

Subject: FW: Youth disturbances at Parkgate

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 1:20 PM

> To: Ken Bennett; Richard Zerr; Don Sigston; Richard Boulton; Arleta Beckett; Heather Fleming; Neil Carlisle

> Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee

> Subject: RE: Youth disturbances at Parkgate

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> My response to the issue below:

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> I consider this to be yet another crazy solution to an already crazy situation, not to mention the cost, additional bureaucracy, additional reports and the continuing uglification of the area with yet more signs, barriers, decommissioning of unauthorized trails, fences, obstacles, more reports, more waste of staff time etc., etc., and all to placate a few hooligans and anti social elements.

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> I am absolutely amazed, although not much amazes me anymore, that the RCMP and Bylaw enforcement option is being suggested as a last resort when it should be the first and only one. Does anybody have the gumption to simply hand out tickets and if not why do we have them in the first place and why do we have bylaws? I believe we have done enough for the Youth. From what I hear from more and more sources, the enforcement of District Bylaws is a joke, from the solutions suggested below I would have to agree.

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> Ernie Crist

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ken Bennett

> Sent: Monday, July 07, 2003 10:00 AM

> To: Richard Zerr; Don Sigston; Richard Boulton; Arleta Beckett; Heather Fleming; Neil Carlisle

> Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV

> Subject: Youth disturbances at Parkgate

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> This summarizes our meeting on-site July 4, 2003 to review options to control the youth disturbances reported along the paving-stone path and wooden bridge behind Banff Court. Recent complaints about the youth activities include:

> * late night noise and drinking

> * skate board noise on the path and bridge and interference with elderly pedestrians.

> * damage to the new wooden fence and vegetation at the south end of the riparian area

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> Previous actions to control activity in this area that have been successful include:

> * new iron fence at the rear of the skatebowl

> * decommissioning and barriers to unauthorized trails in the riparian area

> * replanting of vegetation in the riparian area

> * a new split rail wooden fence along the south boundary of the riparian area.

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> Additional immediate actions:

> * "Friendly" Signs along the path regarding impacts of skateboarding to the neighbours and path users

> * increase youth worker presence

> * increase RCMP bike patrol (they have been coming by)

> * repair south fence and replant in the Fall
> * Arleta will take the issue to the Skate Park Advisory Committee and Facilities
Advisory Committee for input and ideas
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> If problems persist then escalating actions will be taken and include:
> * gating
> * formal Bylaw enforcement: (tickets) and RCMP action
> * restricting skatebowl hours
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> It was agreed that removing the paving stone path was not an option as many people
require this hard surface path in order to negotiate the walkway.
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> Arleta and Heather will report back once they have met with the committees.
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