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LETTER: Deep Cove parking issue settled the civilized way

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Dear Editor:

I could not believe my eyes when I read your editorial http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-coneheaded-move-1.2023770 (Aug. 7 Viewpoint).

Your comments re: "Deep Cove turf war ... a facilitated session of the type usually reserved for the Greek financial crisis..." has me asking — do you read your own paper and if so can you remember from one year to the next? Deep Cove had terrible parking and traffic issues due to the increased popularity of our area with visitors.

Rather than dealing with this issue through pundits and experts, the district council asked the community for input. With SFU facilitators we met — high school students, residents, Indian Arm residents, and park and facilities users.

Over one day we met in groups with someone from each constituency in each group. Our ideas and suggestions, that we developed together, in an atmosphere of friendliness and respect, were forwarded to council. No intense turf war — just a community of people trying to improve things for everyone.

Council adopted many of our recommendations and voilà a hugely improved traffic and parking system. You should remember; you covered our meeting.

No fight, no nasty comments just a community of responsible citizens young and old working together.

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