

Subject: FW: Lynn Valley Center Project

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ernie Crist

Sent: April 30, 2004 12:45 PM

To: 'Mike Pollard'

Subject: RE: Lynn Valley Center Project

Dear Mr. Pollard.

I have been a staunch supporter of a "Pedestrian Oriented Town Center" and civic square in Lynn Valley including a new Library for a long time.

The problem is that the Lynn Valley "Pedestrian Oriented Town Center" as promised in the Lynn Valley Community plan turned out NOT "pedestrian oriented " but merely a densification of the existing Lynn Valley Core area, complete with more traffic, more parking problems, more pollution and more noise. The designated bicycle lanes and the green pedestrian areas shown on the glossy brochures when the Lynn Valley Community Plan was sold to the public turned out to be an empty promise.

The question now is NOT whether or not a Library as part of the civic square project should be built or not, but whether or NOT we will build it with our own money including that already approved by the public via a public referendum plus the proceeds from land sales already in place or whether we will allow private developers to assist in the financing of this project in exchange for an even greater densification of the area which would include at least five high-rises.

The other issue is what kind of Library? One that is based on the old and outdated concept of libraries of yesterday where clients merely pick up and return books OR a modern information and communication center big enough to also accommodate small scale cultural, social and community events - a meeting place where people may listen to special performances of music, plays, readings, lectures and partake in debates - in other words an information, communication as well as a cultural hub to stimulate cultural and intellectual curiosity as I have proposed?

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From: Mike Pollard [<mailto:smackle@shaw.ca>]

Sent: April 29, 2004 10:16 PM

To: Mayor Bell; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; mmekeonholmes@dnv.org; Lisa Muri; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton

Subject: Lynn Valley Centre Project

Mayor and Council
District of North Vancouver


Dear Mr. Mayor and Honourable Councillors:

I appreciate the time you take today to read my email with regard to my support of the Lynn Valley library and town centre development.

I have been thrilled with the community plan and approved town centre and library in a very deserving Lynn Valley. I often walk by the bill boards at Lynn Valley and Mountain Highway and admire what will be our future. I was proud that finally the Mayor and Councillors recognized that it was now Lynn Valley's turn to become a modern, beautiful town centre flanked with a stunning mountain range. What a gift for our children and people from around the world visiting our community.

I understand that over a period of time many people within the District and community have worked very hard to develop and approve a town centre that reflects the Lynn Valley community. At this point there should be no delays and the project should be pushing forward. Our community needs a new library and a centre that is more than a black top parking lot. Please, I urge you to push forward with the plan you visualized and approved. Lynn Valley requires this development to meet the community needs and improve the "core" of our wonderful community.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Pollard and family (Mike, Sarah and Matthew)
1221 Mill Street
North Vancouver

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