

Report to ECA on (some) DNV Issues



- Decreasing number of Regular Council Meetings
- Increasing number of Council Workshops – no video records made, no public input allowed, however – details are on the website
- Increasing number of council agenda items are consent-agenda items and thus offer no council discussion of issue
- Increasing number of council agenda items are **added** to consent-agenda **during council meeting.**
- Increased openness in that DNV reports are made available on DNV.ORG website in high quality publications

Note: Items highlighted in red are considered negative while items in green are considered positive news.

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Recreational Needs Facilities

- Possible eventual removal of Griffin Facility
- Possible new facility at Delbrook – but pool not assured
- Item was never put on referendum!



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• Canexus (Chlorine Plant) Expansion/Modernization

- **Increase** rail shipments to average of 32 rail cars/day
- **Reduce** on-site fixed tank storage 300tons → 60tons
- Production of chlorine to be terminated **July 1, 2030**
- **Change of risk definition – using societal instead of individual**
- **Imposing more risk to other communities where railcars go**
- **Stop shipping of dangerous goods (chlorine) thru WV after 2010**



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- Residential Taxes to increase 4.25% (really 6.25 – since used surplus)

Note: 5% increase for 30 years → Average taxes will be \$20,000/yr

- Home Alarm systems – retain no fine for 1 false alarm/year
- Mayor foresees District Hall relocated to Lower Lynn
- Banning of single-use plastic and paper shopping bags delayed
- Block Watch Parties – DNV fees waived – free barricades
- Some fees (SPCA adoption) up 50%+, parking fines up 75%
- Illegal parking in disabled parking space: 55/77 tickets were SPARK holders! Tow-away by tow truck owners (without prior ticketing) is still a pending issue.
- Garbage now needs to be out at curb even earlier (7AM)



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• **North Shore Police Services Review**

- Phase 1 – to be completed Fall 2008 to be released “soon”
- Need to renew or replace existing contract (expires 2012) next yr.
- Independent Community Survey done by RCMP – March 27th deadline



• **Framework for Collaboration Protocol with School District⁽¹⁾**

- DNV proposal adds to existing Joint Use of Facilities Agreement
- Addresses proposed school closures and land use changes
- Best stewardship of lands, facilities, and overall community health

(1) http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Reports/1081988.pdf

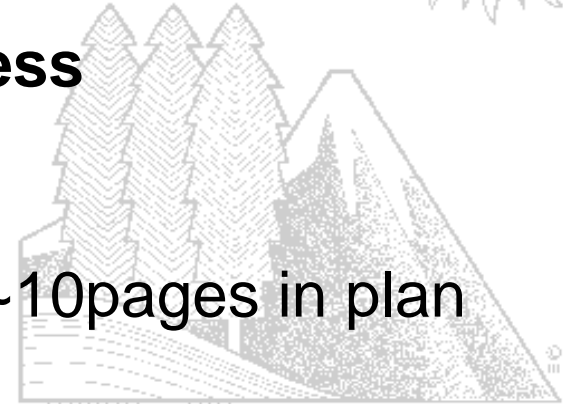
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- **Marine Dr.** – priority curb bus lane only unto LGB
 - Single auto lane from bridge to West Vancouver
- **Pesticides use banned for homeowners** –
 - Issue is really about banning use of 2,4-D for lawns
 - No bans imposed for Commercial and Industrial sites.
 - Pesticide use continues for Golf Courses
 - \$175 fine (but education first!) – in effect Jan 1/2009

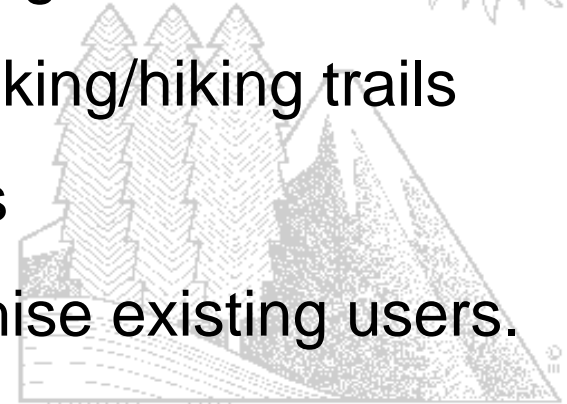
Note: Monetary issue important for business but assumed not of importance for property values for homeowners.

