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LETTER: Decision on towers was already made

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Dear Editor:

Re: Work to Start on Seylynn's Second Tower

, published May 3.

Thank you once again for highlighting those issues that are important in our community — Seylynn, whether you are for or against, is one of those issues, but please, put me down as against. Your recent story reflected support from me for those towers, but the story needed more info, so I will take this opportunity.

Council's greatest power, in my opinion, is land use decisions. Those decisions are made through various processes, the main one being the rezoning stage, where a piece of property can go from one state, say, single family house, to another, like multi-family towers.

This is where the community has the greatest opportunity to voice their opinions and for council to vote in favour or against. When rezoning Seylynn I voted against along with Coun. MacKay Dunn and former Coun. Mike Little.

The density at Seylynn was too great, towers too high and the siting was too close to Highway 1. We all know how that vote turned out. After this decision comes the development permit decision.

That decision was the one your story was about. This is to determine the look of the building, and under current legislation and law, support is for whether you like the colour, landscaping, and architectural design, among elements — not how many floors there are. I supported the look under those rules. If I could have done something else, I would have.

Coun. Lisa Muri

District of North Vancouver

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