

Subject: FW: Rubble

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Dear Mrs. Bragg:

I have passed your letter on to Mayor and Council and the Directors Team as well as the Manager. As I am a frequent visitor to the area I can attest to the veracity of your observations. It is indeed sad to see how the District is going downhill in a manner of speaking. Curiously enough, last night I had a motion before Council dealing with this very subject.

Part of my motion was to show pictures of the neglected and with grass overgrown boulevards and sidewalks etc, not to speak of the litter. A picture a thousand words I thought. There was no seconder to my motion however. Indeed I could not even explain my motion to the electors. The word democracy apparently has a different meaning in this municipality. I remember a time when we were proud of our civic appearance. Now I, along with many civic minded citizens am embarrassed. I would not want to have my relatives to come and show them around anymore. In my motion I made the claim that with the exception of the Fire department we have more staff and more equipment than ever. What we are lacking however, is control over our staff. We have abdicated our responsibility and it shows for everyone to see.

In the meantime I received some facts confirming my allegations that our work force has increased even from last year. However, when I talk to the people who do the actual work I am told the same story over and over again. Yes, we have more people then ever but not people who do the work but more "paper pushers".

You asked me what the solution is? I can think of only one and that is for people such as yourself to go before Council and show the pictures I was not allowed to show. And don't let anybody tell you that there is not enough money or that there is not enough staff, for this would be a brazen distortion of the truth. What we are short of however, is leadership and political will.

Thank you for your input

Ernie Crist

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

From: Maureen Bragg [<mailto:m.bragg@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2003 8:46 PM

To: Ernie Crist

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Hello Ernie I hate to bother you with this. Is there anything I can do myself. I intend to bring this up at the next LVCA executive meeting.

I do a lot of walking around Lynn Valley. Today I was shocked at the extent of the rubble everywhere in the Lynn Valley Center, it is an absolute disgrace. As I walked along Lynn Valley Road I saw empty food cartons on lawns and boulevards, the bus shelters so disgustingly dirty I would prefer to stand in the rain, especially the one at Lynn Valley and Mountain Highway and the glass was also shattered.

The poor people on Ross Rd must be sick of it as every day they clean rubbish off their lawns.

The take out places should be charged a litter fee every month. If they need proof I could fill a garbage bag with take out from MacDonalds, Starbucks, A&w etc,

I cannot understand why the merchants do not clean around their own perimeters either, that would help. A shopkeeper at one time would clean and sweep in front of his store


every day he opened.

Everyone expects their taxes should pay for this and heavens knows they are high enough. Something has got to be done before we are knee deep.

Mr Draycotts Park or Pioneer Park as it is known is littered with take out wrappers and discarded grocery carts. My husband was with me and made the comment of how he used to be so proud of our clean streets.

Ernie you can show this letter around if you think it will help but something has to be done. I help organise a Lynn Valley clean up once a year but this is far beyond one day per annum with a small group of volunteers.

Incidentally we did ask the youth of Lynn Valley to help us last year, they were not interested. It was a bunch of senior ladies like myself that worked our hearts out and only managed to clean one small area before we all got too tired. regards Maureen Bragg.

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