

Subject: [Fwd: FW: West Side Lynn Creek Dog Leashed Proposal]

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Subject: FW: West Side Lynn Creek Dog Leashed Proposal

Date: Mon, 23 Feb 2004 10:19:17 -0800

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: February 22, 2004 9:00 PM

To: 'Ken Mayson'

Subject: RE: West Side Lynn Creek Dog Leashed Proposal

Dear Mr. Mayson:

Thank you for your input on this highly sensitive, emotional and controversial issue. This matter is constantly being reviewed precisely because Council is being pressured from all sides and from many sources on an ongoing basis. Many people object to dogs coming in from outside District boundaries. As one person put it, the District of North Vancouver has become the dog latrine of the adjacent municipalities at the expense of local taxpayers. I am merely stating this to make you aware of the delicate nature of this matter.

However, your concerns will most definitely be taken into consideration.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: Ken Mayson [mailto:kmayson@shaw.ca]

Sent: February 22, 2004 5:27 PM

To: Richard Boulton

Cc: Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Lisa Muri; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton; Mayor Bell

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We would like to protest most strongly against the proposal to require leashing of dogs on the west side of Lynn Creek. That dog walk area is the envy of dog owners throughout the Lower Mainland and I see absolutely no reason that the District should be considering abolishing such a positive factor to living on the North Shore. There is really very little the dogs can do to harm the environment there. The damage caused by humans who discard coffee cups and the like is far more harmful than what dogs do. We feel you should be looking for more "off leash" areas not taking away a well used and in our view a generally responsibly used area for dogs off leash.

If this proposal is a reaction to a few walkers and joggers who don't have dogs then tell them to go elsewhere. There are numerous trails and parks where dogs are banned completely. Your job it seems to me should be to maintain positive features of the North Shore not to abolish them. Take a walk down there any day rain or shine and you will see numerous dogs and owners enjoying an area few municipalities have available. The damage caused by the dogs is minimal at best.

And no, allowing dogs unleashed on the east side is not adequate. With the building of the bridge across Lynn Creek many walkers do the circuit and do leash their dogs as needed. Please come to your senses and leave the bylaw as it is.

Ken and Janet Mayson
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