



FONVCA AGENDA

THURSDAY March 18th 2004

Place: DNV Hall 355 W. Queens Rd V7N 2K6

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Chair: Hugh Murray – Lower Capilano Residents Assoc. Tel: 604-987-4240

Note: As this agenda was prepared a week earlier than usual it will not contain any emails received after March 7th nor agenda items now of interest.

1. Order/content of Agenda

2. Adoption of Minutes of February 19th

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/minutes-feb2004.pdf>

3. Old Business

3.1 Shirtsleeve meeting – Discuss results of March 3rd /2004 meeting with council. Corrie's list:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/theme.pdf>

3.2 Review of email postings II

Email to James Ridge –on email postings

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/16feb-to/Brian_Platts_26feb2004.pdf

James Ridge makes further request to allow others to censure postings http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/16feb-to/James_Ridge_27feb2004.pdf

3.3 Northlands – Report on March 12th court proceedings.

3.4 Translink – update – Feb 27th GVRD narrowly approved.

<http://www.fonvca.org/Issues/feb27-votes.txt> Federal gasoline taxes & GST rebate meant to address decaying municipal infrastructure is being hijacked for exclusive use by GVRD? Can North Shore separate from TRANSLINK? See http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/16feb-to/Corrie_Kost_25feb2004.pdf

Input to council by Corrie -

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/23feb2004-input.pdf>

Congestion pricing article:

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/conges.pdf>

4. Correspondence Issues

4.1 Business arising from regular emails -

attached lists ~**53 new letters** submitted –
Feb 16/2004 – Mar 14/2004 (March 7th) contained in a complete list of last 28 months but only for those subjects with recent entries.

4.2 Non-Posted letters – none this period?

5. New Business

Note: The populations of the larger BC municipalities from 1996 to 2003 are listed at

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/mun9603s.pdf>

Council and other District issues.

5.1 Community Charter – see the Community Charter Implementation Workshop presentation

http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/Local_Content/presentations/4618.ppt

so we can discuss this at our April 15th meeting.

5.2 Community Charter Presentation –

Elizabeth James requests consideration be given to have Ms. Nicole Garton give a 3 hr workshop/seminar on the Community Charter – for a fee of ~ \$300 + cost of room. Requires about 30-35 attendees.

5.3 Mountain Bikers – an explosive issue?

See the emails on this issue and an interesting Delta article

<http://www.fonvca.org/agendas/mar2004/bikes.pdf>

6. Any Other Business

6.1 - Legal issues to think about-

A two part report by Staples, McDonnold, Stewart on the Hubbard vs. District of West Vancouver on the contents of staff reports after close of a public hearing is very informative and readable.

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2003/winter/winter2003-2.html>

<http://www.sms.bc.ca/logo/2003/winter/winter2003-3.html> However,

concerns about an endless cycle of public hearings seem specious and unrealistic. One cannot compare what are often fundamentally political and financial decisions to judges deliberations on matters of much greater consequences. Researching the law is one thing, exposing new material facts after the close of deliberations, is quite another.

7. Chairperson & Date of next meeting.

April 15th /2004

Attachments

*List of Email to FONVCA of last 28 months - **BUT ONLY FOR SUBJECTS WITH NEW ENTRIES**

OUTSTANDING FUTURE FONVCA ITEMS

- Council: Cat Regulation Bylaw
- Council: Snow removal for single family homes bylaw
- Council: Securing of vehicle load bylaw
- Council: Review of Zoning Bylaw
- Council: Taxicab regulations bylaw
- Council: District-wide OCP
- Council: Street-ends opening to Waterfront
- GVRD: Fees for public meetings

Correspondence Ordered by Subject

* means since new emails
16 February 2004 →
14 March 2004
Only subjects with new
entries are listed - ordered ~
by volume since 17 Sep/2001

