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The reasons ***“Why I'm voting NO to this coming new transit tax”***

**1) Student Passes,**

Fact check: using UBC student school fee as an example, if you are a BC resident, your school fee will be \$X amount, if you are NOT a BC resident, but is a Canadian, you will be paying \$X+1 amount; if you are foreigner or an international student, you school fee will be per international rate. I think Translink should use this system to charge the student for their Student passes. Local, Canadian or International student  
No free lunch from BC taxpayer!

**2) Transit Police (Fare Checker)**

Fact check: `.....Transit Police works closely with the jurisdictional police services..., ....foot patrol, plain clothes unit, mountain bike patrols, working as part of an integrated law enforcement team and much more. ``

What a joke! Are they sure the Transit police really needed a mountain bike patrol?

Their main job duty is checking transit passenger for proper fare, or with/without ticket. I'm guessing anyone with a Grade 10 education will be qualifying for this job. Instead of creating more jobs, Translink is killing jobs. Transit police rewrite their job qualification, it'll be less qualify people to apply so they can soak up more money from BC tax payer, I will suggested to Transit police to rename their job title to: “TRANSIT SPECIAL AGENT”, with this new name and more higher requirements it'll be less applicant and more job security for their double dips take home pay. If I'm not wrong, most of them were former Vancouver police, they took their early retirement.

By the way, Check it out yourself, this only happens during weekend (because they'll get doubt pay); you will see two or three more transit policies will gathering at the waterfront main station standing, chatting gossiping while at work. Or 3 or 5 transit polices, they will all go to Tim Horton's donut shop at City Central mall for coffee break together. How often do we see any local police officers 3 or 5 of them go to coffee break together? I haven't, have you? I'm asking you as a Translink Board member to look in to the Transit police or a Fare Checker job equalisation so more young people can get a fair chance to apply for this job

**3) Side arms (handgun) for Transit Police (Fare checker)**

I have no idea why they need a side arm (handgun), they have no jurisdiction, and they cannot arrest anyone or send he/her to jail. The only answer I can think of is, most of them were former Vancouver police, they missing their weapon and want their macho image. This is costing BC Taxpayer extra money for their entire macho image: Extra Insurance,

Ammunition, Shooting Patrice, Shooting Range rental and all unnecessary expenses. Their job is no more danger than a bank teller, cashier working at any grocery store, MacDonald, Macs or 7-Eleven Convenience stores or any private security guard. Do you think these job I mentioned need to carry a handgun at work? I`m asking you as a Translink Board member and demanded no side arm (handgun) or carry a weapon for transit police.

Fact check: I`m an ex-military serviceman, Canadian Armed Forces- Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (RCAC), Honourably Released, February/1981. I do not miss my military macho image or wanted to carry handgun with me. Wake up and smell the coffee, we are not in USA, we`re in Canada.

#### **4) Transit Police vehicle**

This is another waste of BC Tax payer money, why do we as a BC Tax payer give them a special equipped police vehicle? Is it the higher rank transit police needed to drive their special equipped police vehicle instead of taking a bus or sky train while at work? Don`t forget they have no jurisdiction; they cannot arrest anyone or send he/her to jail. I have no idea! I`m asking you as a Translink Board member why we need to pay for their special equipped police vehicle, gas, and ICBC insurance, what`s wrong with our transit system.

#### **5) Working at weekend with double pay**

We all heard it from your previous TV news interview, but I still believe we need to tell the entire BC Taxpayer/resident again and again that we are not stupid and we cannot keep paying this kind of wage.

I`m asking you as a Translink Board member he need to stop paying double pay wage at weekend.

#### **6) TV interview the new Transit CEO**

I saw it on TV, that the reporter was asking the new Transit CEO about his annual salary, he was saying, he is qualify for the much money. I think the reporter was asking the wrong question , I think it should be , as you CEO annual salary , your work load compare with others cities, like in Seattle,, San Francisco, or New York, you still believe your annual salary is fair or not too much?

I`m asking you as a Translink Board member to show us his credentials