



November 17, 2015

Mayor and Council  
District of North Vancouver  
355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver BC V7N 4N5

**Bylaw 8138 for 756-778 Forsman Avenue townhouse project**

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. Biking to school has countless benefits for students and the community, including promoting every day physical activity, forming healthy habits, building children's independence, stronger sense of community, less air pollution and congestion, safer streets, and lower cost transportation for families compared to driving.

The HUB North Shore Committee has reviewed the report for the proposed rezoning of 756-778 Forsman Ave next to Lynnmour Elementary School. The rezoning provides an opportunity to build safe cycling access to the school for students and staff.

Currently Forsman Ave is a quiet street outside school hours, but traffic increases substantially during school drop-off and pick-up hours making cycling on the street dangerous, especially for children. The sidewalk is too narrow for bikes to share with children and parents walking to school.

We noticed proposed vehicular and pedestrians improvements in the rezoning report, but cycling improvements are not mentioned. Below please find our suggestions to make cycling to Lynnmour Elementary safer.

- Instead of a new sidewalk, build a wide shared path (at least 3 metres wide). The path should be on the east side of Forsman where the townhouse development is planned. A path on the west side would create conflict between bikes and cars at the entrance to the school parking lot.
- If vehicular access to the school is moved to Orwell Street in the future, a shared path on Forsman would still be beneficial and a low cost investment for a healthier and more connected community.

Rezoning for developments present a cost-effective opportunity to plan and build for the future. We strongly encourage the District to consider this opportunity and include facilities that encourage active transportation.

Sincerely,

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