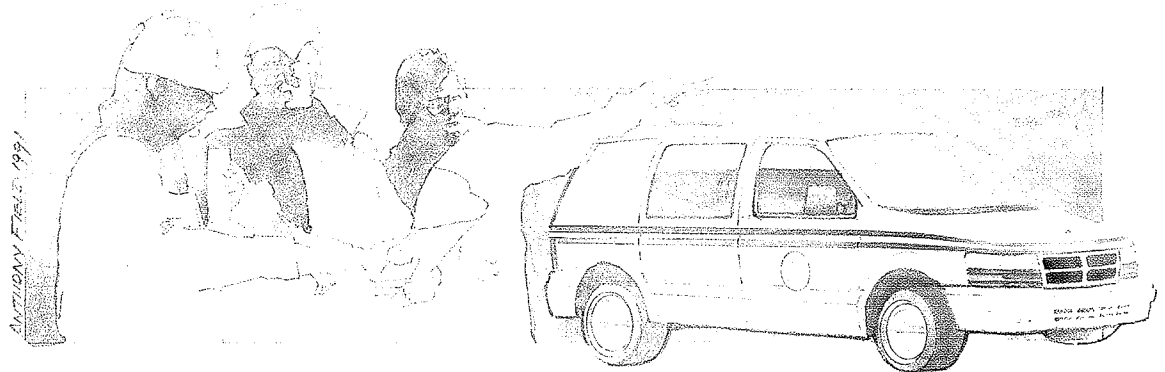




The community's quality of life depends on the availability of social, health, and educational facilities and services. Changes in the family structure and the structure of the community as a whole are resulting in a greater demand on existing services as well as for a change in the types of services needed. This is especially the case for seniors' health and support care facilities and services, day care, and family support services.

The Plan identifies long term community needs not only in areas of purely municipal concern such as fire protection, but also in areas funded jointly or by other levels of government, such as cultural, educational and health services. Through on-going social planning, the District can analyze social issues and promote effective responses at both the local level and senior levels of government. By this means, the District can more effectively coordinate social service programs for people with special needs, such as: the disabled, those returning to the community from institutions, and those from ethnic communities; and, can monitor social development and recommend actions to resolve unmet needs.





OBJECTIVE 7.1

To provide adequate community facilities and services to meet the health, safety, educational, and cultural needs of the community.

POLICY 7.1.1 Develop community facilities and services in response to the changing needs of the District's residents and in parallel with the growth of population.

OBJECTIVE 7.2

To locate schools and other educational facilities centrally within the enrollment areas served.

POLICY 7.2.1 Provide new elementary school sites within easy walking distance of the neighbourhood to be served.

POLICY 7.2.2 Provide a site suitable for a new secondary school to serve the new Seymour community, as required.

POLICY 7.2.3 Support the location of additional technical, college and university level facilities on the North Shore.

POLICY 7.2.4 Endorse the use of school and college facilities to provide additional recreation, cultural and adult education services to the community.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.2.4.1 Council Policy 9-9 endorses the concept of shared community school use.



OBJECTIVE 7.3

To support the provision of health care and social support services to the community.

POLICY 7.3.1 Locate health care and social support facilities on sites that permit easy access by their prime user groups.

POLICY 7.3.2 Centralize acute care hospital facilities at Lions Gate Hospital.

POLICY 7.3.3 Provide sites for additional health care and social support services facilities in Seymour, as required.

POLICY 7.3.4 Continue jointly operating the North Shore Union Board of Health to serve the three North Shore municipalities.

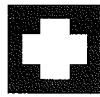
POLICY 7.3.5 Encourage the provision of daycare facilities in all neighbourhoods, and, "out-of-school" care facilities in or near the schools for use by children before and after school hours.

POLICY 7.3.6 Support crime prevention and socially remedial outreach projects for youth.

POLICY 7.3.7 Ensure that disabled people have equal opportunity to participate in community activities, through customized programs, and, easier physical access to facilities.

POLICY 7.3.8 Encourage the B.C. Government to commit adequate long term funding for all community services needed by people leaving provincial institutions.

POLICY 7.3.9 Urge the provincial ministries sponsoring new group homes to undertake an extensive public education program on the role of group homes in the neighbourhood.



POLICY 7.3.10 Encourage preventive programs to alleviate substance abuse in the community.

POLICY 7.3.11 Encourage the establishment of programs and facilities which strengthen understanding of Canada's unique multi-cultural identity.

POLICY 7.3.12 Continue to co-ordinate municipal grants to organizations and agencies providing services to the community.

POLICY 7.3.13 As part of the development approval process, provide for the analysis of the social impact on the community of major projects.

POLICY 7.3.14 Monitor social development in the District to identify areas of new and continuing concern to the community.

POLICY 7.3.15 Promote awareness of the community's diverse needs for social programs.

POLICY 7.3.16 With the City of North Vancouver, improve the present system of providing for responsible animal control, shelter and care.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.3.16.1 Continue the North Vancouver Animal Welfare Committee as an advisory body to Councils and the S.P.C.A.



OBJECTIVE 7.4

To maintain high standards of public safety within the community.

POLICY 7.4.1 Locate fire halls in strategic locations throughout the community to facilitate rapid response to emergency calls.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.4.1.1 The Fire Department will be included in the planning review of all major development projects and fire fighting facilities.

POLICY 7.4.2 Provide police services jointly with the City of North Vancouver.

POLICY 7.4.3 Support the joint North and West Vancouver Emergency Program for disaster and mountain rescue coordination.

POLICY 7.4.4 Support the provision of joint, comprehensive Emergency Social Services for the North Shore.

OBJECTIVE 7.5

To support the North Shore's arts and cultural environment.

POLICY 7.5.1 Work in cooperation with other agencies in the provision of major North Shore cultural facilities and services.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.5.1.1 Support the North Shore Arts Commission as the principal co-ordinating agency for the arts and culture on the North Shore.

POLICY 7.5.2 Locate, where practical, theatres, art galleries, and other cultural facilities in multi-use, cultural centres that are easily accessible to the general public.

POLICY 7.5.3 Continue with the present program of financially assisting locally based arts, music, and cultural organizations that contribute to the cultural well-being and image of the community.



OBJECTIVE 7.6

To support the preservation of our cultural heritage.

POLICY 7.6.1 Preserve the community's historic artifacts and archives in a permanent public collection.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.6.1.1 Establish a District Archives within the Municipal Hall complex.

OBJECTIVE 7.7

To maintain a high standard of library service to District residents.

POLICY 7.7.1 Expand library services, as required, to meet the needs of increased population.

IMPLEMENTATION 7.7.1.1 Locate library branches in areas easily accessible to the general public, in or near, major retail centres.

OBJECTIVE 7.8

To encourage places of worship to provide community services such as daycare, and, space for other community uses.

POLICY 7.8.1 Establish a new policy for the location of places of worship in easily accessible locations in recognition of their growing community social service roles and their extensive parking requirements.