

**Subject: Revised Questions: Seymour Local Plan**

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Dear Mayor Bell, Members of Council:

RE: REVISED QUESTIONS: SEYMOUR LOCAL AREA PLAN

DATE: 21 JUNE, 2002

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Dear Mayor Bell, Members of Council:

At the Council meeting last Monday, you felt it was *so* important that a full Council be present to discuss the matter, that you maneuvered deferral of Agenda Item #1 - Seymour Local Plan - to next Monday, on the excuse that Clr. Mackay-Dunn was "absent due to illness" and that a letter about the questions to be asked of the community had just that day been received - a letter we now know came from the Tseil-Waututh, though we don't know what their concerns were about the District using "phasing as an approach for managing growth" in the Seymour community.

Apart from the fact that discussion was supposed to have been on the Plan developed by citizens of the *Seymour Community* and *not* the aspirations of any neighbouring group First Nations or otherwise, your actions effectively withdrew any timely Council discussion or vote of approval - or not - (a) until after the Open Houses during which the Seymour Plan was to be presented to citizens of the Seymour Community; (b) until an Agenda at which the Maplewood Plan would also be discussed.

Despite your arbitrary action, in which you were supported - or perhaps *aided and abetted* would be a more appropriate phrase - by Clrs. Denault, Dunsford and Harris, we have just now become aware that *you alone of Council*, working with Staff have authorized the printing of a new set of questions which had to be reworked by the Community Committee, which you "believe addresses *your* concerns about the "specificity" of the original "phasing" question.

So, in an apparent effort to nullify your original mistake, what we have now is that one night you defer an Agenda item on the excuse of needing a full Council, but today it's apparently OK for you and Staff working alone to approve and authorize the printing of a new set of questions with which the rest of Council is, by your email, merely asked to "concur".

Some democracy, Mayor Bell!

In discussion last Monday it might well have been that Council would have tweaked the wording of some of the questions on the Resident Response sheet, but at least the community would have seen and heard where members of Council stood on the issue. That Seymour Plan had been diligently developed and carefully worked on by intelligent, reasonable, responsible members of the Seymour Community for the better part of five years but you in your wisdom, or lack of it, chose to make a complete botch of its presentation to Council - largely, we

understand, on the basis of concerns of a neighbouring community that is barging ahead with development of some 2,000 housing units, completely heedless of any ultimate effect their decisions will have on Seymour - and the remainder of the District - particularly as to District-wide costs of transportation and traffic flows which ***District*** residents will have to bear, not the Tseil-Waututh.

As far as we are concerned, any Mayor or Councillor who participated, directly or indirectly, in this fiasco should be given the boot come November.

Sincerely,

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