On Council Motions / Procedures / Freedom of Speech / Ombudsman

Ernie_crist_18oct2001.pdf
Pat_Munroe_17mar2002.pdf
Ernie_Crist_20mar2002e.pdf
Ernie_Crist_28may2002.pdf
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Elizabeth_James_17jun2003.pdf
Alan_Nixon_9jul2003.pdf
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* Agnes_Hilsen_25feb2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_26feb2004b.pdf
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TRANSLINK / Transportation / RAV / Fuel Taxes /GVRD

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Elizabeth_James_12aug2002.pdf
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Dave_Sadler_11sep2002.pdf
Dan_Ellis_9jan2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_3feb2003.pdf
Maureen_Bragg_4feb2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_14feb2003c.pdf
Ernie_Crist_26feb2003.pdf
Ernie_Crist_30apr2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_24may2003.pdf
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Ernie_Crist_2sep2003c.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15sep2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_15sep2003b.pdf
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John_Harvey_26oct2003f.pdf
Ernie_Crist_6nov2003.pdf
Corrie_Kost_23nov2003.pdf
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Elizabeth_James_1dec2003.pdf
Elizabeth_James_4dec2003b.pdf
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Barbara_Sharp_17dec2003.pdf
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* Elizabeth_James_16feb2004.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_25feb2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_27feb2004b.pdf
* Ernie_Crist_28feb2004.pdf
* Elizabeth_James_1mar2004.pdf

Inappropriate Development Variance Permits

Dave_Sadler_22oct2001.pdf
Brian_Platts_2dec2001.pdf
Ernie_Crist_2dec2001.pdf
Platts-Crist-Denault-Hunter-
3dec2001.pdf
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* Brian_Platts_2mar2004.pdf

Herbicides & Pesticides

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GVRD -Drinking Water, DNV - Water Quality Reporting

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Community Charter

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District Taxes /BC Assessment Authority / Home Owners Grant

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Mountain biking/Parking

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Dog / Cat Licences/Issues

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Violence / Gratuitous Violence on TV

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FONVCA Communications / Process

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Peter_Vivian_15feb2003.pdf
Corrie_Kost_15feb2003b.pdf
Brian_Platts_10mar2003b.pdf
Ernie_Crist_14feb2004.pdf
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[* James_Ridge_27feb2004.pdf](#)

Forest Fires /Park Trails /Bike Trails & Lanes

John_Fair_25apr2003.pdf
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Elizabeth_James_22aug2003.pdf
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Windridge Rezoning

Ernie_Crist_13dec2003.pdf
Angela_Trudeau_16dec2003.pdf
[* Ernie_Crist_21feb2004.pdf](#)

Environmental Protection

Ernie_Crist_3feb2004.pdf
Ernie_Crist_8jan2004.pdf
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Funding of School Playgrounds / Joint Use Agreement / School Closures

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FONVCA

Minutes of February 19th 2004

Attendees:

Val Moller (Chair)	Lions Gate N.A.
Brian Platts	Edgemont C.A.
Chris Boulton	Pemberton Heights C.A.
Maureen Bragg	Save Lynn Canyon Park
Cathy Adams	Lions Gate N.A.
Corrie Kost	Edgemont C.A.
David Knee	Norgate Park C.A.
Hugh Murray	Lower Capilano C.R.A.
Dan Ellis	Lynn Valley C.A.
Diana Belhouse	Delbrook C.A.
Eric Andersen	Blueridge C.A.

Meeting started 7:11pm

1. ORDER/CONTENT OF AGENDA

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Amendments - Chris Boulton Pemberton Heights C.A. to be added to Jan 15th attendees and Eric Andersen was absent. Moved/seconded by Brian / Cathy – carried unan.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Shirtsleeves meeting with Council

As no topics had been presented to date, by the Mayor, it was decided that FONVCA would make a proposal for the topic(s) for the shirtsleeve session. There was a lengthy discussion on what topic should be discussed at the meeting. Councilor Crist was the only Council member to have suggested a topic (http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2004/12jan-to/Ernie_Crist_14feb2004.pdf). However, it was the general consensus that sending a copy of FONVCA's mandate to all council members would probably answer most of his suggestions.

