

**Subject: RE: I can not give up hope**

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Dear Mr. Fair.

I agree with your points. They are in fact exactly the same I made during the reconstruction and densification of the Lynn Valley Core, except, in that case the situation was even worse since the people of Lynn Valley via pictures and glossy brochures had been shown such bicycle lanes as part of the "Pedestrian Oriented Lynn Valley Town Center" turned regional car mall. I can still see the designated bicycle lanes on those glossy brochures.

Unfortunately many people were gullible enough to believe these promises. And from some of the comments I hear, some of them still haven't learned their lessons.

My advice to you is organize and fight back. You have nothing to lose except a none bicycle friendly Lilloett Road. Leadership will have to come from the public.

Ernie Crist.

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

From: John Fair [<mailto:jfair@shaw.ca>]

Sent: February 13, 2004 6:24 PM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV

Cc: fonvca@fonvca.org

Subject: I can not give up hope

Dear Mayor and council,

I just can not let this situation happen.

I truly believe that future councils will regret the short sighted decision of this council to not install proper bike lanes on Lillooet Road. This road is an access road to, by far the largest, cycling destination on the north shore. Thousands of cyclist drive their cars from Vancouver and Burnaby every year to cycle in the LSCR. This road also services the north campus of Capilano College. If we can do something that might encourage even 10 percent of them to leave their cars at home, think of the huge reduction of air pollution on the north shore.

Communities all over the world are struggling with ways to encourage more people to cycle. In a lot of cases, there is no room and a 4.3 lane is the only acceptable choice. This is one of the few routes in North Vancouver that actually has the room to add proper bike lanes. To not do it when the GVRD is willing to pay is unthinkable!

I know council thinks I am being selfish, but I am not thinking about myself. I already live on Purcell. I am thinking of all the cyclists that choose to ride from Vancouver, Burnaby and lower parts of North Vancouver. I have also asked a cycling advocate group for their opinion. Members from the VACC ( Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition) have agreed to ride up Lillooet Road and give me their opinion. They will notify me after their ride. The VACC have been very active in other areas of the GVRD.

The City Of Vancouver is currently planning dedicated bike lanes on Hornby and Burrard Street. They have already installed bike lanes on Pacific Boulevard. The North Shore Master Bike Plan has been in effect for eight years. Since then, the City Of North Vancouver has built bike lanes on Low Level Road and also on Queensbury. Building bike lanes on Lillooet

Road is a rare opportunity for the District Of North Vancouver to show a commitment to alternate forms of transportation.

Sincerely,

John Fair

