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> Notice of Motion - Report - Councillor Crist.

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> That the report " Lynn Valley Core Road Repairs - Financial Impact on

> Taxpayers" be put on a Regular Council Agenda for debate.

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> Reason for Report:

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> In March 2002 Councillor Crist submitted a motion for Council's

> consideration that Staff be requested to provide a detailed report

> listing the total expenses to District Taxpayers as a result of repeated

> road repairs such as openings and subsequent closures of roads to

> accommodate new development services requirements in and around the Lynn

> Valley Core construction areas.

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> On March 25 -2002 Councillor Crist's motion (not included nor mentioned

> in the staff report) was considered and passed by Council. A report

> dated May 14-2002 in response to Councillor Crist's motion has now been

> submitted by Staff without mentioning Councillor Crist's original report.

> This Staff Report answers some of the questions but by no means all,

> while a number of relevant questions appear to have been dealt with

> without giving adequate detail. The staff report while answering some

> questions raises a whole number of additional key questions with

> considerable implications for the taxpayers.

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> The report states for instance that "Over the past three years the major

> roads in the Lynn Valley Core area have seen a number of new developments

> and more are expected in the future". Developers are required to pay for

> the upgrading or installation of servicing required for their projects

> including the paving of service cuts. Some of these patches are

> substandard and are beginning to show minor settlements, and edge cracking

> is beginning to appear. Some of the patches are substandard and still

> under warranty and the responsible developer will be required to repair

> these patches at no cost to the District"

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> The question is what is the cost to the District of monitoring this on an

> ongoing basis and are those cost charged against the DCC's?. This is

> also true for the comment on page 2 of the staff report that "All work by

> the developers is inspected by a private engineering firm and District

> Construction inspectors?". And "Cuts and patches in road surfaces

> contribute to pavement deterioration as settlement and joints allow water

> to infiltrate and deteriorate the structural gravel base". Are all these

> costs charged against the DCC's?.

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> The report goes on to say " The installation of servicing for these new

> developments has had a major impact on the condition of the pavement on

> these streets". An inspection of Mountain Highway, Lynn Valley Road and


> 27th Street revealed 111 service cuts in the pavement with a total area of

> 2,428 square meters. Of these cuts 68 area associated with developments.

> The remaining cuts are mostly repairs to the existing system undertaken

- > by our Utilities department.
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- > Several key questions remain unanswered in the Staff report.
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- > 1) What was the condition of all these roads before they were cut up
- > repeatedly and what was the expected life span had they not been cut up to
- > accommodate the large reconstruction of the area. This question is
- > important in light of question number 5 listed below.
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- > 2) What is the total cost to the District to accommodate the development
- > in this area and what are the total returns to the District in the form
- > DCC's to compensate such expenses.
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- > 3) What is the exact amount of DCC's collected so far by the District and
- > how much of that amount has been spent and where.
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- > 4) What is meant by the statement "Some of the road repairs due to
- > overlapping and staging of development and staging of development
- > projects in the Lynn Valley area over the past few years some of these
- > patches are beginning to show minor settlements, and edge cracking is
- > beginning to appear".
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- > 5) In light of question number 1 what is the meaning of the statement on
- > Page 2 "These roads would be on the rehabilitation schedule even if the
- > pavement cuts associated with the private developers had not occurred".
- > Does this mean the developers are not paying for the full cost since they
- > roads would have been rehabilitated in any case?
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- > 6 What is the meaning of "Estimated cost of \$ 445,996 for three roads
- > namely Brody site to Lynn Valley Road, Kirkstone Road to Mountain Highway
- > and Lynn Valley Road to Mountain Highway in light of the fact that both
- > roads are dissecting Mountain Highway?.
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- > 7) What is the meaning and what are the implications to the District
- > taxpayers of "Approval of the Inspector of Municipalities in 1998 that
- > permitted the District to include the annual Street Reconstruction Program
- > for use of Development Cost Charges provided that they paid no more than \$
- > 8.45 % of the cost or street reconstruction"?
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- > 8) The single most important question to be answered however, is what is
- > the total cost of the redevelopment in the Lynn Valley Core area and how
- > much is the total amount received from development to cover those expenses
- > occurred by the District and how much of that amount has been spent and
- > where. **WHAT AND WHERE IS THE DETAILED LIST?**
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- > 9) What is the total affected area under development which in the report
- > is given as 27, 000 square meters and what is the relationship between
- > that figure and the figure given in a different part of the report
- > suggesting that the total area of service cuts is a mere 2,428 square
- > meters?. How does a redevelopment of that magnitude begin to be covered by
- > \$ 445.996 as indicated in the report and what is it's relationship with
- > the \$ 1,172, 320 budgeted for the total 2002 Rehabilitation program? Does
- > this include the \$ 445, 968 or is that amount separate from that amount
- > and subsequently from the Lynn Valley Core area and if so where are the \$
- > 1,172.320 being spent in the District?.
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