

Subject: Agenda Item 4 - Lower Capilano Community Centre

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Dear Mayor & Council:

Talk to Jimmy

The obvious choice for the Lower Capilano Community Centre is the former Pattison Toyota dealership & should be acquired by the District. This has always been the #1 choice of the community & makes far more sense than trying to squeeze a community centre onto the end of a playing field.

Quite frankly, I feel betrayed by the Pattison Corporation & what has transpired at this site. North Van City generously rezoned Fullerton industrial land for an automall, instantly increasing the value of the land & providing a windfall profit. In return, North Shore residents were assured that Marine Drive would no longer look like a giant car lot, as dealerships would relocate to the new facility. The Pattison AutoMall recently became the new home of Pattison Toyota.

So why has Pattison Hyundai been allowed to commandeer Pattison Toyota's old Marine Drive location? Mr. Pattison should be told in no uncertain terms that this wasn't part of the deal. Pattison's new Hyundai dealership should be re-located to the Pattison Automall where it belongs.

As a thankyou gesture for the profitable rezoning of industrial land for an automall, Mr. Pattison should offer the District first right of refusal for the old Marine Drive location. Better yet, donate the land to the community so we can name the Pattison Community Centre after our generous benefactor.

Without a doubt, the current situation is an affront to the lower Capilano community who had hoped to acquire the Pattison's Marine Drive site for a badly needed community centre, decades overdue.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler