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REMARKS TO DNV MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING COUNCILLOR DENAULT SEP. 12 LETTER
IN THE NORTH SHORE OUTLOOK

Good evening Mayor and Council.

Councilor Denault's recent North Shore Outlook letter on the Seymour Local plan contains statements, which, if interpreted absent knowledge of the Plan and the Mark Trend survey, could lead to disturbing and inaccurate conclusions about the Plan and about residents' goals for Seymour growth. This letter cannot be left unchallenged.

Let's take two examples:

* C. Denault says: "Three separate surveys reveal a desired growth goal of one percent or less, not zero growth for the next 13 years." That is true; but the implication of no growth is false - the draft plan includes

over 630 units in the 13 years. Councilor Denault and pro development forces apparently can't stomach that the growth is mainly in Maplewood and Burrard Band lands. Why did he fail to mention that 79% of Seymour residents in the Mark Trend survey wanted Burrard Band activity counted as Seymour development, and in addition that the survey did not ask respondents to ignore Maplewood development.

* Secondly, C. Denault says: "If they ask for 1%, I'd like to see they get it". Another misleading implication - most didn't ask for 1%. Mark Trend shows 58% of Seymour residents wanted zero residential growth, 26% wanted 1%, and 16% didn't know or wanted over 1%. The average was 0.9%, but inclusive of development on Burrard lands and with no exclusion of Maplewood. The majority which C. Denault claims to represent wanted zero growth!


When the majority of Seymour residents (58%) want zero development, 79% want Burrard lands counted as Seymour development, and the first 13 years has over 630 units, it's hard to see how C. Denault could write that letter.

If I am misinterpreting the facts, I'd appreciate it if Mr. Torry of DNV Staff could advise me. If not, I hope C. Denault will now do what his letter claims - adhere to the wishes of the majority.

Thank you

John Hunter

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