

Subject: RE: Bus Depot

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Hello Brian:

So we have another chicken without a head situation in the District. This time it is the Bus Depot. Yes, there probably are better sites but until we actually designate one, it is the best there is.

We had 20 years and came up with nothing. I raised this matter time and time again. I not only raised the issue of the depot but also the transit corridors equally vital for long term planning and more than once. There was no response or support.

How can we talk about long term planning if we do not know where the major transit corridors are going to be or the facilities that must go with them? When I raised the 2010 and 2021 Regional Transit Plan and asked that we be included beyond the few bus additions for future transit corridors, my motions were ignored - not a soul came forward either from Norgate, Capilano, Pemberton or anywhere else to provide support. As for the Council, I might as well have talked about the Andromeda Galaxy.

I have come to the conclusion that the District is simply incapable of anything but ad hoc and piecemeal solutions. Neither am I impressed with politicians who now pose as champions of the affected neighbourhoods but haven't lifted a finger when such issues were raised and more than once.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Platts [<mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca>]

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When I hear that no other site is suitable for a new NV bus depot, I wonder ... is it really that no other suitable site is available at that price? Since we are not getting much relative value here in NV for our Translink tax dollars, it wouldn't bother me if they had to spend more here to purchase a better property with less impact on the community. I can't help but think of the huge piece of vacant land off the Low Level Road just west of the grain elevators. I don't know who owns it but it has sat empty for as long as I can remember. It would seem to me that this property makes far more sense as a bus depot than the BC Rail site.

Attached is a Google satellite photo of the subject property from about 2,600 ft elevation.

-Brian