



July 13, 2011

His Worship Mayor Richard Walton, Chair  
Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Vice-Chair  
Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation  
TransLink  
1600 - 4720 Kingsway  
Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2

Dear Mayor Walton and Mayor Goldsmith-Jones:

The construction of the Evergreen Line and other important transit initiatives throughout Metro Vancouver is an important priority for the provincial government.

As you know, the province has committed \$410 million to the Evergreen Line project and, at our request, the federal government has committed \$417 million. I was pleased to see the Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation recently agree on a proposal as to how the municipal portion of the Evergreen Line and other much needed transportation projects in Metro Vancouver could be funded.

As Premier, I want to ensure that families are able to get ahead and that we are aware of the total tax burden that British Columbians face. I know you share this concern. The Mayors' Council has thoroughly reviewed available options and has chosen an option you believe best balances the interests of taxpayers and the need to improve transit services.

I want to thank you and your fellow mayors for your hard work on what has been a challenging and complex issue and look forward to the results of your public consultation. Transportation & Infrastructure Minister Blair Leckstrom has my full support in continuing to work collaboratively with you to ensure the Evergreen Line goes ahead and other important transit initiatives move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy Clark".

Christy Clark  
Premier