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Maple Ridge, BC: Citizens Vote 'No' in Transit Tax Plebiscite

Elections BC announced the result of the Transit Plebiscite on Thursday, July 2 and citizens in Metro Vancouver rejected the 0.5% tax with a vote of 62% No versus 38% Yes.

“There is no doubt that Metro Vancouver communities need transit options, but it was wholly predictable that the plebiscite became a vote about TransLink, said Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read. She continued, “This vote sends a clear message that Metro Vancouver citizens are demanding greater accountability and transparency in the operations of TransLink. It is my hope that my colleagues around the region will join together and champion a new governance model for TransLink so that we can focus on building the regional transportation network that’s required to sustain the growth and development of the entire region.”

On May 27, 2015 Elections BC reported that 47.4% of registered voters in Maple Ridge had cast a ballot in the Plebiscite, one of the highest per capita vote participation rates in the region. The final vote tally for Maple Ridge was 27,847 votes cast with 77.03% voting No and 22.97% voting Yes. This was the highest ‘No’ vote in the region.

“The voice of citizens has been heard and their message is strong. Metro Vancouver and the Province are listening. We all have some work to do,” said Mayor Read

For the full results of the Transit Plebiscite go to www.elections.bc.ca.