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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

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

> From: Ernie Crist

> Sent: January 27, 2004 8:30 AM

> To: Nathalie Valdes

> Subject:

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> RECOMMENDATION - New Park Zones in the District of North Vancouver - Report Councillor Crist;

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> That the designation of all four recently approved park zones which allow to varying degrees the construction of buildings, multi purpose sports courts, complete with hard surface including commensurate parking facilities, be changed to NATURAL PARK ZONES to only allow green, natural spaces with pedestrian trails and pathways.

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> REASON FOR REPORT:

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> To request Council to reconsider the four new park zones that were recently approved and the potential impact of buildings in parks.

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> ANALYSIS:

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> With the exception of "Natural Parkland Zone," all other park zones in the District of North Vancouver allow to varying degrees, the construction of buildings, multi purpose sports courts and other hard surfaced areas including parking space.

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> Parks, however, including neighborhood parks should by and large be retained as green spaces including trees and not be subjected to continual development and construction. Parks, including neighborhood parks, are the lungs of the community and as such, should be protected. They are small islands of peace and tranquility that become ever more important in a growing and ever denser environment.

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> When the recent four new park zones were adopted by Council via bylaw, the public may have failed to realize the potential danger this bylaw constitutes when it comes to protecting their neighborhood park as green spaces.

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> Only one park, namely Bridgman park, was taken out of the then proposed park zone bylaw and this was done at the request of a District resident who clearly recognized that to protect her neighborhood park as green space, it would have to be designated as a natural parkland zone. As a result of the efforts of Mrs. Pat Neufeld, Bridgman Park must remain in a natural state with full protection against buildings and hard surfaces unless changed by obtaining approval from the electorate via a referendum.

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> Subsequently, I recommend that Council instruct staff to prepare appropriate amendments to the park zones to only allow green, natural spaces with trails, pathways, playgrounds or fields.

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> Once these amendments are in place, future Councils may consider changes and construction of facilities in parks, but only after obtaining approval from the electorate through referendum.

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