

First Questions, Oriented Toward Process

1. When will the results from the Norquay survey questionnaire of June 2007 be made available to Norquay residents? Is there still a proposal for mass rezoning in the Norquay area? If so, what would such a proposal encompass?
2. What are the City's plans for fulfilling the promise of a well-advertised public meeting for Norquay residents, made by Director of Planning Brent Toderian at the June 23, 2007 EcoDensity Forum? Will such a meeting feature a mutually-agreed-upon chair, speakers on both sides, and a forum to move and vote on recommendations?
3. How is the City of Vancouver planning to deal with its failure to communicate with the 30% of Norquay residents whose first language is neither Chinese nor English? Will future public events sponsored by the City in Norquay provide qualified persons able to speak Chinese?
4. What evaluation has been applied to the experimental zoning categories of RT-10 and RM-1 that are being tested in the Kingsway-Knight rezoning area? Has data been compiled on any of the following?
 - Affordability of demolished housing compared with new replacement housing, both owner-occupied and rental
 - Proportion of rental housing retained or created
 - Proportion between developer- and homeowner-initiated redevelopment
 - Replacement of fee-simple ownership by strata-title
 - Incidence of laneway-only coach house additions
 - Property tax increase attributable to mass rezoning (the elimination and reinstatement of three-year averaging is not relevant to this)
 - Rate of demolition of existing housing stock
 - Preservation of heritage and character dwellings in redevelopment
5. Why did the major spot rezoning approved by the City of Vancouver for the Eldorado site at Kingsway and Nanaimo employ a low-profile pro forma developer-led process that lacked any consultation with the entire Norquay area? How does this process compare with the one employed by the City for the large-scale Kingsway-Knight development (King Edward Village)?
6. Is it correct to conclude from the City of Vancouver web site that meetings of the Renfrew-Collingwood CityPlan Committee involved six to eight neighborhood people and occurred three times (June 22, September 8, November 23) in 2006 and no times in 2007? What contact if any has this group had with parallel groups from other Vancouver neighborhoods? Is it correct to conclude that the Renfrew-Collingwood Housing and Shopping Area Working Groups are entities separate from this group, and that no record of their meetings is available on the City of Vancouver web site? How have these groups communicated with Norquay residents during the time they have been meeting?