

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Lynn Valley OCP]

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Subject: Re: Lynn Valley OCP

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Dan as the LVCA representative at FONVCA. I appreciate your response to the e-mail sent to FONVCA by Councillor Crist. It was a factual easy to understand clarification of the OCP. The Lynn Valley OCP has been explained many times not just by the LVCA but by all of those involved, including Staff, since the very beginning of the plan.

There never was 15,000 square feet of community space, the cost is not estimated at \$ 41 million. This was explained very carefully at the Council meeting held on Monday November 15th 2004.

To answer Councillor Crist's question where are the people of Lynn Valley going to meet and where are the Seniors going to gather. The answer to that is, with great pleasure at the Mollie Nye House. Small concerts, chess and bridge are already taking place in the Mollie Nye House.

The people of the community who have worked on this plan at least 3,000, are neither gullible, naive and they do not have giant ego's. Those who are now continuing to monitor this plan, together with District Staff, are extremely hard working volunteers.

Like you I am concerned that our only elected official on Council, is so out of touch with the people of the community.

Sincerely Maureen Bragg. President of the Lynn Valley Community Association

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

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Sent: Monday, November 29, 2004 9:48 AM

Subject: Re: Lynn Valley OCP

> Dear Mayor & Council:

> The e-mail below from Councilor Crist contains a number of errors. I
> believe

> it requires rebuttal, both in fact and in spirit.

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> The facts are as follows:

> - Two community centres have existed in Lynn Valley, at Karen Magnussen
> and

> Lynn Valley Park, well prior to the recent OCP.

> - As a direct result of the OCP, a substantial community meeting space at

> Mollie Nye House was created, adjacent to two

> substantial buildings occupied by seniors. According to the Seniors
> Association, the Mollie Nye facility currently meets
> the needs of many, many seniors, as well as a variety of other community
> users, including LVCA.
> At present I understand there is some spare capacity available for
> additional use.
> - The original OCP included some nonspecifically-labeled "community space"
> in the Town Centre. After the OCP was
> adopted, the initial Library / Town Centre project was created, then
> down-sized, by Council, with public input.
> LVCA accepted this because by then the Archives had found a highly
> appropriate home at the Lynn Valley Elementary
> School heritage building, and the new Mollie Nye community space was in
> place.
> - The "community space" at the Library / Town Centre site was never
> committed to be what Councilor Crist has so often
> implied it to be. In fact, through a detailed planning process
> undertaken
> by District Staff a year ago, a group of community
> stake-holders went through an exhaustive analysis of possibilities for
> the "community space" along with the town square itself.
> This information was gathered to inform the design of the Town Centre,
> so
> as to maximize the array of potential uses.
> In my opinion, the vast majority of people will be happily surprised
> when
> the Library / Town Center is built as presently planned.
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> Up to now, community members involved in the planning of this
> revitalization
> have had their eyes wide open, and made
> recommendations supported by a wide range of individual experience,
> outside
> advice, and extensive consultation.
> However after several years, we have had enough of the slurs Councilor
> Crist
> continues to cast upon ourselves, the process
> we and Staff have worked so hard at, and at the broad-consensus OCP we
> produced. The plan is being implemented as
> the community consensus originally directed.
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> In my opinion, the fundamental question is this: What responsibility does
> an
> elected official, especially a Councilor who is so
> strongly on the record in support of community-based planning, have to
> refrain from publicly undermining such a consensus?
> We note that all while all other Councilors roundly criticized Councilor
> Crist's approach in the Nov 15th debate, the essence of
> that debate was missing from the NS News story on it.
> Speaking personally, I would respectfully ask everyone to contemplate what
> obligations are embodied in exercising the prerogatives of holding public
> office, and act according to their conscience regarding this issue.
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> Sincerely, Dan Ellis
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> Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2004 7:43 PM
> Subject: RE: Larco's Preliminary Application

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> Hello Cathy:
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> There is absolutely nothing to prevent your dream from becoming reality.
> It
> is just a matter of vision and political will on the part of your
> community
> and compelling Council to provide the necessary leadership. The key is
> unity. I am sure Larco would be more than happy to build a community
> center
> at no cost to the District if the economics i.e. the density for the site
> is
> in his favour. This is the crux of the issue. It does not take a rocket
> scientist to figure out that this is what Mayor Harris was told by Larco.
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> The point I want to stress again is that the District can play the
> expropriation card provided it has the will to do so, but it may not have
> to
> do this. The District can use its resources to make your dream come true
> and
> with little cost to the community if modern development methods are
> applied.
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> As for Lynn Valley - it is a total fiasco. Don't be misled by the
> propaganda
> and by the dollar figures. The people of Lynn Valley are NOT getting a
> community center as promised. They were in fact cheated out of it. The
> fact
> that some politicians and some naïve and gullible community activists so
> called deny this is totally irrelevant. The facts speak for themselves and
> there is a lesson in this for the people of the District.
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> The community space was virtually eliminated. Did you know that the Museum
> and Archives project which was part of the original combined building as a
> \$
> 1.5 million project is now \$ 4.2 million? It was supposed to be part of
> the
> combined Library - Community Center and Museum and Archives building of
> 70,000 square feet. It is now a library of 40,000 square foot only more or
> less. The 15,000 square foot community space is gone.
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> Just think for a moment - as of this moment the cost of the center is \$ 41
> million and consists of nothing more than a replacement Library building
> and a 12,000 square foot cobble stone plaza. You cannot count the
> commercial
> building as community space however hard they are trying to tell you that
> it
> is. It would be like saying that Larco's office building at the proposed
> Larco site is community space. You would laugh your head off but that is
> exactly what they are trying to tell the people of Lynn Valley.
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> So tell me where the people of Lynn valley are going to meet?... where is
> the community space? .. where are the seniors going to gather? and where
> are the cultural and social events going to take place? Are they going to
> take place on the cobble stone plaza in the middle of the rainy season?
> Are
> lectures and small concerts and the chess and bridge players going to play
> on the plaza in the cobble stone plaza in the winter time? Maybe Zellers
> will provide the rain coats?
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> The fact is that this whole plan is a monumental hoax perpetrated on the
> people of Lynn Valley and was made possible with the acquiescence of
> gullible people and people with a giant ego unwilling to concede that they
> have been misled.

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> But instead of acknowledging that they were led up the garden path they
> joined in the parade stating that the emperor has beautiful clothes when
> in
> reality the emperor is naked. The truth is that this massive densification
> in the center of Lynn Valley called "pedestrian oriented town center" is
> not
> even paying for the cost of the infrastructure never mind for any
> community
> benefits unless you count more traffic, more pollution and more parking
> problems as benefits.
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> It is nothing more than a densification project for the benefit of
> developers without a single large amenity. And this is so whether so
> called
> leaders deny it or not. I hope your people will not fall into the same
> trap.
> I am sure you and your friends are too wise to fall for tricks like that.
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> As I said at the beginning, unity is the key, the rest is vision and
> political will. Remember, if people lead sooner or later politicians will
> follow.
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> Ernie Crist
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: cathyadams@canada.com [<mailto:cathyadams@canada.com>]
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