

Subject: Re: FW: Unauthorized Tree Removal and other Work in Lynn Canyon Park by GVRD (staff OR contractors)

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6 December 2004

Dear Clr. Crist:

When this was initially discussed - I believe when Don Bell was still mayor - I thought the issue of tree disturbances and/or cutdown, necessary for GVWD work, had been settled. Specifically, I was surprised at the ease with which now-Mayor Harris had allowed the GVWD request to go virtually unchallenged, since she is usually difficult to overcome on the matter of tree removal.

Then GVWD came back to Council and asked for a variation, due to a need to take down more trees and the matter was resettled, albeit with "broadened scope" to use today's terminology.

Is my memory at fault? Or are we talking about a different area in your latest message?

If this matter is as you describe, then I believe GVWD should be hauled over the coals, since I am becoming really fed up with the manner in which taxpayer interests on the North Shore are being overridden by regional agencies. Already, the District is to pay a disproportionately high share of the increase in water rates due to this project and now we have lost trees to boot?

A cynic would begin to wonder if there was not an ulterior motive afoot in all of this. Take down enough trees, make it look unlike a park/wilderness and, "Gee, it's not much of park anyway, we might as well sell some of it for land-sale revenue. We can always leave a little bit for the hiker/dog walkers."

And then they wonder why we have bears wandering around looking for food!

I will look forward to an early clarification of the matter.

Sincerely,
Liz James

Ernie Crist <ernie_crist@dnv.org> wrote:

From: Richard Boase
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2004 1:10 PM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV
Cc: James Ridge; Irwin Torry; Ken Bennett; Richard Boulton; Susan Rogers; Paula Huber
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Summary of recent unauthorized tree removal in Lynn Canyon Park (reportedly by GVRD staff or contractors).

On **October 26th 2004** DNV staffs (Susan Rogers, Richard Boase, Rory Chilton) met with Tom Morrison (GVRD - Manager of Tunnel Construction) for the filtration plant tunnel project. The meeting was to discuss another request for geotechnical investigation work inside Lynn Canyon Park and more drilling on Lynn Valley Road & Evelyn Road allowances. The proposal by GVRD is to undertake additional seismic testing in Lynn Canyon Park as well as one additional borehole in the park on the west side of the creek near the Baden Powell Trail. DNV staff outlined a list of information requirements (survey drawings, impact assessment, monitoring etc) that would form the basis for an information report to Council. The DNV is still awaiting this package of information.

November 27th 2004 DNV Park Rangers notify the Parks Dpt. Of recent and significant tree removal (over 20 trees cut down, debris not cleaned up, damage to chain link fencing) and other disturbance inside Lynn Canyon Park in the area of the proposed borehole drilling site. DNV staff immediately collected pictures and sent a notice to Tom Morrison GVRD requiring an immediate investigation by the GVRD. We asked that they provide us with some answers as to who authorized the GVRD or their contractors to enter the park and start cutting down trees. We have yet to receive the official explanation for this latest infraction.

It is regrettable that we continue having to respond to these kinds of unauthorized incursion onto DNV lands. Previous to this (Summer 2004) a GVRD contractor entered Lynn Canyon Park and commenced seismic testing and blasting without the required approval in place.

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