

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Litter]

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Subject: Re: Litter

Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2003 11:31:14 -0700

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Perhaps people are beginning to sit up and take notice. I certainly hope so. It is interesting to note that this gentleman also mentions his shame at showing visitors around. We are trying to encourage tourism. I felt the same embarrassment when I showed my visitors around. The other thing he mentions is the filthy bus stop. I understand the District has a contract to have these shelters maintained. They are obviously not fulfilling their contract. Don Sigston has been working very hard on this and has some good ideas. However he needs the co-operation from the maintenance crew and also the people who are causing the problem. That means the merchants and the people who purchase their products. It is actually a huge problem. A great deal of the rubbish cannot be reached by cleaning trucks as it is under bushes, on boulevards, in front of houses, in corners of buildings. We need actual people to walk about with long pointed sticks. Like we used to see in the good old clean days, when it was not uncommon to see someone pushing a broom.

I am willing to do whatever I can, as is the executive of the Lynn Valley Community Association. Edgemont seemed to have partly solved the litter problem. Maybe a meeting between the Community Associations is the next thing we should do. Plus a full page in the newspapers not once but several times. Maybe the Dialogue can start something up under Community News on a weekly basis. Start giving out kudos to the neatest community.

Education which also includes parents with their children. Teach them to pick up after themselves, not expect it to be done for them because they pay taxes. Schools could help here. As you can see I feel very strongly about this ever increasing problem. regards Maureen Bragg.

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

From: [Ernie Crist](#)

To: [Directors Team](#) ; [Don Sigston](#) ; [Gord Howie](#) ; [Mayor and Council - DNV](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2003 7:55 AM

Subject: FW: Litter

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]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 7:31 PM

To: Don Bell; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Lisa Muri; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton; Richard Zerr

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Subject: Litter

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