FONVCA suggested the following topic:

What overarching theme would best characterize the vision of DNV in 2020. Issues for consideration might include (but not be limited to)

- Environment
- Transportation
- Densification
- Taxes

James Ridge is to be invited to the meeting. The Chair will be Dan Ellis. Meeting at District Hall to start 7pm Wednesday March 3 2004.

3.2 Review e-mail postings

In response to a suggestion by James Ridge at the FONVCA meeting of January 15th it was decided to review our policy (once again) with reference to censoring "offensive" postings. It will be FONVCA's policy (which has been informally adhered to in the past) that emails received, which may be offensive to a named third party, will not be posted unless the email was also copied to that third party. This would allow the third party to request that the email be withdrawn from being posted if they felt it was offensive. Such requests would then be dealt with at the next FONVCA meeting.

3.3 Northlands

As a result of the recommendations made by the Northlands Review Committee, council is being asked to

endorse a revised Tendering Policy (http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/Council_Report_s/383042.pdf) Although it was felt that much of the policy was acceptable, there were some concerns expressed, the principal one being that the \$50,000 threshold was felt to be too high. Multiple bids were felt to be appropriate for amounts above about \$5,000.

The sentencing by the courts for the Northlands affair is to take place March 12th 1:30 p.m. Results will be reported at the March 17th FONVCA meeting.

3.4 Translink

Monday evening's Special Council Meeting of February 23rd will discuss Translink's funding. FONVCA had previously sent TRANSLINK a letter on this issue (http://www.fonvca.org/2004/12jan-to/Brian_Platts_26jan2004.pdf). There is to be a 60 minute period provided for public input.

3.5 G.V.R.D. – Charging fees.

Marvin Hunt responded to FONVCA'S letter of December 14th (http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2003/15dec-to/Brian_Platts_14dec2003b.pdf). Satisfaction was expressed by Mr. Hunt's response that "as a result of your communication, we have internally reviewed our approach and have decided to move towards a system of voluntary contributions from attendees rather than a fee. We certainly hope that you and your members will take advantage of next year's speakers program. Thanks again for providing your views"

4 CORRESPONDENCE ISSUES

4.1 Business arising from regular emails –

Corrie reviewed some of the 52 new e-mails. Many of the arising issues are dealt with at this meeting.

4.2 Non-posted e-mails – None this period.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 District Technology Usage Policy

Much of this topic was discussed in 3.2 when FONVCA reviewed its policy of e-mail postings. Some members felt that misleading and or incorrect information can be at least as "offensive" as inappropriate language.

5.2 Yard trimmings Collection Program

No discussion – material provided for information.

5.3 Un-dedicating Parks

The changes introduced by the current Community Charter now allows for the un-dedication of parks previously dedicated by referendum, without necessitating a referendum. The "approval" may, at council's discretion, be by assent (referendum) or a counter-petition notification. Brian to write a letter to Council requesting that: **Council approve a policy/bylaw that will require a referendum to un-dedicate a park which has been previously been dedicated by a referendum.**

5.4 Strategic Business Plan 2004

James Ridge (District CAO) presented to council his Strategic and Business Plan 2004 (http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/council_reports/389151.pdf) "Signature" theme being sought. Community input (Council workshop) is scheduled for March 12th 2004. There were some questions on what the format will be.

Community consultations (format unknown) are also scheduled for April 5-16th 2004 for a 2020 vision.

5.5 2004 - 2008 Financial Plan Adopted

Unlike prior years the financial plan was only a “workbook” and so the public was presented with very little comparable information, leaving many questions still unanswered. The plan was adopted (in what appeared to some in haste) on Feb 9th 2004, well ahead of the deadline of May 14th 2004. Indications are that overall taxes will increase 4.9% with 2004-2008 projections indicating a further increase (including inflation) of 16%. Reserve funds also appear to be dwindling and \$8,220,000 was being taken from “physical asset disposition proceeds” – which was interpreted (by FONVCA) as Heritage Funds. See http://www.dnv.org/pload/documents/Council_Reports/388546.pdf

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Legal Issues to think about-

Nothing serious (or was there?) this month.

