democratic, not to mention that it will provide the public with an opportunity to be present and possibly even participate in the discussion.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

