

Subject: FW: Francis Creek

Date: Sat, 10 Sep 2005 11:38:11 -0700

From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

To: "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>, "Irwin Torry" <Irwin_Torry@dnv.org>, "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>, "James Ridge" <James_Ridge@dnv.org>

CC: "Fonvca:" <poetic_licence@telus.net>, "Patrick Kinney" <pkinney@telus.net>

Mr Torry:

Thank you for this information. Although I suspected as much, I am grateful that you have confirmed it. Coming from the Senior Member of the District Planning Department the information carries far more weight than if it would come from a politician, especially from one who was not endorsed (thank God) either by the CCA or NET and when young took part in an Anti Nuke War demonstration.

On the other hand, your information does raise some interesting and/or embarrassing questions as far as the District Council and Staff is concerned. Here are some.

If we have known this officially, why did we not do anything about it other than tell the Ministry of Environment which, as we already know, is as useless as a set of mammary glands on the belly of a Boar or worse.

2)Why was this not brought to the attention of Council officially? At least it would have given a radical like me an opportunity to make a motion calling for action. And while it is more than likely that there would have been no seconder from the ranks of the CCA endorsed Council, including the "radical environmentalist", (chomping at the bit to proceed with Infilling) it would have at least been in the records.

3)Why was the press never notified of this? Seems to me that this is an issue which should be yelled to the attention of the public and the press by the Mayor. Where is the Mayor's leadership? I am sure it would be of far greater interest than the costly weekly ads announcing that the District is in extremely good hands.

However, what the Mayor failed to do, I am now doing myself. I WILL BRING THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS. AS I SEE IT, THIS IS OUR LAST HOPE. IT CONFIRMS ONCE AGAIN THAT IF THINGS GET DONE, IT IS NOT BECAUSE OF POLITICIANS BUT DESPITE THEM. IN OTHER WORDS "IF PEOPLE LEAD, POLITICIANS MIGHT GET OFF THEIR POSTERiors.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Irwin Torry

Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 11:41 AM

To: Ernie Crist; 'fonvca@fonvca.org'; Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; James Ridge; Richard Boase; Ken Bennett

Subject: RE: Francis Creek

Councillor Crist: Our Environment staff have been after BC Parks to address this problem with the current operator of Mt. Seymour. A far as I am concerned they have all the legislative tools to rectify this situation, however, the excuses for inaction continue.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ernie Crist

Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 10:52 AM

To: fonvca@fonvca.org; Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; James Ridge; Richard Boase; Ken Bennett

Subject: FW: Francis Creek

-----Original Message-----

From: Ernie Crist
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 10:45 AM
To: Patrick Kinney
Subject: RE: Francis Creek

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Thank you for this information. It proves my point. The problem with this particular company has been going on for years. Despite solid evidence and several attempts on my part, the previous elected local government opportunists refused to do anything about it.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Kinney [<mailto:pkinney@telus.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 8:42 AM
To: Ernie Crist
Subject: Re: Francis Creek

Dear Councilor Crist,

I appreciate your response. I have been in contact with the Ministry of Environment (Sisto Bosa) and Department of Fisheries (Sandie Hollick-Kenyon). The disturbing fact is Mt. Seymour Resorts Inc. has a provincial permit which allows this to happen. Mt. Seymour Resorts is in gross violation of their permit and it seems that everyone at the Ministry is either overworked or claims that because Mt. Seymour Resorts is a self-regulating company, there is nothing wrong.

Thank you for your letter.

Patrick Kinney

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>
To: "Patrick Kinney" <pkinney@telus.net>
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 8:17 AM
Subject: FW: Francis Creek

Dear Mr. Kinney;

The information below sent by Dr Kost may be of help to you.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 7:48 AM
To: Ernie Crist
Subject: Re: Francis Creek

Hi Ernie,

Could you send a copy of this communication to FONVCA as it was not on the email list?

May I suggest that you also pass on to the person that the North Shore Streamkeepers will have a meeting at the hall 7:30pm on Tues Sep 13th which the party can attend and I feel sure can make a short presentation to them on this matter. The pollution of Francis Creek is a Federal offense and should be brought to the attention of the DFO - perhaps trying

Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Communications Branch
200 - 401 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC, V6C 3S4
Canada
Tel : 604-666-0384 Other contact numbers...

Federal Government
Fisheries & Oceans Canada: 1-800-465-4336 Environment Canada:
604-666-6100 Provincial Government Ministry of Water, Land & Air
Protection
1-800-663-3456

Please feel free to forward above.

