

Subject: [Fwd: STOP Canexus]
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A hazardous chemical plant in the midst of a growing residential area is unwise to put it mildly.

It is not just a question of sound planning but also of public safety. We are living in an era of growing international tension.

At the same time corporations are engaged in expense cutting measures to increase profits. The recent derailments including in the Lower Mainland provide ample evidence to that effect.

It is not just increased production at the site, but also the transportation of hazardous chemicals at a time when Canada is at war which poses an additional safety risk.

The presence of a hazardous chemical plant in the Maplewood area also puts a serious crimp in attracting desirable industries to the area. Plants producing hazardous products are not conducive to tourism or building labor intensive industries something the District badly needs.

It is no coincidence that Canexus requested of the District not to allow labour intensive industries to locate in the vicinity of Canexus.

What is more serious, is that Council acquiesced. This has never been fully revealed to the public. Neither have the fiscal implications of losing both potential jobs or taxes as a result been revealed to District residents.

District Council has also been silent about the existence of a verbal agreement that the Port will attempt to avoid developments on its land if they are detrimental to the interests of municipalities.

What is clear is that District Council not only failed to discourage the Canexus expansion but actually encouraged it by making its own land available for the expansion of this industry which simply does not belong here anymore.

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