

Subject: Council Agenda Item #5 Sale of Greenbelt Land Adjacent to 588 Elstree Place

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Mayor & Council:

At the June 17, 2004 meeting of the Federation of NV Community Associations, a discussion took place over the concept of selling parkland, portions of public greenbelts or various rights-of-ways to private interests. This discussion was precipitated by the proposed sale of greenbelt land to 588 Elstree Place.

While FONVCA does not wish to comment on the details of any particular situation, we do however unanimously support the motion of the Parks & Natural Environment Committee that "*strongly recommends that no District of North Vancouver parkland, greenbelt land, street or trail right-of-ways or other rights-of-way be sold to those who encroach, occupy or take over such lands.*"

In addition to the above, FONVCA is disturbed that the title of agenda item #5 makes no mention that Natural Parkland is potentially being sold. For the public to see the item as part of the agenda published in the District Dialogue, they would have no idea that a "*Rezoning Application Regarding Mission Creek Greenbelt and Adjacent Pool Encroachment*" involved the sale of Natural Parkland. Indeed, it gives one the false impression the item is merely a housekeeping matter. If the item does move forward to a Public Hearing, then FONVCA respectfully suggests that the public notification makes very clear what is at stake.

Sincerely,

Brian Platts

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