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With thanks to Bill Tracey and Winston Churchill for the "so few" quote

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

From: John Hunter [<mailto:johnhunter@idmail.com>]

Sent: April 24, 2002 10:20 AM

To: 'North Shore News Letters to the Editor'

Subject: "Councillor Makes no Apologies"

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a brief response to Councillor Denault's recent letter to you, in which he accuses some "vocal minority" of making "misleading statements" and "alarming rhetoric and skewed statistics".

Instead of making accusations, I would simply invite C. Denault to go to the bridge himself and count, in morning rush hour, the percentage of cars heading to the south shore.

Contrary to his letter, I did not say that "adding 50 lanes to the Dollarton Bridge will not help". I said it won't help the traffic trying to get to the south shore, and it won't, because as anyone who drives the route knows, their bottleneck is the entrance to the Second Narrows Bridge. Now you can use citizen's recent surveys that it helps 1 car in 13, or the 1999 surveys of 1 car in 5, but the message is the same - "never was so much spent by so many to help so few". And the price tag is up 50% from 1999 - to \$9 MM.

As for "alarming rhetoric and skewed statistics", I will simply point out that it was his Viacom friends who are quoted in the North Shore

news that the required tax increases for DNV constructing the bridge is 18%, nine times the increase calculated by DNV's finance department. Incredibly, they made similar claims to Council and citizens in the recent public meeting on billboards for another project. Where is C. Denault's correction of this "information"?

I would applaud C. Denault if he proposed innovative and acceptable ways to improve DNV finances. Unfortunately, his idea to plaster DNV with huge ugly billboards doesn't fit. He claims in his letter to represent the majority, but at the public meeting re his billboard idea, only 3 of 24 speakers supported his idea, some perhaps from fear of the spurious 18% tax hike.

Some majority! Myself, I am content to let the public decide who is "alarmist" and "misleading".

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