

Subject: FW: Who Are The Hijackers

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Fyi

I'd forgotten that the percentage who wanted 1 % or less was so high at 84%!!!! 58% wanted zero, 26% 1%.

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

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, Maggie Cossan, and Councilor Denault are pushing.

The 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.


Let's be clear who is trying to hijack the plan. It's developers, and certain developer friendly council members.

If the residents committee's who worked on the plan with DNV staff have "hijacked" the plan as Galas and Crossan are quoted as claiming, it's the first hijacking I've seen where the hijackers take the "victims" where surveys prove they want to go!

As for Councillor Denault, perhaps he might consider what the electorate wants, and not his personal drives. Sorry Bill, it's "no" to billboards, and to big development.

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