

Subject: Dear Ed: Your editorials are OFF TRACK

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Dear Editor:

I believe your editorials have come "Off Track" as of late. On Sunday July 21, instead of chastising Councillor Braithwaite, you should have nominated him for a medal for his ethics & integrity in protecting the public purse. Without question, it was inappropriate that City Councillor Musato (and District counter-parts Councillors Denault & MacKay-Dunn) approved \$3,000 to allow the retired director of the North Van Rec Commission to attend a conference. The fact that Musato engaged in bafflegab to hide his questionable decision, was even more despicable. This should have been the focus of your editorial.

On Friday July 19, you sited a lack of common sense in the 11pm mugging of a young girl near 14th & Chesterfield. You recommended to readers 'that young people not walk alone or find themselves in isolated areas at night.' I think this is a pretty sad comment to our society. Walking through a park is one thing but the area in question is well lit & highly populated. What about bus riders trying to get home? Once again, you are sending the wrong message. It is the perpetrators of such crimes who should be kept off the streets. Why not question the City's propensity for higher density which results in more crime? Quite frankly, I thought the NSN did a public disservice when it stopped publishing the addresses of convicted criminals.

Yours truly,

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PS When are you going to address the Dollarton re-alignment scandal?