

Subject: Principles...

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Your Worship & Members of Council,

Council's deliberation of several agenda items on Monday October 2/2006 led to some interesting observations, namely, and without prejudice (and hopefully in keeping with the rule of no more public input before adoption of a bylaw flowing from a public hearing):

- a) The irony of protecting the public by way of imposing drainage works on private residences on the one hand, while allowing rental units to decay to the point where even some members of council called into question the health and safety of their tenants.
- b) That DCC's, collected to advance the interests of all our citizens could be diverted for use by a small, but vocal, group - namely the sports lobby - by, for example, using such funds to build artificial turf fields. This, while there is a shortfall in the western part of the district in basic parks/facilities.
- c) That, in considering the various options for when to deliberate a Highway Closure Bylaw, no mention was made of the option of holding it AFTER an associated Public Hearing is ADJOURNED (not closed).
- d) That, whilst explaining the public's participation at a public hearing is limited to 5 minute segments, no explanation was offered why the developer was not so constrained.
- e) That at least one member of council admitted to seeking more information from the public AFTER the close of a public hearing.
- f) That all lands should be available for upzoning - thus pulling the rug from under all the years of planning and OCPs.
- g) That contrary to the expressed belief of a councillor, the equitable distribution of playing fields is important.

I dare say it was not one of council's shining nights.

Yours truly,

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