

Subject: Last night Rec. issue;

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A message from Ernie Cist;


A breakthrough on the Rec front took place last night. This is my opinion. The battle is by no means over but the other guy (status quo) blinked. Don't let anybody tell you that the difference between Parkgate on one hand and Griffin and Lynn Valley on the other etc. is only historical - it is to some extent but in the final analysis it was leadership by the people in East Seymour Seycove) that spelled the difference between having a say in the affairs of their Rec facility and having no say as is the case in Lynn Valley and Griffin.

The point now is to prepare for the time when the item is returned to Council to nail down the forward momentum. Rec facilities must be controlled by the neighborhoods whom they serve. The Rec. Commission is the servant of the public not its boss. Now is the time to discard the cobwebs. Also I hope nobody will fall into the trap of wishing to continue subsidizing the City under the pretext of "being nice". You don't have to be mean not to be a sucker. Subsidizing the City? Give me a break.

My road looks like World War Three - it has not been cleaned for months for lack of money, not to speak of not having any money for sidewalks. I say, good fences make good neighbors. Also, remember that the City has not used up its Heritage Fund as the foolish District has done. Keep that in mind when the status quo boys and girls regurgitate their hearts with the "need to co-operate with the City". Co-operation by all means but not co-operation based on one of the players being a sucker is my point. How about asking the residents of the District in a referendum whether they want to continue subsidizing the City and what they are prepared to give up in return.

If anybody who was there last night or who was not there for that matter or watched the show on TV has any opinion, please let me know - good, bad or indifferent. Can't wait to hear from you.

Ernie Crist

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