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Slow the pace of district development

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North Vancouver - Dear Editor: I feel compelled to comment on the appalling behaviour of the majority of North Vancouver's civic council members with regard to density. The latest example, another failed attempt by district Coun. Muri to halt development, is typical of top-down decision-making that doesn't represent the views of the majority of residents. That view is supported by the fact that Muri received the most votes in the recent district election, that a North Shore News online poll showed a majority in favour of slower development, and that simply speaking to people about it, as I often do, is always met with wearied and dismayed reactions at the alarming traffic increase and constant construction. These are the voices and needs that should guide council, not those of developers.

Mayor Walton suggesting that the cause for congestion is "us" for picking up kids after school, or Coun. Bond stating that the issue is more complicated than rocket science, come across as intentional obfuscation and insults peoples' intelligence. It simply goes without saying: more and larger projects means more people and traffic. And if a city and district-wide vote were done on this issue, which it should be, there is no doubt in my mind what the overwhelming consensus would be.

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