

Subject: [Fwd: Re: FW: Commercial Dog Walking]

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Subject: Re: FW: Commercial Dog Walking

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Dear Folks:

Of course the City of North Vancouver should not be off the hook. Why do dog walkers want our forests and natural parks so much? Because they can take the dogs off leash and forget to scoop the poop. Easy and lazy work. Dogs need exercise, but do not need our forests get it. The City of North Vancouver has lots of streets and a "wonderful" **green necklace** area that would accomodate several dogs on a walk. On-leash, and with a pooper-scooper. Too much work for these folk? Aw, too bad. Should'a thought about it before getting into the doggy babysitting business.

I have no sympathy for the commercial dog walkers, and believe they should not be allowed to cross over the bridge from Vancouver and environs to do their "dirty business" in our forests and natural parks up here. There are plenty of places for dogs to walk out there, folks. What ever happened to sidewalks? As long as dogs are given attention, food, water, and exercise they will be very happy. They do not care whether they are on a leash, on the sidewalk. They are dogs, folks! But the commercial dog walkers want to be "out of sight, out of mind" while they unleash the dogs (more than they can handle properly) and leave the poop behind. Are we going to cater to their demands?

--Monica Craver--

Ernie Crist wrote:

From: Dennis Back
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2005 1:45 PM
To: Mayor and Council - DNV
Cc: James Ridge; Norm Nikkel; Carol Walker; Agnes Hilsen; Shana Burrows
Subject: Commercial Dog Walking

Mr Back:

I do not agree that the City should be left out of the agreement. If they have dogs they should also provide places to accommodate them. If they cannot do it than they should reciprocate in other ways. To hell mit their dogs.

Ernie Crist

West Vancouver approached the District of North Vancouver back in June and asked that we not proceed to implement commercial dog walking regulations that are different or more relaxed than West Vancouver as this would only serve to encourage the CDW to use one area over another - shift the problem.

We agreed to cooperate with West Vanc in developing a common approach across the two municipalities. It does not involve the City as they have no wilderness areas like the other two munis.

We met several times now with the commercial dog walkers (CDW), either DNV only or in conjunction with WV.

WV wanted to undertake some form of public consultation on this, and in their case it involved surveying trail users.

They are still reviewing this, and do not intend to bring this back to their council before the end of the year.

Therefore, in order to maintain our unified and cooperative approach, I am not intending to bring this back to our council this fall, but rather mid-January or so, providing our Council is okay with this timing.

At this time, the DNV does not have any CDW bylaw regulations in place.

Again, this will come back to council early new year.

Dennis Back
Director of Corporate Services