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LETTERS: Building permits doled out 'too easily'

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Dear Editor:

We have been residents of the Edgemont Village area for more than 25 years and are writing to register our dismay to the changes in the area.

On our street, we presently have three large developments taking place. In each instance, all trees and vegetation have been removed and excavation is right up to, and sometimes over the property line, causing concern for adjacent structures. During excavation of one property, we have noticed ground water mixed with sand and silt being pumped directly into the grids with very little regard to filtering and protecting the underlying streams.

How often are projects being inspected and do we need a change in bylaws so that municipal engineers, planners and environmentalists have more control in the future developments on the North Shore?

Excavation and demolition permits are handed out too easily in the district. Building plans are also being approved without any consultation with — or consideration of — established homeowners.

We need a mayor and council whose loyalty is more with the residents of the District of North Vancouver than with developers and contractors. We urge all concerned residents who are witnessing these negative changes to let our municipal elected officials know how you feel.

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