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As I am so fond of saying, sooner or later the truth - or some of it at least - has a habit of rearing its head at the most uncomfortable of moments. Mayor McCallum may well not be happy that Mayor Corrigan has lifted the cover off TransLink/GVRD.....but if Mayor Corrigan doesn't do so, who will?

In camera government meetings were meant to protect the public interest in sensitive negotiations. They were *not* intended for politicians to use for the purpose of keeping everything under wraps while the taxpayer gets cheated out of hard-earned dollars!.....Liz James

Donald Malcolm Johnston <dmjohnston@imag.net> wrote:

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It seems there is more than meets the eye with RAV! It's an old cliché, but it suits the occasion *'There is no such thing as a free lunch'* and the \$300 million the Airport Authority proposes to give to the RAV project may well cost the taxpayer much more in the long term, subsidising the rapid transit line! I think TransLink chair and Surrey mayor is wrong to assume rapid transit lines offer free shuttles. McCallum confuses airport people movers with R/T lines, but then, he doesn't know the difference between LRT and SkyTrain! No wonder public transit in Vancouver is such a disgrace!

Malcolm

RAV line disclosure

VANCOUVER(CKNW/AM980) -- Burnaby's Mayor has dropped a bombshell about RAV line negotiations, while debating if Translink should send the plan to a public referendum.

Mayor Derek Corrigan says a freedom of information request has found that a part of the RAW line agreement shows people could travel for free between Vancouver Airport stations on Sea Island.

He says politicians on the GVRD Board deserve to know that as a part of the YVR helping fund the line, it was getting free shuttle service for riders moving along Sea Island.

Translink Chair Doug McCallum was visibly upset Corrigan released that information, claiming it was a part of behind closed doors negotiations that may now have been seriously compromised.

More on RAV disclosure

VANCOUVER(CKNW/AM980) -- Burnaby's Mayor has released documents that show there could be free rides at RAV line stations on Sea Island

The Chair of Translink is upset Derek Corrigan released the information .

Doug McCallum says the concept of free rides between airport stations on Sea Island is no big deal--many big airports offer similar services.

What he's mad about is Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan making the issue public.

Corrigan says the free RAV rides are an example of secret issues GVRD directors did not know about when they narrowly approved the Translink long term plan.

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