6.2 Val – suggested that a reminder be sent to all of the Community Associations **to attend the shirtsleeve meeting 7.p.m. on Wednesday March 3rd 2004.**

7 CHAIR AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING -

Hugh Murray, of Lower Capilano Res. Association
Tel: 604-987-4240

7:00 p.m. Thursday Mar 18th 2004 at District Hall

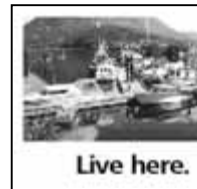
Meeting adjourned 9.18 p.m.

Overarching Theme

SUSTAINABILITY

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Abundance of clean water
- No net degradation of our receiving environment
- Equal access to health facilities
- Equal access to education (local emphasis)
- Universal and Affordable Child Day Care
- Highly Developed Arts & Culture
- Low (zero) population growth
- Thriving democracy (referendums)
- Underground services (no poles!)
- Local Streams restored
- No “dangerous” industries
- All structures built for possible earthquakes
- Acceptable risks for flood and debris-flows
- North-Shore Transportations System
- East-West rail passenger service
- Full access to the waterfront
- Recreational focus for Lower Mainland



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Could a congestion fee work here ?

By Julia Caranci, MetroValley News



London has one of the busiest city centres in the world, with more than one million people entering its core each morning.

Last Friday, TransLink released details of a contingency plan to help pay for its \$4-billion transportation plan should a federal scheme to share gas tax revenues with cities fall through. In it, the transportation authority proposed increasing regional gas taxes, charging an environmental fee (possibly replacing AirCare), and/or instituting a congestion charge - a toll between 10 and 60 cents per trip to and from the Burrard Peninsula (Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster).

TransLink's figures suggest approximately 800,000 drivers enter and leave the Peninsula each weekday - about half that amount enter and leave the downtown core - the small area including Vancouver's business district and Stanley Park.

In a previous conversation with the MetroValley News Group, TransLink chair Doug McCallum suggested a congestion charge could be effectively used to raise money for infrastructure and road projects in Greater Vancouver.

London has one of the busiest city centres in the world, with more than one million people entering its core each morning - 85 per cent of them via public transit. Drivers in central London face 2.3 minutes of delays for every kilometre travelled.

In February 2003, a congestion charge was introduced within a 21-square-kilometre zone of central London on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Those who live within the core pay the equivalent of \$6 per week. Non-residents pay \$63 per week.

The scheme works without toll booths or barriers, as 203 high-tech cameras record vehicles in the charging zone with a 90 per cent accuracy rate.

Charges must be paid by 10 p.m. on the day of travel, either by mail, phone, self-service machines, selected outlets and gas stations, or on-line. The cameras check vehicle plates against a database and ensure payment has been made.

Evaders are charged between \$100 and \$250 depending on how soon payment is made. Persistent evaders risk having their cars clamped and towed.

Roughly 250,000 vehicles make 450,000 movements into the charging zone between 7 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

According to Transport for London data, the program has significantly reduced congestion, improved the city's bus service "dramatically" and made travel times quicker and more reliable in just one year.

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Traffic delays inside the zone are 30 per cent lower than before it was introduced (about 65,000 fewer cars), along with an 18 per cent reduction in traffic, and an increase of 29,000 bus passengers during the morning peak period (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.).

Congestion charging will raise more than \$3.3 billion over 10 years, which must by law, be reinvested in London's transportation infrastructure.

The idea of charging commuters has a number of critics, including ThinkLink, a coalition of Greater Vancouver business owners and organizations critical of TransLink's plan and its financing.

"A 60-cent charge is not going to stop drivers from getting in their cars," said ThinkLink spokesperson Ted Williams. "And there was no consultation on any of this."

