

Please don't pave all the parks

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Dear Editor,

I was angered and frustrated to read the recent article written by Marilyn Assaf (*Trailblazing*, Oct. 4). The article interviewed people who are using the trailway along Walley Creek.

The gist of the article detailed what it is like for people who are now able to use the paved trail. I noticed that your reporter neglected to interview a broad range of citizens. What about the community group that fought to keep this trail from getting paved in the first place. I believe they are called Friends of Walley Creek.

I agree it is wonderful that children can now walk to school instead of being driven, and that a wheelchair-bound individual is able to get out and enjoy the fresh air. However, the entire point is lost. A natural and beautiful area of Nanaimo is again destroyed

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The trail could just as easily and probably much cheaper been constructed in a natural way. Do the developers and Richard Harding ever stop to think what pavement does to our streams and waterways? Let us not think about future generations, but only what satisfies our needs today.

If Mr. Harding is to continue having his way, the whole of Nanaimo will be paved and the hell with the birds, fish and trees. Perhaps to make things more convenient we could just pass a bylaw which states that there will be no natural parks or land allowed within the boundaries of Nanaimo and the only transportation to be used is motorized vehicles. This way we can all benefit from the pollution.

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