

Subject: RE: Fee increases...

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Dear Dr. Kost:

Space at the Library for the Edgemont Community Association should be free of charge. One of the reasons why I so strongly supported a community space as part of the Lynn Valley Center project is precisely to provide such a space to the people of Lynn Valley and do so free of charge. That is what the 15,000 square feet of community space was all about. However, enter mediocrity and people without vision and there goes the community space more or less while the price of the project soars to \$ 34 million and most likely \$ 41 million.

On the other hand, if the community space in the Lynn Valley Library is 3000 square feet (if they are lucky) and comes under the jurisdiction of the Library as is the case in Edgemont, there will be a fee which again defeats the whole purpose.

However, you can only lead the horse to the water The president of the Lynn Valley Seniors Association actually came to Council, stating that he had discussed this none other than Don Bell imagine and had informed him that "we don't need it". When I enquired further, I found that this was never debated by his Association in a democratic setting and was never passed in the form of an official resolution and that my friend, is why I used the term "Uncle Tom". The Lynn Valley Community Associaton never said boo either.

Be that as it may, you should request that the Edgemont Community Association meetings at the Library be free of charge altogether, for not only are you providing an important service to the community, but your neighborhood collective actually owns the Library.

Ernie Crist

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]

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To: Ernie Crist; Lisa Muri; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton; Agnes Hilsen

Cc: Brian Platts

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

Sometimes it's the little things which indicate what is happening for the big picture. It seems thus so with the charges to the Edgemont Community Association for their rental of the Capilano Library Potash room to hold their meetings.


Sep 1994 \$26.75
May 1996 \$30.00
Jan 2001 \$35.00
May 2004 \$40.00

This amounts to an increase of 49.5% from 1994 to 2004 while inflation over the same period was just 20%.

I urge council to examine the reasons/justification for such an increase. Failing such justification a roll-back would seem appropriate.

Yours truly,

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