

Subject: RE: GRAFFITI BYLAW - Proposed Task Force

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Dear Mr. Platts:

Those are my sentiments exactly. How absurd to form a special committee, task force and/or bureaucracy to do that which should be a matter of routine and is already covered in our bylaw.

I can only say, whatever happened to common sense in the District. It reminds me of an incident, when after breaking three ribs, I requested the installation of a handrail in the Ron Andrews Rec Centre steam room, so people could hang on to it when stepping onto the second level of the bench in the Steam Room.

It took a year to install a \$ 40 handrail plus it took a special study costing several thousands of dollars so I am told, to determine whether this should be done when in fact it is supposed to have been there all along.

What happened indeed. Is it any wonder I ask, that, even though Rec facilities are paid off in full, pay no taxes as they would if they were privately owned, do not have to make any profit, get to keep all the fees which are the same as those in private facilities more or less and get a \$ 6 million dollar subsidy on top from the District alone and still cannot do the simplest of things, while the facilities are deteriorating with speed and right into oblivion and/or into privatisation for lack of money. God help us.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Brian Platts [<mailto:bplatts@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2005 2:42 PM

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Mayor & Council:


Since the item mentioned above is being returned as unfinished business, I thought I would take this opportunity to reiterate the comments I made during the public input period two weeks ago.

While I applaud councillors Nixon and McKeon-Holmes for showing concern over the problem of graffiti, it is not a complicated issue requiring a task force to investigate. There is only one way to combat graffiti and that is to remove it as quickly as possible. In Sept 04 Council adopted a bylaw that brought the District in-line with the City on NV where private property owners can be fined for not removing graffiti within a specified time-frame. The municipality has an obligation to remove graffiti from its property as well. If Council deems the eradication of graffiti to be a priority, then it should budget the necessary funds to deal with the problem. There are no "cost effective" or "more permanent solutions" other than quick removal of graffiti wherever it appears.

For easy reference I've attached the Graffiti Bylaw below.

Brian Platts

<http://www.dnv.org/upload/documents/bylaws/7503.htm>

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