

**Subject: Go-West Campers #2**

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This email is to amend my earlier email with respect to the imminent departure of Go-West campers.

What I had remembered as an assertion that Go-West paid lower taxes than other businesses in the District, has been corrected. In fact, it is that, as with other leaseholders in the District, the amount of the lease charged to Go-West is extremely low when compared to "the going market rate."

Does this change my overall opinion about the value of the business to the District? Not really. Only a fool would insist on paying more than the price being asked.

Does it alter my overall opinion about management of District affairs? Not at all. In fact, it strenghtens it - because, as with the ridiculous annual leases for encroachments onto District waterfront properties, it is not the fault of the lessee that rates are set so low. It is the responsibility of District Council to ensure that taxpayers receive an appropriate rate of return from all those who wish to use publicly-owned assets for private enjoyment and/or benefit.

And that, going back many years, has not been done.

In any event, I erred in my understanding, and for that....*mea culpa*.

Sincerely,  
Liz James

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