Subject: Public Meeting - What the GVRD does NOT want you to know!!!

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Dear all,

The communities around the Seymour Access Shaft (which would logically include: Lynn Valley, the Seymour Valley, Blueridge-Seymour Heights, Lynnmour & Inter-River and possibly Maplewood) would have received a notification in the mail a week or so ago announcing the following:

'Public Meeting Tunnels: Seymour Access Shaft

Attend this meeting to learn more about the Seymour access shaft for the twin tunnels - part of the Seymour-Capilano Filtration Project underway on the North Shore. Construction of the shaft, to be located in Lynn Canyon Park in the District of North Vancouver (DNV), is expected to begin in summer 2004.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004 6-7 PM

Open House 7-8.30 PM Presentation and Questions

Holiday Inn 700 Old Lillooet Road'

No more factual information about what is on the agenda that night. The above announcement is so tame and boring that only the most devoted (fanatical?) people would attend such a meeting - and that is undoubtedly the intention.

THE WORK REQUIRED TO CREATE THE SHAFTS IS BASICALLY A MINING OPERATION, THEREFORE ONE THAT GENERATES NOISE.

The GVRD told the NVD that quote they wanted to ensure that any neighbourhoods that would be affected particularly by the noise of the proposed activity are consulted with unquote.

I have attached below some correspondence that I had with a planner at the North Vancouver District in this respect.

I do not know the decibel-level involved, and it could be that it is not a big issue, but the fact that the GVRD wants to 'consult' with the neighbouring communities implies that this might not be all that quiet.

Instead of being upfront and advertize the true intentions of the meeting, the GVRD staff chose to come up with a meeting invitation that is so tame that nobody will show up. Truthfully the GVRD staff will be able to turn around to management and claim that only a few people attended and that the noise was really not a real concern for the community as a whole. This is plain and simple unethical and underhanded.

This is a meeting that is VERY important particularly for the residents of Seymour Valley, Lynnmour & Inter-River and Lynn Valley.

I hope that you will be able to spread the word to your respective members. Unfortunately the meeting is the very same night as FONVCA will be meeting with the North Vancouver District Council, so a number of the community association executives may not be able to attend.

Best regards,

Eric G. Andersen Chair Blueridge Community Association 2589 Derbyshire Way North Vancouver, B.C. V7H 1P9 604 929 6948

Eric,

The emails are yours to do with as you wish. As mentioned in them, the noise issue will definitely be addressed at the meeting. If you have other specific issues you would like to see addressed at the meeting, you can forward them and we will convey them to the GVRD.

----Original Message----From: Eric Andersen [<u>mailto:andersen@sagafc.com</u>] Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 11:52 AM Subject: RE: Your voice-mail msg

Thanks for the work you have done for us (I fully appreciate that this is NOT your ad), but you have to admit that by NOT telling people what will be discussed at the meeting (the 'MEAT' of the meeting!) you are not going to get the masses out. This ad, which I assume you have seen, is so tame that with basically nothing on the agenda, they will get very few people showing up. Result: 'we held a public meeting about the Seymour shaft - few people showed up - barely any concerns about the noise level - let's go ahead and proceed'. Quite frankly I find this unethical. No wonder there is to trust in the GVRD when they are using such underhanded tactics.

If you don't have a problem with it, I would like to send the below messages to FONVCA (including the Seymour Valley Community Association) and the BCA to inform them of the upcoming meeting. Somebody must stress what will be on the agenda, since the GVRD have tried to avoid the issue. Kindly let me know if this is acceptable to you.

Rgds/Eric

----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 11:31 AM To: andersen@sagafc.com Subject: RE: Your voice-mail msg

Eric, I verified with the Planner on this project that this is indeed the ONE meeting. Apparently there is a noise report (and others) that will be discussed at the meeting, along with mitigative measures and other issues. Hope this is clear. Thanks -----Original Message-----From: Eric Andersen [mailto:andersen@sagafc.com] Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2004 10:42 AM Subject: RE: Your voice-mail msg

Thanks,

I don't think that I made myself clear: when you advertize a meeting and billing it as 'tunnels: Seymour Access Shaft', but NO MENTION at all about what potential problems (such as noise) that this could/will result in, it is tantamount to false advertizing. By NOT highlighting the pitfalls/problems you are simply not going to get anybody out.

Reading the GVRD notice I had a hard time believing that this is advertizing a meeting that could potentially be controversial. If the residents out there KNEW (but they are NOT being told) that this could equal the noise of a mining operation, you would probably get many more people out. Instead you are advertizing a meeting with no 'meat' at all on the agenda. Who in their right mind, other than a possible few fanatics, would even attend such a meek affair, the way it's advertized? I know that you have nothing to do with it (the ad) and I am not blaming you, but you have to admit that this is not right. I sure hope you don't condone such cowardly approach! After the meeting the GVRD staff will turn around and report back to the

head quarters that nobody objected to the noise (because it was never brought to the residents' attention!).

If you are sure that this is the one and only meeting about the noise, I will inform our community association accordingly, stressing what was not stressed in the GVRD ad. You may want to give the other groups a heads-up, too, in all fairness.

Thanks and rgds/Eric

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Eric,

As for the GVRD question you raise, I think you're asking if the noise issue will be addressed at the advertised meeting. I would presume so, but you're right, this issue is not specifically mentioned in the ad. My understanding is that the work required to create the shafts is basically a mining operation, therefore one that generates noise. When we were asked to advise the GVRD who should be directly informed of the meeting (apart from the newspaper and general announcements) we thought of it, in part, as who might be affected by the byproducts (noise, activity, traffic) of the project. I imagine this will be one of many issues covered at the meeting. We;ll find out on the 3rd, I guess.

Thanks,