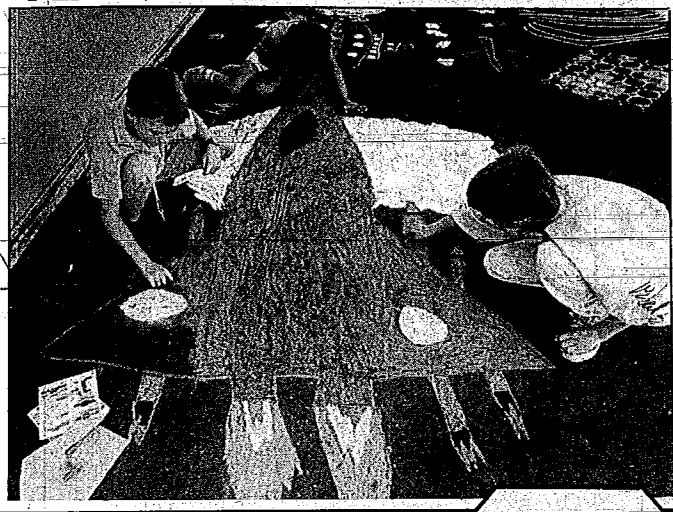


**PLANE ART**



# High-rises banned in Edmonds Triangle

High-rises are now verboten in the Edmonds Triangle.

Burnaby council last week upturned the Edmonds Station Area Plan, voting 7-2 to ban high-rises on four development sites within the so-called "Edmonds Triangle," an area bounded by Beresford Street, Griffiths Avenue, 19th Street and Edmonds Street.

In opting to designate the four sites low-rise multi-family residential, council also brooked a recommendation from Burnaby planning director Tony Parr suggesting two of the four be left under RM4 highrise designation.

Council's decision overrode the wishes of many area residents eager to turn greater profits by selling land to highrise developers, Ald. Lee Rankin acknowledged.

"But in each developed area there's also a status quo that doesn't like new development," Rankin

argued. "It's understandable to want to protect your own interests."

"The whole triangle should have the same zoning," Ald. Doug Drummond argued, pointing to a trio of RM3 low-rise buildings in the area. A fifth undeveloped site is currently designated RM2 low-rise.

Aldermen Gary Begin and Egon Nikolai remained sold on the idea of high-rises in the triangle.

The triangle has been under study since the Edmonds ALRT Station Area

Plan Concept was first tabled by council in 1984.

## Clean house Rankin says

In future, Ald. Lee Rankin wants Burnaby to clean all its cobwebs in public.

Rankin wants all cupboards laid bare in the ill-fated saga of Bonsor Recreation Centre, still unfinished more than five months after the revamped facility's scheduled April 9 opening date.

Recently presented with a 25-page list of deficiencies stemming from problems with original contractor Wilson Industries, Burnaby council will meet with senior staff officials for a detailed account of the entire Bonsor fiasco. Staff will also report on the decision-making chain of command at each stage of construction.

"We're talking about a much larger question than just this list of deficiencies," Rankin said.

"We have to publicly examine what happened at Bonsor so we can put procedures in place to prevent similar difficulties happening again on major projects, specifically the new Metrotown Library," Rankin said.

Council, he said, should have received a full chronology of events before and after Wilson Industries' default in April and subsequent takeover by Toronto-based bonding company Alta Surety.

"Why weren't any warning signals detected earlier?" he inquired, referring to the contractor's non-performance which left an estimated \$400,000 worth of unfinished and deficient work.

"We're almost a year late in building this thing," Surrey contractor Double V Construction is in the final stages of finishing off work left undone by the original contractor, with all additions and touch-ups due for completion by the end of October.

**CHALKING ONE UP**

Ryan Smith, 10, left, Russell Van Skiver, 10, and Joshua Smith, 10, right, of Kitchener School in Burnaby took to the blacktop last week with chalk creating some big art.

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