

**Subject: FW: Litter**

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**CC:** "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <lbj@telus.net>

Dear Mr. Novostat;

I have forwarded your e-mail to the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations (Fonvca) as well as to my own "community" list for information. A copy of my response to you will also go to the Mayor and Council.

We have the second highest taxes in the Lower Mainland. This year alone we have an effective (direct and indirect) increase of 23 % in taxes. Therefore, there is no excuse why we cannot keep our municipality clean even though it may be difficult at times in and around schools by way of example. There are many things that can be done including education, organizing clean up campaigns by schools, making store and mall owners responsible for keeping their respective areas free of debris or simply sending out our own crews often enough to do the required job. This requires leadership however.

The problem you have indicated is by my no means isolated to garbage on the streets etc. The lack of civic pride is also evident in other areas such as the unsightly proliferation of "event" advertising signs. However, all my efforts to solve this problem in a constructive and efficient basis similar to methods in Europe have failed. If anything, my efforts have made me the target of abuse not just by senior staff but also by elected officials. You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear seems to be true here also. Sitting on GVRD Committees and getting paid for it, is obviously easier than to do simple things at home.

In light of this it is difficult to bring about changes in attitude. However the fact that this message will go to "Fonvca" hopefully will help. If there is not sufficient motivation and civic pride in keeping our community clean, maybe we can at least shame those who get paid to do the job to actually do it - starting at the top.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: lou and bel [<mailto:lbj@telus.net>]

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Parkgate Village Shopping Centre among others includes Safeway, Mohawk Gas Station Store, Lazy Bay Cafe, Subway, Shoppers Drug Mart, Little Caesar's Pizza and KFC which will be replaced by A&W in a very near future.

It is also an area where the Skate Board Park is located.


What do all these places have in common? Please, take a walk along Mt. Seymour Parkway in this area and see its sidewalks and ditches, check nearby alleys (especially the one near Telus building), have a look at the bus stops around this shopping centre and near intersections, go to Garibaldi Park and you will find out.

The amount of litter lying everywhere in above mentioned places is unbelievable. The fact is, this problem is caused 90% by kids and teenagers living in, hanging around or passing through this area. The fact also is, that any education simply doesn't work anymore and it is time to find other solutions how to keep this residential area civilized. The District simply must realize that there's lot of food being sold in this area and 50% of its wrappers, boxes, cups, cans and bags end up on the ground here. Ground all people living here are paying to be clean.

I have traveled to all continents and more than 100 countries of the world. I am 41 year old professional who realizes that problems like this occur everywhere in our District. But trust me that I never saw this much litter on the streets of any country I've visited, and that I was ashamed to board a bus with my friends from Europe because the bus stop in front of the Telus building(Mt. Seymour Parkway and Parkgate Ave.) was literally covered with garbage. Please, start paying some attention to this area. It is unacceptable to call yourself "Super Natural British Columbia" and to have a hard time not to throw up on your way to the Post Office with a cheque to pay taxes to keep our District clean

Lou Novosad  
North Vancouver, BC

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