

**Subject: Response to e-mail from Ms Peggy Trendell - Jensen**

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Dear Ms Peggy Trendell - Jensen:

Your points are well taken. However, I believe you are confusing the Lynn Valley Core area (town centre) which has already been densified over the last few years without receiving any benefits from the developers, with the small civic square planned adjacent to the proposed Library.

The Lynn Valley Plan, sold to the public as a "Pedestrian Oriented Town Centre" as opposed to a regional car mall which we got was high-jacked and instead of receiving free of charge benefits as a result of sharing the proceeds from the rezoning to a higher density with the developers, including a full fledged community center and an expansion of the KM facility, tree lined boulevards and designated bicycle lanes, the District received nothing in return except a huge bill for the cost of the infrastructure, which incidentally was supposed to be paid by the developers as well.


As for the Library, the money is already in place. The District already has \$ 20 million for the Library, estimated to cost \$ 18, million. The commercial facility adjacent to the Library has nothing to do with the Library per se and can be financed by the private sector. However, if the District wants to finance the commercial building adjacent to the Library, we could do so as well without going to referendum. All we would have to do is to use the money from the sale of land for that purpose as is supposed to be done instead of using it to cover operating expenses, which is against the intent of the law in any case, but is continuing since no-one seems to care.

Now, the District wants to take the whole matter to a counter petition or to a referendum to borrow more money under the pretext of "giving the people of Lynn Valley" a town centre and Library. They can then use the \$ 20 million set aside for the Library for other purposes i.e. use it to cover operating expenses and mismanage this money as they have mismanaged the District Heritage Fund and the infrastructure reserve funds amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars.

The bottom line is that the people of Lynn Valley were promised a "PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TOWN CENTRE" complete with facilities free of charge in exchange for the higher density which they got. However, as they can now see what they got instead is a regional car mall complete with more noise, more traffic and more pollution but sans facilities such as mentioned above. And the reason this happened is because the people of Lynn Valley and the community in general allowed themselves to be hoodwinked by "snake oil salesmen" and/or simply did not care enough to stand up and put a stop to this hoax even though it was pointed out to them in the local press repeatedly.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist,

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