

Subject: PUBLIC MEETING: Lynn Valley Library & Town Centre Projects

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Mr. James Ridge CAO,
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RE: PUBLIC MEETING: Lynn Valley Library & Town Centre Projects

Dear Mr. Ridge:

This letter is written to express concern about the timing of the Public Meeting on the Lynn Valley Library and Town Centre projects - scheduled for 31 August 2004 at District Hall.

It is a well-known fact that not only do many people go out of town for the summer, the last full week before Labour Day is a time when even more people try to squeeze in their last opportunity for time away. I believe that, to schedule a meeting as important as this one for August 31 really defeats its intent - viz. to obtain as broad a spectrum of public opinion as can be achieved.

While I understand one of the possible constraints - the upcoming byelection - I believe there would still be enough time, were the meeting to be held in the week following the Labour Day weekend, when most will have returned home. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would do what you can to urge Council to change the date.

On a separate but related topic.....I have just now contacted District Staff to find out whether paper copies of the Background Material to the projects will be made available. I was given to understand that a copy of the document[s] can be viewed at the Hall, or that the material is available online. It was suggested that, if I wanted a full paper version, it could be copied for me.

I suggested that there are a lot of seniors [not me of course!] in Lynn Valley who can neither afford 25-cents/page for over 150 pages, nor sit in front of a computer for as long as it would take to study and re-study the information.

If it is felt that DNV truly cannot afford to provide the document free of charge, I have a compromise to suggest: The District has sophisticated printers, so why not settle on a cost-recovery charge of, say, \$15/20. When the [revised] date of the meeting is advertised, let people know their options and then they can choose whether to come up to the Hall and read your copy, go online or buy one to read and keep.....I'll place the first order!

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.....

Sincerely,
Liz James

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