While the idea of a congestion charge doesn't sit well with many, it is supported by groups like Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST)..

"Drivers in general have to realize that if they're not paying for it with user charges ... they're going to pay for it another way - higher property taxes or income taxes or gas taxes," said Ray Straatsma, policy director at BEST. "When it comes down to it, a user charge is amongst the best ways to pay for transportation because it rations - it puts a price on something - that is expensive and reduces the excessive use of that space."

Straatsma added the parameters of the charge must include the entire Burrard

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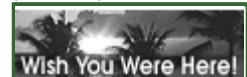


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inlet - including all traffic flowing from the Fraser River Crossings. He said traffic in Vancouver's core has actually decreased by five per cent in the last five years due to increased residential development and parking costs. While he understands drivers' concerns, Straatsma believes the present system must change. "When something is free it gets overused and you end up with a lot of traffic. I think it's positive that it (congestion charging) is put on the table and the public at large can get used to the idea."

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British Columbia Municipal Population Estimates

Name	Area Type									2002-03
		1996 †	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001††	2002	2003	% Chg.
Vancouver	C	536,511	545,373	550,433	556,863	563,114	569,475	568,807	568,442	-0.1
Surrey	C	316,655	328,933	338,003	345,446	353,340	363,013	378,173	390,145	3.2
Burnaby	C	186,712	190,250	191,423	194,337	198,584	202,421	203,665	205,261	0.8
Richmond	C	154,695	159,597	163,233	166,219	168,280	171,520	173,545	174,201	0.4
Abbotsford	C	109,538	113,117	114,460	116,302	118,187	120,501	124,627	127,451	2.3
Coquitlam	C	105,917	108,762	111,643	113,702	115,290	117,816	121,341	122,696	1.1
Saanich	DM	105,252	106,663	107,029	107,373	107,402	108,178	107,919	107,964	0.0
Kelowna	C	92,859	94,989	97,176	97,865	99,276	100,496	101,708	103,421	1.7
Delta	DM	99,034	100,349	100,534	100,681	101,051	101,177	100,901	100,571	-0.3
Langley, Township of	DM	83,192	87,437	88,857	89,509	90,001	90,685	90,624	91,359	0.8
North Vancouver	DM	83,418	84,543	85,046	85,293	85,454	85,904	85,645	85,839	0.2
Kamloops	C *	79,385	80,333	80,352	80,177	80,431	80,655	80,749	80,416	-0.4
Victoria	C	76,677	76,976	76,738	76,520	76,515	77,361	76,987	76,387	-0.8
Prince George	C	78,239	78,426	77,368	76,990	77,018	75,567	74,849	75,609	1.0
Nanaimo	C	72,804	74,474	74,838	75,150	75,355	76,185	76,344	76,736	0.5
Maple Ridge	DM	58,340	60,156	61,250	62,552	64,144	65,924	68,824	71,399	3.7
Chilliwack	C	62,466	63,169	64,051	64,895	65,034	65,672	65,947	66,618	1.0
New Westminster	C	51,488	52,804	54,445	55,669	57,156	57,045	57,529	59,426	3.3
Port Coquitlam	C	48,590	50,321	51,234	51,841	52,361	53,497	55,783	57,308	2.7
North Vancouver	C	43,268	43,725	44,550	44,938	45,489	46,236	47,662	48,136	1.0
West Vancouver	DM	42,269	42,792	42,929	43,025	43,027	43,228	43,042	42,867	-0.4
Vernon	C *	32,993	33,705	34,278	34,277	34,657	34,957	34,956	35,073	0.3
Mission	DM	31,683	32,024	32,282	32,304	32,403	32,638	32,688	32,894	0.6
Penticton	C	32,097	32,360	32,349	32,371	32,318	32,339	32,399	32,519	0.4
Campbell River	DM *	29,982	30,518	30,591	30,120	29,759	29,699	29,513	29,617	0.4
North Cowichan	DM	26,222	26,549	26,802	27,051	27,144	27,290	27,361	27,368	0.0
Port Moody	C	21,689	22,806	23,331	24,106	24,292	24,854	25,674	26,690	4.0
Langley	C	23,437	23,763	24,126	24,264	24,413	24,673	24,517	24,577	0.2
Courtenay	C *	18,016	18,613	18,809	18,924	18,999	19,103	19,236	20,340	5.7
Langford	DM	18,206	18,839	19,026	19,175	19,450	19,661	19,980	20,292	1.6
White Rock	C	17,834	18,373	18,340	18,623	18,748	19,047	19,440	19,539	0.5
Cranbrook	C *	18,831	19,167	19,267	19,460	19,196	19,280	19,474	19,327	-0.8
Port Alberni	C *	19,163	19,268	19,002	18,707	18,530	18,515	18,350	18,235	-0.6
Oak Bay	DM	18,456	18,579	18,569	18,559	18,488	18,572	18,428	18,207	-1.2
Fort St. John	C	15,683	15,859	16,154	16,208	16,486	16,734	16,827	16,730	-0.6
Esquimalt	DM	16,821	16,900	16,808	16,644	16,653	16,834	16,789	16,710	-0.5
Pitt Meadows	DM	13,956	14,463	14,551	14,902	15,018	15,311	15,887	16,148	1.6
Central Saanich	DM	15,125	15,364	15,539	15,710	15,824	16,018	16,061	16,091	0.2
Salmon Arm	DM	15,181	15,552	15,796	15,854	15,824	15,873	15,830	15,980	0.9
Squamish	DM	14,549	14,911	14,999	14,909	14,778	14,870	14,835	14,954	0.8
Prince Rupert	C	17,397	17,221	16,417	15,930	15,643	15,282	15,049	14,760	-1.9
Colwood	C	14,383	14,471	14,529	14,439	14,375	14,344	14,429	14,437	0.1
Powell River	DM	13,610	13,882	13,737	13,667	13,558	13,550	13,480	13,407	-0.5
Terrace	C	13,298	13,417	13,266	13,060	12,849	12,639	12,453	12,373	-0.6
Comox	T *	11,460	11,566	11,624	11,695	11,660	11,660	11,761	11,937	1.5
Williams Lake	C *	10,895	11,028	11,098	11,612	11,725	11,639	11,558	11,422	-1.2
Sidney	T	11,062	11,108	11,318	11,350	11,332	11,404	11,355	11,372	0.1
Summerland	DM	10,927	11,066	11,041	11,070	11,101	11,181	11,161	11,179	0.2



