

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

2. Local Elected Representation on the TransLink Board

Submitted by: Councillor Fry and Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver had elected Councillors appointed to the TransLink Board until 2008;
2. There are currently two Metro Vancouver mayors and nine unelected members on the TransLink Board;
3. The City of Vancouver Council represents the municipal population with the highest transit use in the region; with 50% of transit riders;
4. The provision of greatly improved public transit is part of one of the City of Vancouver's major Big Moves to address the climate crisis;
5. Representation from the City of Vancouver and other cities within Metro Vancouver on the TransLink Board would open the door for more local initiatives to increase accessibility and affordability of transit for our communities, which would make it easier to meet our climate goals;
6. The Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation has consistently and including during the 2020 British Columbia general election, urged the provincial government to move ahead with a promised review of TransLink's governance structure, where a majority of people around the table are elected by the people; and
7. The City of Vancouver's Transportation Advisory Committee and Seniors Advisory Committee have both supported this motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Mayor to write to the BC Government and urge them to reconfigure the Board of TransLink to allow for a majority of the Board to be composed of local elected officials, and that these positions are allocated in relation to the populations, ridership, and transit infrastructure present and potential of member cities with consideration of urban, suburban, and rural representation.

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