

Subject: FW: Riverside Speed humps

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To: "Phil.Holland@Shaw.Ca" <Phil.Holland@Shaw.Ca>

CC: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Mr. Holland:

Thank you for your best wishes and the very best and sincere wishes to you also. You are an uncompromising person - no question about that and totally frank, I admire that. However, beware of Captain Ahab's Fate.

As for my political future which you want to end as a result of the speed humps - I don't think we should worry about that right now - lets get the Riverside Drive matter resolved first. In any case that prospect holds no fear. The world will not come to an end I am sure. In any case there has never been an election in all my 22 years in office where I have not been the target of one group or another. This last election the CCA spent over \$ 120,000 to get rid of me. They did not quite make it. They were successful however in electing the worst Council in my and many other peoples memory. They also succeeded in eliminating the best Councillor we ever had, a man of integrity, intelligence and social consciousness, namely Pat Munroe. Who is the CCA ? It is a special interests group representing about 50 homeowners on the waterfront who are opposed to the public's use and access to the District owned waterfront more or less. I hope you will familiarize yourself with some of these facts before you cast your net. As for myself I have nothing to be ashamed of and I have the medals to prove it.

You may not be aware of this fully but one of my main objectives on this issue apart from doing what I think is best, in accordance with my understanding of all the factors at play and in accordance with my best conscience, was to get your neighborhood permanently involved. I am happy that the groundwork for this appears to have been laid. The rest is up to you and the people in your neighborhood. I hope you will build on that. Speed humps come and go - your neighborhood made up of real people with real problems real or perceived will remain.

In addressing the matter of speed humps you, Phil, will be stuck with the the same "Categorical Imperatives" (Kant) as I am or anybody else for that matter. What that means is that there are people on your street, your neighbors in fact, who will and are pleading for more safety in a world of changing views and values. It always comes down to this - who do you put at the top of your priority list? people or objects such as cars or the right to speed with those cars? I am no saint and I got my fair share of tickets so this is not about being holier than thou. Did you know that the number one responsibility of elected officials is public safety. It is a word printed more often than any other in the Local Government Act. Did you also know that the majority of all legal bills accruing to the municipality are lawsuits about safety or lack thereof. You will not be able to ignore

it.

I will be interested to see how you handle this.

Sincerely,

Ernie

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

From: Phil Holland [<mailto:Phil.Holland@Shaw.CA>]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 11:29 PM

To: 'Ernie Crest's

Cc: Speed Humps; mharte@shaw.ca; bill.grant@bcuc.com

Subject: RE: Riverside Speed humps

Mr. Crist:

I've tried the Speed Humps today and find any claimed improvement to be insignificant. They still remain completely unacceptable apart from the fact that there's now less of them to remove.

What become clear to me on Monday was that we have a council that has no respect for the voters who elected them. You are at the top of the list with your claims that you will only respond to the elected representative of the Seymour Valley Community Association. It seems that the ordinary people have no value unless they support your cause to build community associations. In my opinion you're a classic hypocrite.

The public may be slow and apathetic but we do learn. On Monday I learned that you are unfit to hold office.

As for safety, our neighbourhood will find a solution that doesn't include speed humps. We will also see our community grow stronger if only to get rid of some of the councillors who make a mockery of the democratic system.

You're on the list of things that need to be removed next year.

Sincerely,

Phil Holland

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From: Ernie Crist [<mailto:CristE@district.north-van.bc.ca>]

Sent: December 20, 2001 12:40 PM

To: 'mharte@shaw.ca'; 'bill.grant@bcuc.com'; 'phil.holland@shaw.ca'
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Subject: FW: Riverside Speed humps

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> A message from Ernie Crist;

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> *The adjustments we have made to the speed humps have been positive. If they are not perfect yet, we will make them perfect. What does perfect mean ? It means to make them so that you can drive at 50 KM maximum. Only if you go faster will you pay the penalty. On Riverside Drive we have to slow down to 50 KM and make sure it is kept at 50 KM.*

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> *Why would any responsible person want to go faster than 50 KM on a road that is narrow, has cars parked on its side, has no sidewalks and where people take their lives into their hands when they back out of their driveways as many of them have to do?. The process of making further improvements will continue. This includes a whole range of measures that were mentioned at the Council meeting ranging from better lights to sidewalks - all kinds of things. Sidewalks, in my opinion, are a priority.*

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> *My advice to all concerned residents, if I may be so bold, is to get involved and stay involved. Be patient. Don't use the District's "incompetence" as an excuse to stay aloof. That the District is incompetent many people already know. It has been said in the press a thousand times. "Fonvca" knows it and so does anybody else who has paid any attention to what is going on. Fonvca are the people who have monitored the District for years.*

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> *You can ask and they will tell you about the District Heritage Fund, the CCA and the two classes of citizens policy when it comes to paying fees for the use of District land and they will tell you about the KPMG report and the VAT report. They can also tell you about the Waterfront Task Force report and what they have done to Councillor Crist for speaking up. You can also ask "CAGE BC" Coalition for Accountability in Government Enterprises. Apathy is expensive. The present CCA endorsed District Council was elected on false and misleading information - the uninformed public fell for it.*

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> *Neighborhood organizations are important - in fact they are very important. Compare neighborhoods where they have community associations with those who have not and you will see the difference. People in a given neighborhood may argue and have strong differences of opinion but, in the end, an involved neighborhood is a better neighborhood - what people in*

> a neighborhood have in common is greater than that which divides them. The
> problems we face on the globe are not going to be resolved unless we solve
> them in our own municipality - that goes from crime, to traffic, from
> health and recreation to water, waste, taxes and speed humps to mention
> a few.

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> As for the speed humps? Put yourself in the position of people who have
> to walk on that street with their children. How can we encourage people
> to walk when there are no proper sidewalks and cars and motorbikes are
> racing up and down at up to 90 KM?.

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> So why did we not build sidewalks? Why were the speed humps too high, why
> are there no proper lights? Ask questions and you will find out. In the
> meantime, I can tell you that if you fight, you will get and if you don't,
> you won't.

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> Also allow me to make a confession - that so many people turned out,
> regardless of sharp differences, warmed the cockles of my heart. The
> worst thing is apathy - everything else is surmountable.

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> The very best to you all for the Season.

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> Ernie Crist

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