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**The District of North Vancouver
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

May 29, 2002
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SUBJECT: **Seymour Local Plan -- Public Consultation Questions**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this report be received for information.

REASON FOR REPORT

At its regular meeting of May 13, 2002, Council requested that they be provided with a draft of the questions to be asked in conjunction with the public display and discussion of the Seymour Local Plan. (**Attachment A**)

SUMMARY

Council received the draft Seymour Local Plan and expressed support for the remaining steps in the Seymour Local Plan process on May 13, 2002. The next stage in the process involves discussion of the draft Plan with organizations, agencies and the Seymour community. An important part of the community consultation is feedback concerning the draft Plan in general, and its phasing strategy in particular. The Seymour Local Plan Residents' Committee has developed questions to be distributed to Seymour residents as part of the public display of the draft Plan, and provides these questions in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND:

Following several years of work and consultation, the Seymour Local Plan Residents' Committee presented the Draft Seymour Local Plan to Council at the regular meeting on May 13, 2002. Council moved that:

- 1) *"The Draft Seymour Local Plan, as outlined in Attachment A of the April 29, 2002 report of the Community Planner be received; and*
- 2) *The proposed actions and timeline for proceeding to public hearing on the Seymour Local Plan, as outlined in Attachment C of the April 29, 2002 report of the Community Planner, be supported."*

Subsequently, in response to a question from a Council member, Mayor Bell requested that Council be provided with a draft of the questions to be asked in conjunction with the public display and discussion of the draft Seymour Local Plan.

EXISTING POLICY

In addition to the District Official Community Plan, there are three local plans in place for the area east of the Seymour River and south of the Alpine area:

- The Seymour Official Community Plan (1985)
- The Deep Cove Official Community Plan (1983)
- The Maplewood Official Community Plan (1983)

To foster awareness and solicit feedback, it has been the practice in the District of North Vancouver to host public displays of draft local plans before introducing such plans to Council in a bylaw format.

ANALYSIS

Development of Public Feedback Questions

Rationale

The Plan vision is to ensure a high quality of life for today's residents and future generations, through the principle of stewardship. Public input throughout the plan process identified certain factors as key determinants of Seymour's liveability and, therefore, as themes to shape the Plan's strategy and policies. They are:

- Managing Growth
- Improving Transportation
- Protecting the Natural Environment (and Waterfront)
- Minimizing Change

The Plan adopts a **phasing strategy** as its approach to achieving the community vision while considering these factors.

Since the phasing strategy fundamentally defines the draft Plan, and in light of comments received to date, the Residents' Committee has concluded that public feedback concerning the strategy is critical and should be the focus of the questions.

Context

With Council having received the draft Plan, the process now enters the consultation phase. This involves publicizing and distributing the draft Plan to various organizations, agencies, governments and the general public. It is within the context of the general public discussion that the questions will be distributed and responses solicited. The public component also includes these elements:

- *Brochure* – delivered to all Seymour households and businesses and intended primarily to announce the Plan’s completion and advertise the open houses (Attachment B)
- *Public Displays, Presentations & Open Houses* – to be held in several different locations and hosted by members of the Seymour Residents’ Committee and staff. These are intended to provide opportunities for more in-depth discussion of the draft Plan and to enable informed feedback from Seymour residents. The displays will present information under the following headings:
 - *Plan Overview*
 - *Plan Approach & Phasing Strategy*
 - *Plan Background*
 - Including the process, the results of the public surveys and the guidelines of the Community Vision Statement
 - *Plan Topic Areas*
 - *Feedback Questions*
- *District Website* - for access to a complete copy of the Draft Plan and feedback form
- *Announcements* –in District Dialogue, on community signs and on the Seymour Plan information telephone line.

Incorporating Question Responses & Feedback

At the conclusion of the public discussion with the Seymour community, responses to the questions and other feedback will be considered along with responses from organizations and agencies to determine changes required to the draft Seymour Local Plan.

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Attachments:

- A: Draft Seymour Local Plan Feedback Questions
- B: Brochure

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