

**Subject: Designated bicycle lanes on Dollarton**

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Dear Councillor Mussatto:

Further to our recent telephone conversation, this is to inform you that at the end of June I submitted a motion with the same objective as outlined in your recent motion to the City of North Vancouver Council re designated bicycle lanes as part of the Dollarton Bridge construction project.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your Council for having initiated this progressive and forward looking step. I am happy that your Mayor has agreed to raise it at the upcoming Translink meeting. Unlike in the City where an initiative and or a Notice of Motion is submitted on Wednesday and is on the Council Agenda the following Monday for Councils consideration, in the District of North Vancouver this is not the case.

I submitted a motion to that effect in the last days of June but it will not come up until July 12 but only as a Notice of Motion after which it will take another 2 weeks before it is on the agenda. If we cannot finish the agenda on that particular Monday later in July it may be deferred until August. Such is the situation in the District. In light of this I am happy that the motion you submitted will enable Mayor Sharpe to make the appropriate request at the TRANSLINK meeting armed with the support of your Council much sooner.

After reading the letter by our staff Mr. Richard Zerr to you re this matter I realize that our staff believes that designated bicycle lanes in the words of our staff are not needed since "the Dollarton Bridge design will accommodate all users - pedestrians, and vehicles, as well as all types of cyclists from recreational to commuter". Clearly our staff is unaware of the advantages of designated bicycle lanes. I am inclined to believe that our staff might benefit by visiting cities where designated bicycle lanes do exist to fully appreciate the difference between streets with designated bicycle lanes and those where bicycles have to share the streets with cars.


I am also unaware that this item ever came before District Council to find out how Council and/or the public might feel about this important issue. However, what I do know is that designated bicycle lanes were supposed to be part of the Lynn Valley Pedestrian Oriented Community Plan but somehow they never materialized, impressive brochures complete with even more impressive pictures showing designated bicycle lanes notwithstanding.

Thank you again for your initiative. I am certain that the biking community will appreciate your efforts.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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