

Subject: FW: Bus Depot

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From Ernie to

He calls the Bus Depot a bus barn. All these scenarios have been talked about for years including Blue Buses - I suggested that years ago and nothing came of it and nothing will come of it now. We already know that the District has been totally inept - so what else is new. Why are we subsidising the City which is the dumbest things I have ever heard and why is nobody saying boo about that?

However, in the meantime the people are waiting for solutions - that is the people who rely on buses. The others are quite happy to do nothing and get even with Translink for its misdeeds real or imagined. The only people who will suffer are the people who rely on public transportation.

What is needed are statesmen not dilettantes commuting in Vans or SUV's. As for the charge that we on the North Shore are paying more than our fair share to Translink? we already know this and nobody was able to do anything about it. Indeed, when I said so and made resolutions to reform Translink not a single person came forward in support. Let's get on with it and make changes later along with the other big changes that are needed.

Ernie

Hi Ernie,
What do you think? I don't know anything about a bus barn? Could the Blue Line be expanded to cover the entire North Shore? The Blue Line is a very efficient operation, is it not?

From.....

This years GVTA property tax went up 100% from 2004 for the AVERAGE home in the District. Over 3 years they have increased 160%. And the North Shore is getting only a fraction back. When I spell RAV, I think Fast Ferries. I don't know what the actual cost per passenger will be but I want to find out. I'm

for opting out and expand the Blue Line running from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove.

My initial thoughts BusBarn....BSharpe wants to use the current Bus Barn for

condos...and make the City a handsome profit...again at the District's expense as I don't think bus barns pay much in taxes. It also seems a waste of good


water access land. Maybe they could lease some land from Squamish Band instead?

From

I am very new at this, however I know what is going on. The Bus Depot
> has to be put into the latest area. It is now or big trouble. DNV is paying
> tons of money and getting nothing back from TRANSLINC. We are the
> joke. If there is a problem at the Burnaby depot, North Van is the

> first to be shafted. All our buses are destined for the "bone heap".
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> Talk to you soon.

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