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TransLink
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Attention: Nancy Olewiler
Chair, TransLink Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Olewiler:

Re: Pilot Initiative to Provide Special Public Access to Staff Washrooms in the Richmond-Brighouse Canada Line Station

At its regular meeting held October 22, 2012, Richmond City Council considered a request from the Richmond Seniors Network (RSN), a local community-based organization comprised of seniors and representatives of agencies serving seniors, that the City support its request made to TransLink to implement a pilot initiative whereby seniors, people living with disabilities and families with young children would be provided with special access to the staff washrooms in the Richmond-Brighouse station between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm for a trial period of six to 12 months, after which the pilot initiative would be assessed to determine if it could be made permanent.

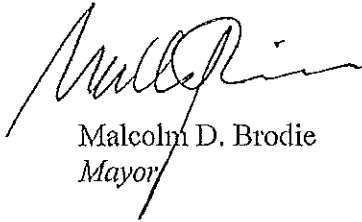
Council is aware that BCRTC staff responded to the request by advising that due to maintenance, safety and security concerns, the proposed pilot project was not feasible and that the current access policy would remain in effect (i.e., if an individual has an urgent need to use staff facilities exists, then access should be provided with the degree of urgency to be determined at the attendant's discretion).

Notwithstanding, Council resolved to support the intent of the pilot initiative and request that TransLink reconsider its current policy on public access to staff washrooms in order to enable its implementation.

The City is working with TransLink to provide permanent public washrooms as part of the planned developments in close proximity to the Richmond-Brighthouse station. In the interim, implementation of the pilot project would help ensure that the public transit system remains accessible, friendly and inclusive for its users, especially those with special needs.

We look forward to receiving your response regarding this worthwhile initiative.

Yours truly,



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cc: Councillors
Ian Jarvis, CEO, TransLink