

**Subject: RE: Unleashed Dogs in the Inter River Area-Complaint by John Fair**

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

When it comes to making a judgment on employee competence, I apply a very simple rule. People who cannot execute simple tasks within their jurisdiction satisfactorily cannot execute large tasks within their jurisdiction satisfactorily. This rule has served me well.

The problem in the District is that mediocrity has become the standard and anybody who challenges mediocrity runs the risk of becoming the victim of unscrupulous politicians trying to make political hay. Certain members of the present District Council, including those with Mayoralty ambitions, instead of helping to correct such shortcomings have either ignored them or worse, they have joined the chorus condemning those who raise legitimate concerns in the first place. In one instance, they even supported a staff member charging me with harassment without a shred of evidence. This situation, while being exploited to the hilt by some staff has a demoralizing effect on those who ARE doing a conscientious job.

The arrogance of some executives is such that they do not respond to legitimate concerns even from elected representatives and even if they are submitted in writing. When I recently requested a detailed breakdown on the cost of the infrastructure as a result of the large scale development in Lynn Valley, I got a report that was incomplete. When I put my request for the detailed information I needed in the form of a motion, Council voted against the motion. The message sent to management was clear. Don't worry about accountability - we will protect you and we will not allow anybody to get to the bottom of things unless it serves our own personal ambitions. This is the situation created by the CCA endorsed District Council. And these are the CCA endorsed Chieftains elected during the last municipal elections who not only want to be re elected but even want to be Mayor.

Ernie

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

From: Wayne Hunter [<mailto:noblepacific@telus.net>]

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Cc: Dave Sadler; John Fair

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors

This morning I received a copy of Mr. Fair's complaint regarding unleashed dogs in the Lynnmour InterRiver Area. I was immediately shocked at the

notion that our own District Parks and Trails were being abused to the extent described by Mr. Fair.

I personally visited the area this morning/afternoon walking the West trail from south of Bridgman Park north toward the Lynn Canyon and over to the East trail north and then south back to Bridgman.

There was certain physical evidence of irresponsible dog owners, as described by Mr. Fair and obvious examples of people and their dogs ignoring already existing bylaws. It was readily apparent that there is a conflict of use in the area. You have runners, walkers, circuit trainers, picnic areas and childrens' play areas and many many unleashed (but friendly) dogs. During my brief inspection there were many unleashed dogs in and around the picnic area and the childrens' play area at Bridgman.

While this area east and west of the InterRiver area may have been at one time a quiet place to take your pet for an unleashed walk, that time has long past. It is a very well used park area.

I would strongly support the designation of this area as "Leash Only", as more particularly described in the "Schedule A" of the Consolidation of Bylaw 5981 as at January 14, 2002, up to and including Bylaw 7299. I believe that the "Inter-River Park-Dyke Road from St. Denis to Lynn Canyon Park should be removed from Section "D" and be more properly designated in those park areas identified in Section "C".

With the adjacent areas, including Bridgman, Lynn Canyon Park-Central Area, and Inter-River Park already designated "Leash Only" as per "Section C" in the Schedule, the inclusion of the "Inter-River Park-Dyke Road from St. Denis to Lynn Canyon Park will make for a more consistent and manageable policy for both dog owners and District enforcement staff.

Finally, I believe that education and enforcement will make for a better quality of life for my neighbors in the Lynnmour InterRiver Area. With that in mind, let me add my dissenting voice to the announced plans for a door to door campaign to identify unlicensed dog owners. I think it would be entirely more productive, (and less costly) to simply "station" an enforcement officer on a roving basis at all of our parks where people and their dogs naturally congregate. Enforcement can be rotated through various parks on a weekly basis.

In addition we should let it be known throughout the Region that the District is a responsible area where we encourage and "enforce" proper dog activities.

My wife and I own a dog and would support the initiatives already described.

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