

**Subject:** Lynn Valley Core street improvement.

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

I have received an enquiry as to the cost for the recent street improvements in the Lynn Valley Core. The improvements include among others the relocation of existing poles as well as the installation of new poles. They will be painted town center dark green with butterscotch decorative bases. Pedestrian lighting will be located at the back of the sidewalk and the new sidewalk will include decorative banding. A new Lynn Valley bus shelter will be installed where the previous shelter was located.

The cost will be borne by Bental (Lynn Valley Mall) and amounts to \$ 262.137. The payment by Bental is the result of an agreement between the District and Bental and was part of the Box Store (Indigo and Winners) agreement.

Unresolved so far is the traffic question.

Several Years ago I had suggested that all traffic be circular around the Mall and the civic square with right hand entrance and exit only. But this was not adopted by Council and has led to numerous traffic accidents including fatal ones. This will continue.

You may also recall that I had suggested a much larger redevelopment envelope for the Lynn Valley Core in line with modern planning concepts. This was to extend from Kirkstone to Mountain Highway along Lynn Valley Road and from Lynn Valley Road and Mountain Highway South to 27 Street and back again to Lynn Valley Road. The idea was to share the profits from the higher rezoning with the developers and thus receive sufficient funds from the proceeds of the transactions to pay among other things not only for the Library and the civic square but also for a true community center. This did not materialize. Instead the developers have left with heir pockets full but we will have no Community Centre and we will have to pay for the Library. And that is the difference between leadership and mediocrity. I appreciate that the latter comment is not politically correct but it is true just the same.

Ernie

