

Subject: Re: Closing of "Ron Andrews" Rec. Facility on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day).

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On a follow-up I went to NV web site and I had no trouble determining the hours of operation of all facilities (<http://www.northvanrec.com/>) and then to

<http://www.northvanrec.com/ActivitiesPlay/Schedules/holiday%20facility%20schedule.htm>

I thought this was a well designed web site. I was somewhat disappointed to see only Parkgate and Magnussen open (9-5 and 12-4 respectively) ie. none in Western part of District were in operation Dec 26th.

For comparison I had some trouble determining the schedules for say Vancouver - finally

found the Fitness schedules at

http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/news/Fit_Hols_01.pdf

and Pool schedules at

http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/news/Swim_Hols_01.pdf

The main link

http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/community_centres/community_map.htm

was not well designed to indicate the above (need to click on "recreation", as the individual centres seemed to not readily supply the open-hours info). You will note a number of Vancouver centres open all days for fitness with all pools closed only Dec25th.

Bottom line...not bad but there is clearly still room for improvement.

Have a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

> *An open letter to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission:*

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> *Attention Mr. Young:*

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> *I believe that all our public recreation and preventive health care facilities should have been open to the public on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day).*

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> *I believe the Rec. Commission should be mindful of its function and redefine its obligation to the community. The Rec*

> *Commission should serve the public in the most convenient fashion. I do not*

> believe that closing the doors of "Ron Andrews" on Dec. 26, for instance,
> falls into that category, especially when "William Griffin" is closed until
> after the new year.
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> As I understand it, your mandate is to serve the public at the public's best
> convenience and to maximize the use of these facilities to encourage the
> public to exercise and keep fit.
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> If private health clubs are open on Boxing Day to serve their clientele
> then so should you be open to serve your clientele. Indeed this is the very
> day when many people avail themselves of the opportunity to exercise.
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> I suggest that you keep this in mind for next year. To make my point again.
> If by way of example, "Ron Andrews" were owned and operated by the private
> sector it would have been open on Dec. 26 . You may wish to keep in mind
> also that other than to make profit, you are in competition with the
> private sector.
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> In the same vein I find it also inappropriate that ever more frequently, you
> make our Recreation Facilities available to Private Clubs at the
> inconvenience and expense of the public who own and subsidize those
> facilities to the tune of millions of dollars per year.

> Ernie Crist

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