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- **Official Community Plan Review Process**
 - Typical OCP ~100-200pages
 - Mayor Walton would like to see only ~10pages in plan
- **DNV 2007 Annual Report** (tabled 23 June 2008)
 - Lacked mandatory elements of measurables and key indicators

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- **Two important trends** that may be troubling...
 - Dominance of mountain biking on walking/hiking trails
 - Increase in dog-off-leash use of parks

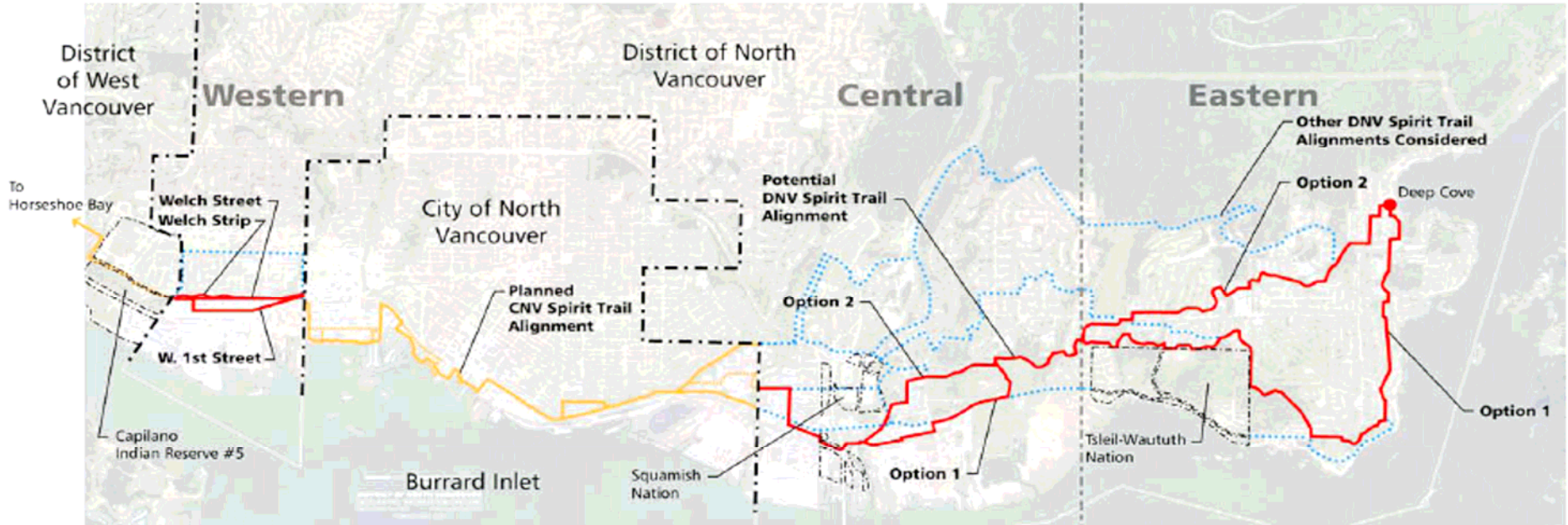
Both of these trends appear to disenfranchise existing users.

- **Translink Transport 2040 Plan**
 - North Shore pays ~\$6million/year in taxes to finance Plan
 - North Shore has low benefit relative to taxes paid
 - Translink – not North Shore – decides service levels
 - System unsustainable without huge increase in GVRD taxes (Councilor Hicks alleges that taxes may double in 5-6 yrs)
 - More council debate was given the “dog regulation bylaw”

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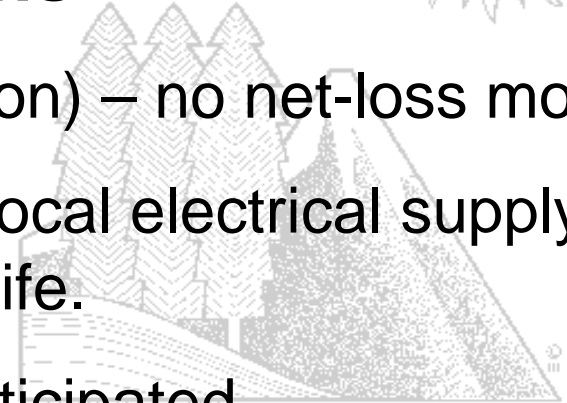


- **Spirit (Walking/Biking) Trail: Deep Cove - Horseshoe Bay⁽¹⁻⁴⁾**
 - Unlike WV and CNV – DNV largely away from Waterfront
 - More slopes (>8% grade) of paths – limits accessibility



- (1) <http://www.cnv.org/c//data/3/455/Final%20Draft%20Spirit%20Trail%20Report%20-%20December%202008.pdf> ←Excellent
- (2) <http://www.cnv.org/?c=3&i=455>
- (3) <http://www.westvancouver.net/Level3.aspx?id=3722>
- (4) <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=4227>

