

High housing costs tied to traffic woes

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West Vancouver - Dear Editor: Re: New Lynn Creek Bridge Key to Cut Traffic, Oct. 25 front-page story I think Mayor Richard Walton's comments in reducing traffic on Highway 1 (Upper Levels) by pursuing other means of commuting is very simplistic. As a long-(and I mean long) term resident of the North Shore I have witnessed the explosive growth of traffic coming over the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Crossing heading west during the morning through to Taylor Way where it tends to lessen and then reverse itself in the afternoon with backups eastbound frequently to Westview. I suspect the high volume of construction activities is drawing trades and suppliers from outside the North Shore and the Sea to Sky Corridor.

Ferry traffic arriving at Horseshoe Bay also contributes to a major bulge of traffic heading eastbound from about 3 p.m. onward.

The cost of housing on the North Shore makes it prohibitive for many of the tradespeople to reside here and this factor can and will only become greater in the future.

Therefore, I think experts need to undertake a study to determine the origination and destination of the traffic to better identify proactive measures necessary to facilitate growth that surely will continue at the current pace for the foreseeable future.

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