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Subject: RE: Traffic realities and Lower Capilano Implementation

Good evening Alan,

We appreciated your comments at Monday evening's Council meeting with regard to the CGA's work to create "an informed community". We believe the emphasis on logic and realistic outcomes was key to shifting the community from rejection of any change. At this time, even for those not fully embracing all aspects of the Village Centre concept, there is recognition of the overall logic and need for change.

The single and most persistent difficulty for many remains the misperception that traffic is worse now than previously and will get worse. For reference i have attached a 1955 photograph of traffic lineups at the Lions Gate Bridge that shows that more than 50 years ago the situation generally looked the same as today.

I recall your own comments of some months back that it actually took longer to cross the bridge 30 years ago than it does today. The traffic table below would seem to support your recollections, as it shows that over the past 8 years traffic volumes have decreased almost 5%. Currently 30% of rush hour commuters are transported by fewer than 3% of the vehicle numbers. This shows that transit can work, people will change their habits if viable transit is in place and we are not compelled to accept a never ending cycle of gridlock.

The table below shows the average daily volumes on the Lions Gate bridge (total traffic for an entire year divided by 365 days) from 2004 to 2012 which is from the province's permanent count station on the bridge.

This information may be of use in addressing repeated traffic concerns of area residents who contact you and Council expressing worry that the Village Centre will immobilize Capilano Road traffic.

Historical Traffic Volumes – Lions Gate Bridge

Year	Average Daily Volumes over Lions Gate Bridge		
	Total	Southbound	Northbound
2004	63,369	32,318	31,051
2005	62,696	31,975	30,721
2006	62,418	31,833	30,585
2007	62,287	31,766	30,521
2008	61,291	31,258	30,033
2009	61,480	31,355	30,125
2010	59,880	30,539	29,341
2012	60,285	30,745	29,540

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/trafficData/index.asp>

best regards, Doug



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