

Subject: Closing of "Ron Andrews" Rec. Facility on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day).

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An open letter to the North Vancouver Recreation Commission:

Attention Mr. Young:

I believe that all our public recreation and preventive health care facilities should have been open to the public on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day).

I believe the Rec. Commission should be mindful of its function and redefine its obligation to the community. The Rec Commission should serve the public in the most convenient fashion. I do not believe that closing the doors of "Ron Andrews" on Dec. 26, for instance, falls into that category, especially when "William Griffin" is closed until after the new year.


As I understand it, your mandate is to serve the public at the public's best convenience and to maximize the use of these facilities to encourage the public to exercise and keep fit.

If private health clubs are open on Boxing Day to serve their clientele then so should you be open to serve your clientele. Indeed this is the very day when many people avail themselves of the opportunity to exercise.

I suggest that you keep this in mind for next year. To make my point again. If by way of example, "Ron Andrews" were owned and operated by the private sector it would have been open on Dec. 26. You may wish to keep in mind also that other than to make profit, you are in competition with the private sector.

In the same vein I find it also inappropriate that ever more frequently, you make our Recreation Facilities available to Private Clubs at the inconvenience and expense of the public who own and subsidize those facilities to the tune of millions of dollars per year.

Ernie Crist

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