



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
March 6, 2006

Here are the highlights of the March 6 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

The complete agenda and supporting reports for every board meeting are posted on TransLink's website (www.translink.bc.ca). The Board-in-Brief is also available on the website.

Please note: Board-in-Brief is not the official minutes of the TransLink Board of Directors' meeting and should not be interpreted as such. The minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the next board meeting.

REPORTS

1. Appointments to TransLink Board of Directors, 2006

The Board approved the following Committee appointments:

Finance and Audit Committee: Directors Marvin Hunt (Chair), Suzanne Anton, Derek Corrigan, Joe Trasolini, Richard Walton and Scott Young;

Canada Line Board Communications Committee: Director Peter Ladner (Chair), Chair Malcolm Brodie;

Evergreen Line Board Communications Committee: Directors Joe Trasolini (Chair), Derek Corrigan, Maxine Wilson and Scott Young and Mayors Ralph Drew and Hal Weinberg;

South of Fraser Area Transit Plan Board Communications Committee: Directors Kurt Alberts (Chair) and Dianne Watts and Mayors Peter Fassbender, Judy Forster and Lois Jackson.

2. Remuneration of Vice Chair

The Board approved the recommendation that the Vice Chair be paid \$200 per meeting where the Vice Chair is called upon to preside at a TransLink Board meeting.

The Board also elected Director Marvin Hunt as Vice Chair.

3. Revised Property Tax Funding By-Law

The Board approved a By-Law resulting in a reduction of the 2006 property tax revenue by \$2 million.

4. Property Acquisition for the Evergreen Line

The Board approved spending \$35 million for strategic acquisition of properties affected by the construction of the Evergreen Line, for a total of \$38 million for the Project Definition Phase.

5. AirCare Program

The Board received the revised AirCare program model as determined by the Solicitor General and authorized the TransLink Chief Executive Officer to begin negotiations with the existing contractor to set up a new testing contract, following the revised model.

6. Bus Procurement Update

The Board approved a motion from Director Peter Ladner, to change the order for new non-electric buses from 93 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to a combination of 50 CNG buses and 57 buses powered by low-sulfur diesel with particulate filters (DPF).

OTHER ACTION

Parking Site Tax

The Board directed TransLink staff to draft the terms for reducing the parking site tax to \$20 million gross revenue and report back in April 2006.

Staff has also been directed to review and report as soon as possible the way the tax is implemented, including the definition of "parking", exemptions and the goals of Transportation Demand Management.

The Board also approved a motion by Chair Brodie to work with stakeholders to approach the Provincial government and consider alternatives to the parking site tax for 2007.

Those alternatives may include additional fuel tax revenue.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Board received the following information reports:

1. South of Fraser Area Transit Plan – Glen Leicester, Vice President, Planning
2. 2005 Transit Ridership – Glen Leicester, Vice President, Planning
3. Fourth Quarter (Oct-Dec) – 2005 Capital Project Summary Report – Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering
4. Strategic Priorities Fund Agreement – Bob Paddon, Vice President, Corporate and Public Affairs.