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Dear Editor,

We can all applaud the good intentions of DNV council for trying to create a sustainable community. **North Shore News: Greener Buildings, Nov. 12.** To ask development applicants to identify and incorporate environmentally friendly initiatives into their projects is laudable. But, if the intentions are not backed up by solid and binding building guidelines, the whole concept will turn into nothing but a gigantic bureaucratic boondoggle. Developers will not spend a nickel more than they have to and unless Council comes up with more definite criteria the results will be very disappointing. It will merely result in more delays which is what Council should avoid.

What is more serious is that a sustainable community must be based on environmentally friendly transportation. This must include rapid transit. Not only is there no such system in place on the North Shore but there are no long term plans in place either. What is even more serious, there are no plans for cross inlet improvements, be it more seabus crossings or a tunnel, to accommodate rapid transit - yet at the same time development and densification are proceeding at a rapid pace.

Unless and until regional transportation plans are in place any and all talk about creating sustainability is mere wishful thinking.

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