

**Subject: RE: Recycling Presentation - Fall Leaves**

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Dear Mr. Dunkin:

The item did indeed come up last night. Unfortunately the Council voted to eliminate the plastic bags in favor of paper bags. The vote was 5 to 2 in favor of paper. Dr. Kost a regular Council watcher has calculated that this constitutes a downloading of up to \$ 1 million to the taxpayers per annum.

District staff claimed that the changeover from plastic to paper will save the District \$ 47,000 annually. Staff did not respond to Dr. Kost's claim that it will cost the taxpayers far more than what the District claims to save. Dr. Kost is an exceedingly credible source and is a prominent researcher at UBC's "Triumph" project.

I voted against the staff recommendations especially since I have determined that it will make the matter of waste collection more difficult as well as more expensive. I also believe that it will add to the existing bureaucracy.

I sincerely hope that you will allow your beautiful Maple trees to stand but nobody could ever blame you, were you to cut them down.

One of the most amazing things in this debate was that those who would like to be known as environmentalist voted in favor of the staff recommendations when this will entail the cutting down of more trees to make the paper bags. I can only assume that this professed loyalty is a smokescreen to cover up the greater loyalty to the bureaucracy regardless of the consequences to the environment.

The NS News will undoubtedly do a story on this issue. You might also wish to watch it on TV next Saturday morning. I also urge you to avail yourself of the "Fonvca" (Federation of North Vancouver Community Association's) Web page accessible via [www.fonvca@fonvca.org](http://www.fonvca@fonvca.org).

Sincerely yours

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

From: Peter Dunkin [<mailto:pdunkin@home.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 3:46 PM

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Dear Ernie,

I have just read the summary of the presentation made to the North Vancouver City council regarding eliminating the use of clear plastic bags for recycling tree leaves in the fall. From the news article I understand that a similar presentation will be made tonight at District council. I fully supported the move to clear plastic bags but I am totally opposed to their elimination in favour of Kraft bags or 77 litre garbage cans.

I have a clump of 4 beautiful maple trees in my front yard which produce 75 to 85 bags of leaves each fall. Neighbours have cut down their maples because of the work each fall in disposing of the leaves. I have not taken this route because I feel they provide some variety to our predominately evergreen landscape and beautify the neighbourhood. However, if I have to pay \$11.96 + tax for 5 paper bags for a total of over \$200 plus the labour cost of raking, bagging and cleaning up the front street every week for about 5 weeks each fall, I will certainly reconsider my options. To purchase a number of 77 litre garbage cans just for a 5 week period is not a viable option because I have no practical place to store all those cans the rest of the year.

I am sure that there are many others in this same situation and request that you and council carefully consider the impact that this is going to have on our citizens and our community. I support practical recycling but I am opposed to taking it to extremes.

I trust that you and the other council members will carefully consider the view of one of your senior citizens before making a decision on this matter.

I would be please to hear from you at your convenience.

Best regards,

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