

Subject: Complaint by an out of town visitor to Lynn Canyon Park upon having his car towed away.

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Dear Mr. Buss.

To begin with I want to congratulate you for fighting against what you perceive to be an injustice. Although, other than from your correspondence and our staff accounts, I do not know the exact circumstances of the unpleasant incident you have experienced, on the surface at least I would have to agree that ticketing would have been sufficient rather than towing your car.

Although I am a great supporter of enforcing our bylaws, I believe in fairness and circumspection. Neither do I believe that our staff should be rude to anybody at any time as you claim.

Although I was not involved, as an elected official of the District I am sorry about your experience. A copy of this letter will go to both Mr. Zerr as well to Mayor and Council, the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations as well as the RCMP. I will also send a copy to the local press.

One of the reasons why I am taking such an interest in this case is because it appears that our bylaws enforcement is carried out in a rather selective manner.


By way of example, we have one street in the District on the waterfront which is narrow and hazardous. The homeowners on this street, in violation of the existing bylaw, are nonetheless parking illegally on an ongoing basis, thus making it difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to circumnavigate. Bylaws on this street are rarely if ever enforced. Indeed, on a recent visit to the area, I noticed District Bylaw enforcement officers who were in the vicinity completely ignoring parking violations.

It just so happens that the homeowners of this narrow street are very influential. During one of the previous elections they formed a civic party and elected 6 out of 7 members of Council.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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