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I hope a lot of you write in to the Outlook as Bill and I have done BB is trying to create the illusion that some minority rogue band of left wing looney toones want little or no development, contrary to the wishes of the vast majority of Seymour residents. I doubt they will publish my letter (too much like an earlier version they did not publish).

We need to get the survey results in the public's face. And perhaps remind BB some Monday night what "majority" means.

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From: john hunter [<mailto:johnhunter@idmail.com>]

Sent: August 31, 2002 1:52 PM

To: 'North Shore Outlook North Van.'

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Re your article "Growing Pains: The proposal is not zero growth, but an average of 50 units a year, taking into account all Seymour area growth. Those upset by the draft Seymour Community Plan are primarily developers and their supporters. One of those quoted in your article is not even a DNV resident, but is trying to develop a property in Seymour!

A key fact should be emphasized - there is clear public evidence as to what the vast majority of Seymour residents want in terms of growth, and it is not what Helena Galas and Councilor Denault are pushing. There is nothing wrong with a plan that proposes low or no growth if that is what the electorate want.

The professional Mark Trend telephone surveys undertaken for DNV showed that 58% of Seymour residents wanted NO residential development whatsoever, while 84% wanted 1% or less. There was very strong support for including in the growth rates any growth on Indian Band lands, because that development uses infrastructure and contributes to our traffic bottlenecks. Furthermore, residents wanted the east-west traffic problems fixed BEFORE any further growth.

So Helena Galas and her ilk can say what they want, but the draft plan represents the majority wishes - a vast majority - 84%! It's called community based planning. It's called democracy.


Perhaps C. Denault would be kind enough to explain how the other 16% who presumably wanted higher growth constitute a "majority".

If the residents planning committees have "hijacked" the plan as Galas was previously quoted, it's a hijacking where the hijackers take the "victims" where surveys prove they want to go!

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