

Subject: Re: Pay Parking to access our parks...

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Hi, Corrie:

Support you all the way. Here, we have the federal and provincial governments at last recognizing the value of investing tax dollars in preventive measures such as to encourage good nutrition and plenty of exercise while, at the local level, municipalities think it's a good idea to offset that by charging for parking.

I do understand that local governments are scrambling for dollars to cover downloading of services that should be the responsibility of senior governments but this pay parking just doesn't make sense to me. Apart from the fact that people will just find a nearby street and park their car, your argument re this "recreation fee by another name" is right on. Moreover, I suggest the costs of additional by-law officers and their vehicles to check for meters and resident stickers in all District parks will likely offset meter revenues.

Cheers,
Liz

Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca> wrote:

Your Worship & Members of Council,

After further discussions with some local residents who are avid users of the William Griffin exercise facilities it dawned on me that if council were to extend pay parking to this park (as was alluded to in one of the financial workshops) that the daily "fees" of their exercises would jump by more than 100%. In fact they would be daily paying more to park there than they pay for their rec. passes!

I again conclude that pay parking in our parks is a regressive concept and has many negative ramifications. - not the least being that you will discourage residents from having a healthy lifestyle.

I look forward to this issue being brought back to the table. Some would view putting up a pay parking lot as a commercial use and that before doing so a public hearing should be held as it is tantamount to a rezoning. OK, maybe I am pushing things a bit - but I feel I need all the help I can get!

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost

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