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• **Grouse Mountain Expansion Plans**

- New Chair lifts constructed (\$2.4 million) – no net-loss motto
- One Wind driven turbine to enhance local electrical supply but will have a negative impact on wildlife.
- No increase in Capilano Rd. traffic anticipated
- Enhanced Grouse Mtn experience
- ECA was notified of helicopter logging

• **Bell Mobility Tower – Edgemont Blvd and Highway**

- Objection on basis of aesthetics
- Some residents fear health aspects but fears non-scientific
- Bell eventually retracts application

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• Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Options

- Extend use at Cache Creek
- Local Incineration
- Export to Washington State (Council mostly opposes this)

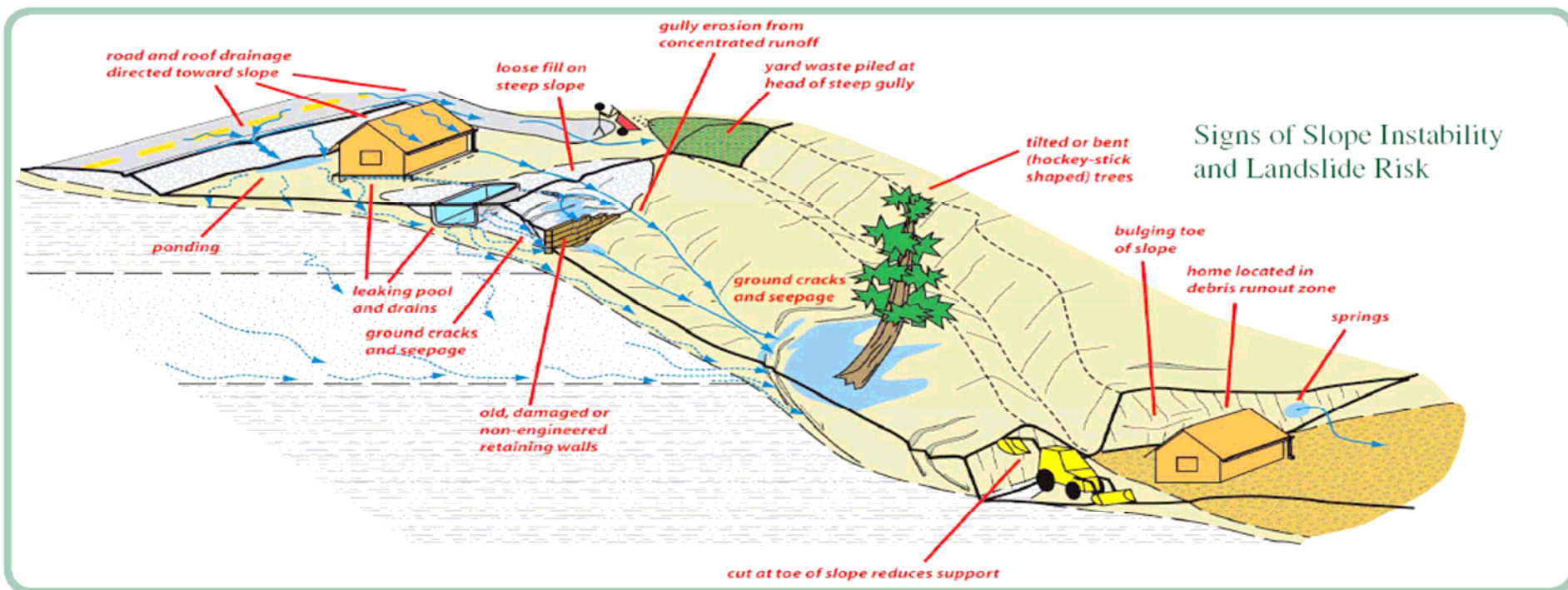
• Garbage

- Taxes(fees) keep increasing while
 - Overall tonnage falling
 - Recycling cost-benefit marginal (now negative)
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- Council approved **Full-Time** Municipal Employee at Community Policing Centres

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- Landslide Risk Abatement Program
 - Westlynn and Pemberton Heights Escarpment
 - Berkley Landslide
- <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1030&a=4149>



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Warning signs for (loss of) democracy

- “It’s in the public interest to move more quickly”
- “An Official Community Plan of 10pages will suffice”.
- Skewed Committees - lacking community representation
- Holding of closed meeting of Council contrary to Community Charter – **although there are indications this will no longer happen in the future.**
- Lack of cost-benefit analysis in proposals (eg. bicycle lanes)
- More council “Workshops” – fewer televised Regular Council meetings.

