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Keep annex for school, community use

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North Vancouver - Dear Editor: Re: Ridgeway Annex Housing Proposal to get Public Input, July 17.

I find the proposal

to rezone the Ridgeway Annex site troubling. With an OCP that aims to increase the density of the area directly south of the school site (East Third Street and Moodyville), I don't understand how the school board can choose to sell the land. I emailed (Superintendent of Schools) John Lewis about this in May 2014 and his response was that they plan to build another K to Grade 2 elementary school in the Lower Lonsdale area in the future (next 10 to 20 years). He indicated that the current site of the school "is situated a distance to the east" of Lonsdale.

As a resident of the area with children who go to the main Ridgeway school, I think that the Ridgeway Annex site should be kept for potential future use. Many kids and families still use the playground. Some exercise groups use the playground too. The site should be kept for the anticipated increase in families in the Lower Lonsdale area.

This fall, the main school is having two portables put on the school site, which indicates that the school is already over capacity.

Regardless of any answer I'm given, I'll always ask "why didn't they keep the annex?"

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