

April 1 2018

Your Worship & Members of Council,

Re: Kirkstone Park Alternative Approval Process

A series of historical and current salient articles are attached to this email which may aid the public, and the current council, in an objective assessment of what has transpired in relation to the subject matter as well as move forward to a fair, ethical, and proper resolution of this matter.

The following list should roughly be in chronological order. Note that much of the historical material relating to this issue was removed from the public DNV website when it was revamped in recent years, so I had to resort to my own archives which go back about 25 years.

16 parks, including Kirkstone Park, were dedicated in a 1999 referendum held in conjunction with the municipal election. Relevant information was widely and timely distributed at that time. The relevant dedication bylaw 7108 had 10,928 votes (82.48%) FOR and only 2,322 (17.52%) votes against. A map (Schedule A of Bylaw 7108) of the Kirkstone park 1999 dedication is also attached.

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of September 27/2004 – See Agenda Item 7 for Requirement for Assent of the Electors to Undedicate Parks.

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of October 18/2004 – See Agenda Item 7 for Requirement for Assent of the Electors to Undedicate Parks. The referenced staff report 468662.pdf is also attached.

Video clips of the public input period and Agenda Item 7 of Oct 18/2004 available in 3 video format as follows:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_or1TIDWkZPZO1S1Fik1ZRxBdZWIANdl

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Qg31ux1shDoGJ99hn0X7PzBIWU2hqKZr>

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1j8OUr6258GFaqGI_Np8JzbhL5CFhbZ9t

As well, a YouTube version is publicly available at
https://youtu.be/uRWK_s7OpnQ

Attachment of an email sent to Mayor and Council Jan 28/2018 – re: agenda item 9.3 “January 28 – email-to-mayor-and-council”

Attachment “Kirkstone Park Questions” – showing the “current” and “proposed” configuration of Kirkstone Park, as well as a collection of questions that need official responses.

Attachment “Kirkstone Undedication” – a Memo from DNV Community Planning dated March 29, 2018 with Subject: Alternative Approval Process Fact Sheet”.

A critique of the March 29,2018 staff memo is also attached – “Critique of March 29 memo”

It has often been stated that current councils cannot “bind” future councils to current council decisions. Not so. Recent changes by the province do allow current councils to bind future councils to their decisions through the so called “phased development agreement” procedures – which bind future councils – up to a period of 10 years (20 with approval of ministry) – thus giving developers the upper hand – something that was never needed since the courts have always settled such matters amicably/fairly before phased development agreements provincial legislation. It seems private interests now trump public interests.

This document was inserted as text in the email body as well as an attachment to the email sent April 1/2018

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