

Subject: Fwd: Lynn Valley highrises - we need a clip from Nov. 2007
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Dear Rick and gang,

I am a long time supporter of your program. My thoughts and emails have been on-air.

Former District of North Vancouver Councillor Ernie Crist was on your show as was Lynn Valley Community Association representative Dan Ellis in early November 2007 after the following ad was published.

We people who are fighting against highrises in our community would appreciate this clip.

Thanks in advance.

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An open letter to the **PEOPLE OF THE NORTH SHORE**

What is a sustainable community (Lynn Valley) and how can we achieve it?

The North American City is the product of the automobile. It shaped our lives, our culture, and our economic priorities. Land was plentiful, oil cheap and Henry Ford, an American hero, turned mass production of cars into a religion.

However, the imperatives for radical change are now upon us. Our reliance on the automobile to commute in the city is past.

Global warming is not a myth, the economic cost of single vehicle transportation is not a myth, nor is the waste of land nor is the staggering cost to our health and the depletion of fossil fuel. Change is no longer an option. It is a challenge we will either meet head on or we will suffer serious consequences.

The new 21st century livable city is designed for people not cars, stated world renowned city planner Hans Blumenfeld on his visit to Vancouver almost 30 years ago. Indeed there are no cars to speak of and to the extent that they exist, they are the exception not the rule.

Transportation in the new city is based on mass transit. It is efficient, convenient, cheap, and pollution free. It is virtually noiseless and pleasing to the eye. It is in harmony with the city's architecture. It is part and parcel of a new human friendly environment in which people speak to each other and relax while traveling at great speed moving to their destination. It is an antidote to alienation and comprises everything from rapid trains, noiseless street cars, to buses, ferries and mini buses.

The new city has plenty of trees, parks, playing fields, indoor and outdoor recreation and cultural

facilities. Most neighbourhoods are self contained for efficiency and yes, there are highrises. Indeed, compact developments are the rule rather than the exception while total green space is enhanced and pedestrian friendly.

However, the new proposal for highrises in Lynn Valley is not conducive to this objective. It is the exact opposite. It is outmoded and reactionary.

Far from decreasing reliance on the car it will enhance it. Far from less pollution, there will be more. Far from generating less traffic congestion, there will be more. The reason is that the most important element of enhanced livability, as outlined in numerous vision statements by the World's most credible town planners, will be missing, namely a transportation system which reflects this concept and must be its backbone.

If the proposal for highrises in Lynn Valley, in the name of motherhood and apple pie, is implemented as it will unless the people stand up now and stop it, everything which is outdated now will be worse. Any and all talk to the contrary is at best wishful thinking or an out and out hoax as was the previous densification of the Lynn Valley Core sold to the people of Lynn Valley as a "Pedestrian Oriented Town Centre".

Sign the petition. Get on board. If you want to join our team and fight this travesty, contact Wendy Qureshi at 604-980-1885 or wendyqureshi@shaw.ca

The struggle continues.

WENDY QURESHI

JOHN SHARPE

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Concerned citizens who care about the sustainability of our community, Lynn Valley.