

**Subject:** RE: Extra Park Protection on the Ballot  
**From:** "Ellenwood, Dave" <Dave.Ellenwood@burnaby.ca>  
**Date:** 10/11/2014 8:48 AM  
**To:** Corrie Kost <corrie@kost.ca>

Hello Mr. Kost. Thanks for your message. My reference was a comment on the fact that dedication in Burnaby is done through a process directly involving the electorate, rather than a 2/3rds majority vote of Council (at least for dedication) that is an alternative mechanism. We've never un-dedicated any park property, and I can't visualize any scenario where we would. I can't remember any changes to the Charter sections you reference since 2003, but I've asked our Clerk's department for confirmation. And I agree with your implication that the "negative-billing process" for un-dedication is not as effective as would be a requirement for a majority of voters (or higher), and I'm not sure why the provision was written that way. However I do feel direct involvement of the electorate in decisions to protect, or to remove protection of parkland is the most powerful mechanism, and I'm happy our City uses it. Thanks for your interest.

Dave E.

-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]  
Sent: November 8, 2014 7:50 PM  
To: Ellenwood, Dave  
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Dear Dave Ellenwood,

I am a resident of the District of North Vancouver, and very active in community affairs for the past 25 years. I read your constructive comments in the Nov 7/2014 edition of the Burnaby Now "Extra park protection on the ballot".

My question concerns an alleged comment attributed to you that "It's more powerful to seek a majority of people on the ballot at election time because the only way you can reverse that decision is putting it back on the ballot".

I thought that changes brought about by the ~ 2003 Community Charter (in particular sections 30, 84-86) allowed for un-dedication of previously referendum dedicated parkland by the alternative approval process, a sort of negative-billing process where if fewer than 10% of Burnaby's eligible voters object then the un-dedication of parkland passes. I would be very appreciative knowing that I have been wrong on this interpretation for the past 10 years!

Yours truly,

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