Corrie

Ernie Crist wrote:

> Dear Mr. Kinney.
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> The problem you have identified is part of a bigger problem which I
> will try to address here. The very idea of pouring raw sewage and
> other toxic and harmful effluents into our water system, as is done
> repeatedly throughout the District, is so barbaric and irresponsible
> that it defies imagination. If there were some will on the part of
> Council and the environmental authorities we could easily find out who
the culprits are.
> However, I cannot see this Council doing anything except paying lip
> service unless forced to do so as a result of public pressure and by
> more than one person, however admirable this is.
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> I say this because we have had the same problem in the District,
> including in Deep Cove, virtually each and every year. We have more
> environmental staff than ever before but very little, if anything,
> concrete is being accomplished other than studies and reports about
> mosquitoes, maybe.
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> In fairness of course, the blame rests with all levels of governments.
> And it is not necessarily for lack of legislation. Who in his right
> mind, for instance, would allow raw sewage to be dumped into the ocean

> as we are doing except in third world countries. Our sewage treatment
> facilities are still in the primary stage which is quite incredible
> and scandalous, to say the very least.
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> But apparently it does not fizzle on anybody that there is something
> very wrong with this. The authorities are neither embarrassed nor
> ashamed that this puts us squarely in a third world country status. It

> is also hypocritical to the extreme, for while we are not doing
> anything, we are preaching to our children about protecting the
> environment. They, in turn, innocently go and clean up a creek or
> stream etc to save our salmon by way of example.
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> What I suggest is that you bring this matter to the attention of
> environmental organisations on the North Shore and ask them to send a
> joint delegation to address Council at a televised meeting. I also
> suggest that you bring this matter to the attention of the press. You

> may also appear before and address Council directly. You have an
> opportunity to do so each and every Monday night before the Council
> meeting commences. If you call the Clerk at 604-990 2207 you will be

> given more details.

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> I will send a copy of this email to the press and to (FONVCA) the
> Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations.

> Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

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> From: Patrick Kinney [<mailto:pkginney@telus.net>]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2005 2:24 PM
> To: Ernie Crist
> Cc: Alan Nixon
> Subject: Fw: Francis Creek

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Patrick Kinney <<mailto:pkginney@telus.net>>
> To: sisto.bosa@gov.bc.ca
> Cc: Richard Boase <<mailto:Richard.Boase@dnv.org>>
> Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2005 2:16 PM
> Subject: Fw: Francis Creek

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Patrick Kinney <<mailto:pkginney@telus.net>>
> To: Jim Cuthbert <<mailto:Jim.Cuthbert@dnv.org>>
> Cc: jharris@dnv.org
> Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2005 2:14 PM
> Subject: Francis Creek

> On August 27 I hiked from the mouth of Francis Creek to the source
> (Sewage Plant). I have recorded my observations in the following
> pictures.

> Starting at Panorama Drive (pictures A/B) there is a pedestrian
> bridge crossing Francis Creek. There is no sign warning people of the
> contents of the creek. Approximately 1/2 a kilometer further there is
> another pedestrian Bridge with no signage. I continued to hike up to
> Indian River Drive (pictures C/D/E)and found a sign deep in the bushes

> at the north side of the road. The sign could not be read and was
> badly overgrown.

> The next crossing was Treetop Trail (F/G/H)and was a path crossing

> the creek with no bridge and no signage.Further up the trail was a
> pedestrian bridge with a sign showing that the creek contained sewage
> (Picture I/J/K). The sign was visible when looking upstream from the
> middle of the bridge.

> The sludge pond (picture L) was observed on the south side of
> Mt.Seymour Road across the road from the sewage entry. It was noted at

> this time of year that the only water entering the creek was from the
> sewage line (pictures M/N). There was a very high chemical smell and
> the water was very foamy and murky with visible brown particles on the

> foam and in the water.


> The sewage plant (pictures P/Q/R) was dripping with oily water
> discharge leaking in many places. The towers show signs of
> deterioration and are weeping sediment.

> Above the plant we found discharge running down from a pipe prior
> to the plant (pictures S/T) According to the Discharge permit,
> Mt.Seymour is obligated to post visible signage at ALL Trail crossings

> and road crossings to inform the public of the sewage in the creek. I
> have asked for these signs over the last 4 years and the signs have
> yet to be posted. I would also ask Council to help me and other

> residents of Deep Cove to Stop Mt. Seymour Resorts from using Francis
> Creek in such a reckless regard.
> Patrick Kinney
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