

Subject: FW: Shopping Carts

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

From: Ernie Crist

Sent: May 9, 2004 10:51 PM

To: 'Margaret Cc: James Ridge; Senior Management Committee; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: RE: Shopping Carts

Dear Mrs.

I appreciate your frustrations. I too am disgusted by the unsightly mess of shopping carts being left in the cul-de-sac. This is quite apart that they also constitute a safety hazard. However, I am sure you will appreciate that I cannot force people to live up to their civic responsibilities regardless as to where they live. I am told that these carts are being left by persons from various residential complexes.

However, I did suggest to District Management on numerous occasions that these carts be picked up and that the owners be charged a fine steep enough so that they will devise a system which provides a fiscal incentive for people to return those carts of their own volition. As an alternative the District could pick up those carts and fine the stores \$500 each. This would put an end to the problem and rather quickly, I dare say. Although the solution to this problem is rather simple, it appears to be outside the capability of the District to resolve. Charging elected representatives with harassment for urging staff to do their job is obviously easier than do the job in the first place.

I will, however, pass your email and my reply to you on to Mayor and Council and our staff for information. While deleting your name I will, also send a copy to the Federation of North Vancouver Community Associations, to CAGE BC and the local press.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

Original Message-----

From: Margaret

Sent: May 9, 2004 2:13 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Shopping Carts

Mr Crist, I am a neighbour of yours in Forest Lynn. I am writing to ask if you could please take some action with certain members of the regarding shopping carts being left around the traffic circle.


After over two weeks of having to look at them, everytime I entered my complex, I decided to gather them up and take them back to the Mall. There were 6 shopping carts in all, from Winners and Zellers, one being totally destroyed, so it was put in the dumpster (not a great way to spend Mother's Day). I am vaguely aware that there are fines for taking shopping carts from the shopping centre premises, however it is a hard fine to enforce. Perhaps a more creative solution needs to be thought of.

I think we live in a beautiful neighbourhood. We are so fortunate to have such a lovely greenbelt with interconnecting nature trails, right in "all" of our backyards. However, it is unfortunate that all people do not feel this way. Stray shopping carts and litter are not things that make for an attractive neighbourhood.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret

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