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Council must consider constituents

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North Vancouver - Dear Editor: Re: DNV Halts Growth - For Now, Feb. 4 North Shore News.

Thank you to Coun. Lisa Muri for the position taken regarding development here in the District of North Vancouver.

Finally someone who gets it - the development is fast paced and needs co-ordination not only with the City of North Vancouver, but also within the district. Too often, parallel access roads (i.e. Lynn Valley and Mountain Highway) seem to be under construction at the same time, erasing any alternate route available.

In our area over the past two years, there have been 10 new construction projects within four square blocks of our home.

That doesn't include the Mill House development on Mountain Highway and the impending replacement of Argyle secondary.

The Draycott project is mere blocks from Mill House at the already crowded intersections of Lynn Valley and Mountain Highway; if they both proceed simultaneously there is bound to be even more congestion at that intersection.

A notice recently arrived regarding the Mill House project.

Work is scheduled from Jan. 28 this year to August of 2016, five days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. That's 19 months, if on schedule!

We all expect progress and growth but it's time that constituents (voters) are considered before developers, who rarely live in the affected area.

Couns. Muri and MacKay-Dunn seem to appreciate that there has to be some balance between livability and increased tax base.

By contrast, the thought expressed by Coun.

Bassam that there isn't a correlation between increased density and traffic problems is baffling - perhaps he also denies global warming?

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