

Subject: [Fwd: A bouquet for Seymour]
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Dear Editor,

What a difference between Seymour and Lynn Valley! **See North Shore News: Seymour Development Opposed, Nov. 12.** The residents of Seymour must be congratulated on their principled stand concerning their community when it comes to planning. They worked for years on a community plan which includes a precise figure for new housing units. One could argue that it is slow, but anyone who has watched the growing traffic tie-ups on the approaches of the the Iron Workers' Memorial Second Narrows Crossing and Mt. Seymour Parkway would call this intelligent and responsible.

But the main issue is that the DNV council, in agreeing to this community plan, signed its name to a contract. It is responsible community planning and it is not NIMBYism as the pro-developers would have you believe. The concept of responsible community planning hangs in the balance. If they don't succeed in forcing council to the agreement they made, the whole community planning process in the DNV will collapse. Clearly, the people of Seymour know what it is at stake. They are not only fighting for their own community, but are setting an example for the rest of the District. The example they have set is even more remarkable if we compare it with the irresponsible development in Lynn Valley. The people were promised a pedestrian oriented town centre, with more green space, and designated bicycle lanes, but we got nothing of the sort. What we got was simply more traffic and more pollution, with no benefits. It is truly unfortunate that the same spirit which was displayed by the residents of Seymour was not seen in Lynn Valley. Hopefully, this example will persuade the residents of Lynn Valley to be more alert to the pro development district council and Lynn Valley Community Association.

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