

Subject: Response of letter from Msl Kandice Morrison

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Dear Ms Morrison:

You are probably aware by now why this project was held up. It was a simple case of incompetence by the District for failing to take the matter either to referendum and or to provide an opportunity for a counter petition in a timely fashion. This will be done now and hopefully the whole matter will be processed by the end of May at which time the Little Rascal project can proceed.


As to the other points you have made? While I do not necessarily disagree, you may not be aware however, as to what the situation is in BC regarding childcare. In all developed countries child care is a federal or at least provincial responsibility. It is in fact part of the school system and as such is universal and has been so for decades. Clearly we are far behind in BC just as we are in other areas such as Sewage treatment for instance since we are the only developed country where raw sewage is still being poured into the oceans, streams and rivers more or less. However, we do have more SUV's than most countries. This is only by the way of course.

Childcare is definitely NOT a municipal responsibility, although I feel that as a local level of government we have a moral responsibility to do the best we can to help. In light of this I have supported the Little Rascal project and will continue to so even though it is another form of downloading by the senior levels of government onto the shoulders of local government and even though there is still some doubt as to whether "Little Rascal" is truly a non profit society.

I hope this will clarify the matter for you.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist

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