

Subject: RE: Questions for October 14th Council Meeting

Date: Tue, 14 Oct 2003 13:08:15 -0700

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Dear Mr. Craver.

I was happy to have made a motion on Council in writing that your efforts be officially recognized during a regular Council meeting. I was particularly pleased since I do have a chess background also, having been a member of the Vancouver Chess Club for many years.

However, my motion was suppressed and never saw the light of day. Eight days after I had submitted my motion and several weeks after we had received a request from Mr. Oszvald on your behalf, Mayor Bell stated that he would have done this in any case. Notwithstanding, he was obliged to recognize your efforts which of course was the purpose of my initiative in the first place.

In other words despite petty (civic party) political shenanigans and immature political gang warfare, you received your due in public as it should have been.

A copy of my original motion which was sent to Mr. Oszvald who made the original request to Council in a letter, will be sent to you separately.

As for the Park Royal Chess pieces? Unfortunately we have no jurisdiction over West Vancouver. I do believe however, that a similar request should be made to the new owners of the Lynn Valley Mall.

I suggest that you write a letter to that effect to the owners of the Mall and ask for a supporting letter from the Mayor and Council.

As for your questions regarding the Mountain Biking problems in your area? I can only reiterate what I have stated to you previously - unless we find another more appropriate location for Mountain Biking your neighborhood will continue to suffer. To put it more bluntly this place is no good, but unless your neighborhood speaks up it is doubtful whether Council will go to any length to find a more appropriate place for such activities.

Once again congratulations for your "Chess" Efforts.

Yours truly'

Ernie Crist

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

From: Lyle Craver [<mailto:lcraver@shaw.ca>]

Sent: October 13, 2003 5:04 PM

To: Maureen McKeon Holmes; Mayor Bell; Alan Nixon; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Lisa Muri; Richard Walton

Subject: Re: Questions for October 14th Council Meeting

Dear Councillor Holmes,

Thanks for the kind words. It took quite a few years to get the 'norms' FIDE (Federation International des Echecs) required to get the title and I'm glad it's done. We're planning our flagship tournament the 2004 Paul Keres Memorial now for next May.

On the Upper Lynn issues I was pleased to see that the RCMP receptionist was incorrect - that the Bylaw officer WAS patrolling today though not Saturday or Sunday. This is a big concern for us in view of next Saturday's NSMBA 'Trail Day' in our area as the last one created bumper-to-bumper traffic in our area and in the park itself. (This was in July after the RPO designation but before it was being enforced.) It has come to my attention that despite the sign being ready, Susan Rogers refused permission to your sign man to post a "No Drop-Off" sign for our park entrance - due to an irate neighbor who has taken part in NONE of the Council meetings or public meetings on this issue.

The main issue in my books is that people like the bikers and this particular neighbor have flouted the established procedure for licencing, park dedication, signage and so forth and yet been rewarded for their intransigence by Council and Staff. Why does our civic government reward those who cheat and punish those of us who attempt to work within the system? It should in fact be the exact opposite.

My view is that park preservation issue is ONLY going to be resolved at the political level since I have no faith that the other side is seeking anything other than complete control of the park and that this means the total environmental devastation of the park. They don't appear to be interested in consensus except completely on their terms without any compromise at all. Please particularly note what I said in my last letter concerning illegal trail-building and illegal tree-cutting in the past four months inside the park.


Best regards,
Lyle Craver
4797 Hoskins Road

PS. On a personal note, the large wooden chess pieces at Park Royal South appear not to be in use at this time. A phone call to the Park Royal Merchants' Association may reveal that they are interested in selling these. LC

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Sent: Monday, October 13, 2003 12:05 PM
Subject: RE: Questions for October 14th Council Meeting

> *Dear Mr. Craver:*
> *Congratulations again on your award. It is always a pleasure to recognize achievement in our community.*
> *I have forwarded your questions and complaints to staff and am awaiting a response.*
> *Thank you,*
> *Maureen*

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