

Subject: RE: helitours

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Dear Lee Wilks:

In answer to your question, do we have the power to do anything about this? Yes we do. For instance we have noise bylaws. We also have other means to enforce cooperation from Grouse and the appropriate aviation authorities but it will require a political will which in my opinion this Council is unwilling to exercise without being forced to do so by the public. It would be as simple as for the Mayor to pick up the phone and TELL Grouse and or the appropriate Federal Transportation Committee to play by the rules and address the issue.

The matter has been raised periodically by myself and for a while the situation improves but after a while Grouse is always going back on their promise to test how far they can go until the people and or the Council speak up. The same is true for the other appropriate authorities. To put it bluntly in the process of doing so they get ever more brazen and contemptuous of the people in the community. Beware, the very first thing they will do is point the finger.

I do not believe that this (weak) Council will speak on your behalf, but if you can get a petition from your neighbours, it may be a different story. I will send a copy of this email to the press. This is an issue which should be of interest to them. However, they too may be reluctant to publicise this matter unless you can back it up with bodies or signatures. Political pressure is the way to get results - there is no other way and that at is true for everything else as well. IF PEOPLE LEAD POLITICIANS WILL FOLLOW.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

From: bevlee wilks [<mailto:bevlee@telus.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2005 5:54 PM
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Dear Mayor and Councillors

Some members may have noticed an increase in helicopter traffic over the Upper Lonsdale and Delbrook area this summer. I inquired about Helitours with Grouse Mountain Resorts and was told " oh, yes, we have them every 20 minutes" When I told them I was at the 1150 ft level and they were about 500 ft above our house, they asked where I lived. They then for a short while, they change the flight path. They now are flying at about 3000 ft, well within their allowable airspace. They had other complaints on the day I called and when I was asked when the last flight was , they said Oh , that was not ours.

Can the District put restrictions on the type of activity that takes place at the resort? Is it reasonable to expect hundreds of District residents to be subject to the helicopter noise from up to 6 flights and hour from about 9 am to 6 pm so some company can make a buck? We should be able to enjoy the peace and quite of a beautiful summer day without the constant noise of helicopters flying over seven days a week, shouldn't we? Now what will the District do to rectify this noise problem?

I await your reply and action to stop this noise for this summer and

future summers.

Lee Wilks

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