

Subject: RE: Pay parking at parks.

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Dear Mr. West

This item will come back for further consideration. I have no intention of voting in favour of paid parking in our parks. I supported the motion only so that it would alert this community and help promote a community wide discussion on the dangers inherent in this essentially reactionary proposal.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: Don West [<mailto:donaodrwest@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2005 10:41 AM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV

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Dear councillors:

I was very disturbed to read that council has moved to institute pay parking in certain parks. This could start a trend that will see pay parking in all local parks operated by the GVRD and West Vancouver as well as the district.

You have done this as governments are trying to encourage physical activity to improve public health. Pay parking will definitely reduce use of parks by the very people who would benefit the most - seniors like myself. I use local parks for walks of over an hour several time a week. A yearly pass would make it feasible for me to continue, but many others will simply avoid the parks. It is not only the cost. A hiker would have to decide how long they would be gone and have the correct change. These irritations would be enough to discourage many.

If more money is needed, I would far sooner pay more taxes to avoid pay parking. Surely taxes would be more efficient. Pay parking would require capital and administration expense.

Yours truly

D. R. West

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