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Booby-trapped bike trails

**By Dan Ferguson
Staff Reporter**

Municipal crews are removing every mountain bike structure from Delta's Watershed Park because an injured cyclist reported a ramp had been sabotaged.

"We've got weeks of work to get it all out," Ken Kuntz, municipal parks and recreation director said Monday, citing concerns over the potential of lawsuits. The decision to remove the various structures was made Feb 17 after a rider suffered a bad fall.

"He phoned us on the way to hospital and said, 'I think you've got a problem here,'" Kuntz told The Leader. The cyclist escaped with nothing worse than a sprained wrist and other relatively minor injuries after encountering a wooden jump ramp that had been rigged to collapse.

Crews discovered someone had sawed through the supports on the ramp and booby-trapped them with a nail board underneath.

The removal of the jump ramps and other structures built over the years by volunteers has provoked a flood of protest letters to council by upset mountain bikers, saying the destruction of mountain bike trails means the park will only be used by so-called "renegade" riders who will be far less courteous to hikers and other park users.

Coun. Robert Campbell said the cyclists have only themselves to blame because they were asked to set up an association two years ago to work with the municipality to build and maintain bike trails.

"They haven't followed through," Campbell said.



LEADER FILE PHOTO Mountain bikers are upset over the removal of structures in Watershed Park.