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This is the second letter I have written, the first being dated May 30, 2000, in regards to the transit tax.

I have never been so frustrated about any other issue prior to this proposed tax.

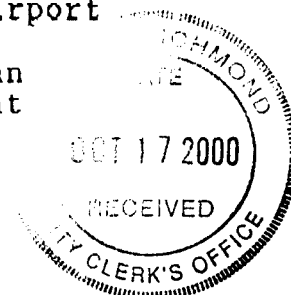
My main issue still remains the same. We can not accept a situation where elected civic and provincial politicians can legally form an unelected fourth level of government that issues policy and taxation. I don't need some faceless MLA from Victoria or a council person from Vancouver taxing me through this unelected government body to rectify their mismanagement of their transit system.

The current Mayor and fellow council members of the City of Surrey are the only civic members to realize the dangerous precedent the GVRD and Translink are being allowed to establish. If you allow this to happen, the GVRD will ramrod any foolish proposal upon any community from healthcare, social services to raw garbage and social housing.

Reciprocity within communities is a necessary and positive approach to transit, water, health, social service etc., and should be established, but the GVRD must be dissolved first. Through the courts if necessary.

Throughout the Translink propaganda campaign, I have not seen one peice of evidence to justify this tax. I believe the money required to run Translink is already within government, it's just being misused. We have paid for this service through Federal Income tax, Provincial Income tax, municipal taxes, G.S.T., P.S.T., Eco fees, Prescription fees, Service fees, Building permits, Licence fees, Excise taxes, and Duty's. Where has all this money gone? Oops, forgot Airfare.

If you allow this proposal to go ahead, don't be surprised if Fedex, U.P.S., and Purolator leave YVR International Airport for the Abbotsford International Airport (YXX) along with all the support services located here in Richmond. They can still deliver in the Greater Vancouver area, it's just that their vehicles will be registered in Abbotsford.



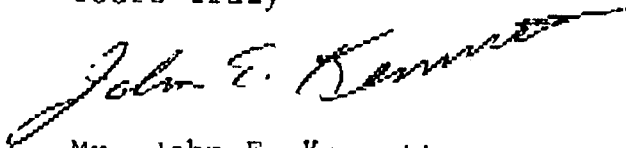
YXX has doubled in volume the last three years without a push from Translink.

If YVR wants Translink to supply them with new busses, roads and bridges, thats great, but they should pay for it themselves through their YVR Airport Improvement Fee.

If Richmond needs more busses (I dont't think we do), we should do it ourselves. We can tender out the routes as singles or in bundles to such companies as Laidlaw, Cardinal, Brewster, or any other major transportation co. such as Yellow cab, or Mini Bus Service Inc.

I am formally requesting the Mayor and Council members to allow me to return to your next council meeting in November to discuss this letter, the flaws in Translinks proposals, and to answer my question of May 30, 2000.

Yours truly



Mr. John E. Kennett

cc: all regional municipalities

DISCUSSED WITH
MR. KENNETT, HE WILL
BE IN ATTENDANCE AT
THE OCTOBER 23, 2000
COUNCIL MEETING WHEN
THIS MATTER IS DISCUSSED.