

Subject: [Fwd: item added to Special Council Meeting Agenda - Monday, November 24th - Bill 75]

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Subject: item added to Special Council Meeting Agenda - Monday, November 24th - Bill 75

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
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I wish to advise you that a revised agenda for the Special Council meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2003 is being prepared and will be forwarded to you later today. The amended agenda will also be posted at the DNV Hall in the prescribed manner, and displayed on our DNV website.

The purpose of the amended Special Council meeting agenda will be to add #2 under Council Business: Provincial Bill 75 - The Significant Projects Streamlining Act.

A DNV staff report from Dennis Back on Bill 75 was circulated to Council Wednesday, November 19th, including a copy of the proposed Bill. We were planning to have this matter as an agenda item on our next Regular Council meeting, Monday, December 1st, but it now appears that Bill 75 could receive final consideration by the Legislature this coming week. I am therefore adding this item to the Special Council meeting Monday November 24th.

Don Bell

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**The District of North Vancouver
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

November 22, 2003
Tracking Number: RCA -

AUTHOR: Mayor Don Bell

SUBJECT: Provincial Bill 75 - the Significant Projects Streamlining Act

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT

- 1) the Council of the District of North Vancouver opposes proposed Bill 75 "2003 Significant Projects Streamlining Act" as an unacceptable intrusion into the authority of local government, and urges the Provincial Government instead to work cooperatively with local government to ensure timely decisions are made on significant projects; and
- 2) a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Government, North Vancouver M.L.A.s and the U.B.C.M. for their consideration.

REASON FOR REPORT:

This is proposed provincial legislation that would allow the Provincial Government, through Provincial Ministers, to override municipal control of targeted projects. The Premier was quoted in The Province newspaper Wednesday November 19th as saying "The framework has got to be there to encourage people to think of the provincial interest as well as their specific local interests." Municipal leaders have expressed the concern that this bill flies directly in the face of statements made previously by the provincial government that local government's role and responsibilities have grown and therefore should and would be recognized as a 4th level of government in B.C. Removing or interfering with local government authority is not acceptable. This is particularly so in the case of community development that could be in conflict with local zoning and Official Community Plans that have been developed through a formal process that includes public input.

Concerns about Bill 75 were raised during discussion at the GVRD Council of Councils meeting held this morning in Burnaby and a motion was passed by a majority of those present opposing Bill 75. GVRD Chair Marvin Hunt suggested member Councils deal with Bill 75 at their next Council meeting and send any resolutions immediately to U.B.C.M. for forwarding to the Provincial Government on behalf of local government in B.C.

Mayor Don Bell