

Subject: RE: Sugar Suite plea

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Dear Mrs Trendell - Jensen;

All the things you mention in your wish list for Lynn Valley were proposed and could have been obtained as part of the implementation of the Lynn Valley Community Plan, including a truly Pedestrian Oriented Town Center as promised, including designated bicycle lanes, improved recreation and arts facilities, even a community and senior center along with the Library, as well as enhanced arts and recreation facilities and a larger swimming pool.

What is more, it could have been obtained virtually without cost to the District. This was possible as part of a comprehensive municipal private partnership and redevelopment plan of the Lynn Valley Core as outlined in several motions made to that effect. As it is, we got the higher density, which was envisioned in any case, but not the benefits. The present concept has given the people of Lynn Valley absolutely nothing except higher density, more traffic, more pollution, more noise and more debts to pay for the infrastructure while the developers have come, filled their pockets and left.

However, neither the District Council nor the people of Lynn Valley spoke up for this modern concept nor did their leaders. If anything, with the exception of a few, they spoke against it. I am merely pointing out that what you are advocating now could have been obtained simply by providing smart and timely leadership. I have absolutely nothing against the "Sugar Suite" of course even with a larger seating capacity of 6 more chairs or is it 10?

However, I am sure you will agree that it is a poor substitute for the truly large visionary concept for a redeveloped Lynn Valley Core putting Lynn Valley on the map as a truly liveable neighbourhood as opposed to turning it into the regional car mall, a traffic nightmare and the pedestrian hazardous place it has become. Should you wish to see what a Pedestrian Oriented Town Center looks like, you may wish to go and see the new addition to the Park Royal South Mall in West Vancouver.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: Mayor Harris
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2005 1:49 PM
To: Peggy Trendell-Jensen
Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Richard Paul
Subject: RE: Sugar Suite plea

Thank you for your email regarding Sugarsuite. I am forwarding your email to other members of Council for their information and also to Mr. Richard Paul our Property Use/Business Licence Inspector, for a response.

Mayor Janice Harris

From: Peggy Trendell-Jensen [<mailto:trenjen@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2005 4:39 PM
To: Mayor Harris; paula_hubert@dnv.org; Richard Paul
Subject: Sugar Suite plea

Dear Mayor Harris, Ms. Hubert and Mr. Paul:

As a (nearly) lifelong resident of Lynn Valley, I am writing to you in support of the most positive retail venture to have occurred in our area in years.

I know you must by now be familiar with the Sugar Suite coffee shop in terms of petitions, complaints, and paperwork. Regrettably, you have probably not had the chance to appreciate it for what it is offering the surrounding neighbourhood.

In less than one year, the Sugar Suite has become somewhat of a hub for social, musical and community-based initiatives. The owners are always ready to help out on charitable causes, showcase new musical and artistic talent, and post bills and notices for other people's ventures. They care about their customers and are courteous, creative and motivated.

I have written to council in years past to note that the proud, historic community of Lynn Valley currently does not offer its residents:

- a rec centre gymnasium for sports programs
- facilities for youth/adult swimming lessons
- municipally-funded concerts such as are offered in other neighbourhoods

The lack of a central, people-friendly retail "village" will someday, I trust, be remedied in the long-awaited district development. In the meantime, I have been thrilled with the addition of the Sugar Suite, which has in its own way accomplished many of the aims of the district's planned "town centre."

I don't know what errors the owners of the Sugar Suite may or may not have made in their planning, but I do know that continuing to restrict their seating capacity not only punishes their commendable initiative, but the residents of Lynn Valley as well. Please do what you can to support their business instead of enforcing roadblocks that common sense deem unnecessary.

Thank you,

Peggy Trendell-Jensen

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