

Policies ignored

IS Mayor Doug Chipman serious? It beggars belief that he could be “surprised by the community angst” towards Chamberoad’s Kangaroo Bay development (*Mercury*, July 5). When he talks about “all the community consultation that has taken place” does he mean the consultation on the Kangaroo Bay Urban Design Strategy back in 2008?

I was at Monday night’s council meeting and aldermen were throwing the phrase “community consultation” around the room like confetti in relation to council amalgamation. I was pretty surprised — I didn’t think they knew what the words meant given the council’s complete lack of community consultation on the Chamberoad development.

How can the Mayor say the council is not really in a position to drive consultation? He might want to check out the council’s community participation policy.

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