

**Subject: FW: powerline trees**

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Subject: RE: powerline trees

Dear Mr. ....

Is this the first time you have attended a Council meeting? Do you follow Council affairs closely and read the local press about District issues, sparse as they may be, especially by the publication getting kudos for excellence? Have you paid any attention to the District Heritage Fund, Northlands, Canlan, Infrastructure Reserve Fund, the public Waterfront, KPMG, and the Lynn Valley Library, to mention but a few scandals? I would say this local Council fairly represents this community just as this country deserves the Government in Ottawa. It has to be so, for those who have tried to do better have all been defeated at the polls or worse. Sorry to be so blunt.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

Dear Mayor and Council,

I listened with interest tonight to the presentation of B C Transmissions and their commitment to clean up and fell only the most severely damaged trees. I hope you feel that you can do more than just listen? It has been 20 months since the tree felling program started on Braemar and to the west.

Notices were posted on the access trails to say about 142 trees which are damaged or pose a threat to the Hydro lines would be dropped. And at least 142 trees were dropped, some being more than 24 inches diameter. They made sure that the logs were sawn through if they blocked a trail, but still today, the trees lay, waiting to wrot. Not a single one was salvaged, even though there is road access. They lie in a jumbled mess. Why?

The district has not made them clean up the logs. They are not needed to replenish the soil.! Were any trees planted to replace them? No-- Not one.

Now, Madam Mayor, I know you have walked this powerline road many times since and it would be impossible not to have seen this mess. There seems to be one set of rules for the private land owner and a different set of rules for others.

I would be interested in hearing if BCTC or BC Hydro will be challenged.

They in other cases , would not fulfill their obligations until forced to.

Regards

