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LETTER: It's too late for heroes

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Dear Editor:

I was very surprised by your Dec. 24/25 story on the District of North Vancouver searching for a new site for the North Vancouver bus depot (http://www.nsnews.com/news/bus-depot-debate-revived-1.2139904).

A few things that knocked my socks off were:

1) Wasn't it the DNV that turned down the old B.C. Rail location some six/seven years ago?

2) The site size quoted in your story, is that for current conditions or would that be for expansion when the articulated buses arrive?

3) Who is going to pay for site purchase, development and construction of the buildings needed?

4) If started today, how long before the depot would be operational?

5) I notice not a word from the City of North Vancouver on this subject. Are they going to let the DNV carry the whole burden?

To sum up: "Elvis has left the building."

It is far too late for the DNV to try and look like heroes in this matter. There are no suitable sites anywhere on the North Shore, and the one that was best in every aspect (B.C. Rail) was flushed down the toilet by a nearsighted council. Now it seems they've gotten glasses but far too late to be of any use.

People of North Vancouver: accept that a piece of North Vancouver history will soon be gone never to be replaced. There will be plugged roads, buses that run late and no one will be able to sort this mess out.

Welcome to Los Angeles North.

Edward Mulcahy North Vancouver

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