

Subject: [Fwd: Civic Parties to enhance livability in the DNV]

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Democracy in the District of North Vancouver is best served if opposition parties exist to keep each other in check.

The plain truth is that all members of DNV council are singing the same tune. The differences they have are minor, while major issues are being avoided. There is no policy on housing. There is no policy on transportation. There is no policy on how to save the recreation facilities, which have been allowed to deteriorate. There is no explanation as to why DNV taxes have gone from the lowest in the region to the highest, why the district reserve funds are gone, and why our 80,000 sq. ft. library and community centre, with an original total price tag of \$21 million has gone to over \$40 million, while the community centre has been eliminated.

However, the real issue here is not so much that these things have happened, but that they occurred without any thorough public debate. This is because in the absence of civic parties these items are taboo and are dealt with in-camera only and/or are ignored altogether at the public's expense.

The wealth of information and paper churned out by the DNV is coloured by political bias and is at best superficial, while the issues as seen from an opposition point of view are swept under the rug.

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