

## MOBILITY PRICING INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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*Dear Sisters and Brothers:*

We are pleased to announce that Unifor BC Area Director Gavin McGarrigle has been appointed as one of the 14 members on the new Mobility Pricing Independent Commission.

The Mobility Pricing Independent Commission ([www.mobilitypricing.ca](http://www.mobilitypricing.ca)) is being asked to evaluate mobility pricing options for Metro Vancouver based on the following objectives:

- 1. Support transportation investment** to improve the current transportation system in Metro Vancouver for all users. Clearly, replacing the current unfair tolling system will require an alternative funding arrangement for the long overdue need to improve and expand our bus system and reduce the stress on our operators.
- 2. Promote fairness** to address concerns around our long-standing approach to tolling some roads and bridges but not others and moving toward a more integrated and balanced approach to transit and transportation funding. As we all know, this was a major BC Election issue the public wanted addressed.
- 3. Reduce traffic congestion** on roads and bridges across the region, so people and goods can be moved more efficiently. Reducing congestion will help improve driving conditions for our Transit Operators and quality of life for all residents.

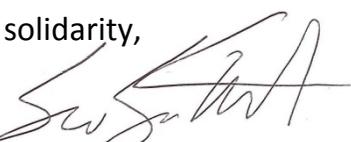
The Mobility Pricing Independent Commission will engage broadly throughout and use their findings as key inputs to help inform and guide its recommendations. The public and stakeholders from across the region will be able to take part in the Independent Commission's work through a variety of engagement opportunities across Metro Vancouver including online surveys and input.

As the Commission moves forward, we will be asking our members to attend consultations and be prepared to participate in the engagement opportunities available. It will be most important that our concerns and issues as Transit Workers are addressed and to make sure that our key objectives are canvassed for the final report which will be delivered to Translink and Mayor's Council for further action by around April 2018.

We continue to be very concerned that the delay in ordering new buses may impact our ability to make sure that the much needed new additions to our fleet are "Made In Canada" and that we access the Federal Government funding that is being provided to other provinces who have already had commitments to access this funding. This is an immediate concern that needs addressing.

Please join us in congratulating Brother McGarrigle on his appointment as the only representative from a labour background on this important commission. We know he will ensure that the needs of our members and workers will be heard throughout this process.

In solidarity,



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