

## Interchange ignores triple bottom line

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The proposed interchange at Spencer Road is the thin edge of the wedge of highway expansion and development and a perpetuation of urban sprawl rather than a well-planned remedy for local traffic congestion.

If the interchange is constructed, Bear Mountain developers will be able to maximize their build-out capacity to 4,000 homes and units. To counter the huge increase in traffic volume into Langford (which creates another set of problems), developers would have us believe we should hand over public land with delicate ecosystems, endangered species and a rare cave to construct an interchange and to remedy their lack of foresight.

Developers will argue the criticism is unfair. After all, they've been planning the 4,000 units and accompanying interchange for years. Herein lies the problem: Had they used the triple bottom line of sustainability – economic, social and environmental equity – as their guide rather than the typical bottom line (making a fast buck), the situation would be entirely different.

For views of the proposed interchange, please go to [www.spencerspond.ca](http://www.spencerspond.ca). Please voice your concerns to Premier Gordon Campbell at [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca) and to Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation, at [kevin.falcon.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:kevin.falcon.mla@leg.bc.ca). It's time for the public to pull the plug on developers who use outdated measures of growth. Say "No" to the Spencer Road interchange.

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