

**Subject: RE: Dec 13/2004 Agenda Item #2 - Annual Review of Fees - 2005**

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Dear Dr. Kost

Thank you for this information. Do you also have any information as to how many of the people who are using the Griffin playing fields paid for by the District are City residents?

If you do not have this information I will attempt to ask this question when the issue comes up for discussion. I believe you are aware that I am opposed to subsidising the City.

You may be aware that the City's Heritage Fund is intact while in the District it is largely gone. You may also be aware that the same is true for the Infrastructure Reserve Funds. And you may also be aware that the taxes in the City are substantially lower than they are in the District.

This is just a reminder that this is the case and in my opinion it makes no sense especially since there are many capital projects in the District which cry out to be funded but cannot for lack of money. This is just in passing.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]

Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2004 11:59 AM

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

The extensive reports on this issue are most welcome. My immediate concerns are:

- little time is being given for both council deliberation and public input, the matter being pushed for all 3 readings at one go.
- construction evaluations in "C - Building Regulation Bylaw 2003" on pages 5/6 of report seem unrealistically low
- under "H" - the All Weather Field hourly charges of \$5/hr (amounting to less than 25cents/hour/adult player) does not begin to even cover 50% of the costs. Note that in 2009 the Griffin field is scheduled to be replaced at a cost of \$700,000. It is noted that the fees would recover 25% of OPERATING cost. This likely does not even cover replacement cost. Compare this to fitness users at rec centres - who cover almost 100%

of costs.

- re-assurance that schedule "K" does not negatively impact public access to information required to participate effectively in issues of public interest.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost