

Mayor Knight and Council, Sandcastles to present - Hump Resident.

Sand Castles and Councils have come and gone but some issues have grown. Have been watching the live council meetings and so far like the no nonsense approach by new council right down to refusing to have a WR table at the farmer's market.

We have and understand business plus reasoning for tax increases that go along with it. We really understand service to stay in business as well BUT have still have not seen any level of service increase but a decrease in the following tax payer service areas.

This fairly new revised parking tag process in specific to the small lot RS3 Marine Drive residential zoning is not fair or working nor have we seen any tax reductions due to less city services. I missed the parking surveys to comment but my comments are based on recent experience with WR City Parking. A bit long winded info here but these following issues need to be brought up not just for small lot Marine Business Patios but Marine Residents and addressed year-round not just in the heat of the summer time moments or those that scream the loudest.

1. Resident Parking – The previous parking tag with your exact house address on it verified by car insurance and drivers license worked for many years allowing neighbors to be respectful with front of home parking, as well as for safety knowing where the car actually belongs. We have many instances of (parked drug use, transactions, discarded needles, drinking and garbage left behind all hours of day or night) You could or WR parking could quickly ID which residence the car belonged to if not then ticketed, license plate recorded and or given to RCMP as they have advised.

The current system allows 4 per owner residence, triplex can have 12 tags. Majority of RS3 small lots Marine only have 2 city spots per their lot lines Marine front roadway unless some that have spent considerable retaining wall money to beautify vibrant Marine Drive, aide parking front of home and or created a garage entrance for lot line parking front of their homes. Now even with increased taxes we taxpayers are being told that anyone three blocks away can come and park for 72 hours as long as they have the tag and you can go find some gravel spot three blocks away which has caused zero respect between neighbors that used to exist. You do not know which residence this car even belongs, not safe.

One recent instance where we know the residence owner is out of province, at one time it was an un registered B&B, it closed due to only one legal park spot rear of house for owner and does not have the second off site required for a secondary suite BUT somehow, they had four tags in use.

Our children were visiting that day and now needed to find a spot in our front house but they drove back and forth with none available, we had to go up and pick them up from uptown location. No WR Tax payer at any regular WR residence would put up with not being able to park in front of your own house and walk two blocks. We requested the non owners if they could move to another location BUT instead, they got upset and told us they could park there and they called WR Parking. In next few days we had a picture of only our front parking area along with a letter stating the three block rules. My wife called WR parking and advised we felt as if we were being targeted, as none of our other neighbors got this letter/pictures notice. She also asked if WR parking did their due diligence on the folks that called in were they the owners, renters or just friends? At the WR parking counter (7 employees) they advised me that they thoroughly check and have documentation as to all WR legal suites? How did they verify

the four tags, was it owner renting and giving them the tags as he is never there and lives out of province?

This three-block rule is now appearing to be only a weak cash grab with no thought or consideration for WR tax paying RS3 small lot Marine resident consideration. As said, we have been here since sandcastles as well most area neighbors have seen the ebbs and flows and now all are expressing the same concerns as soon as renters arrive within the three blocks. We had ZERO parking, sharing or respect issues until this three block parking fiasco. I have phoned WR Parking (leave message) to remove illegal parkers only to have had one or two tickets ever handed out. We should not have to do this work. Based on WR parking counter staff they advised me they know where and have record where all the legal suites are and are on top of it? These illegal suites can not be a free ride, must pay their permits, infrastructure fees, shall run per bylaws, shall be owner occupied, shall have one off street parking for the suite and one for the owner not counting the front lot line to lot line couple city spots. Unless you have two spots rear of you home the small lot RS3 homes will never qualify to have a legal suite.

3.Speeding and Noise Bylaw Enforce The speeding, gurgling mufflers and muffler less bikes continue east to west beaches racetrack, it is not only late at night its early morning as well. When the RCMP does an occasional road block or flashes a few lights at the speeding cars helps BUT these band aid solutions only last for the length of time they are there. Each summer has been getting worse especially once traffic lines up both ways no emergency vehicle can get through, at least when it was made one way the fire trucks get by with no problems. I also see the new Quiet zone sign \$2000.00 fine sign posted but have never seen the WR bylaw folks working to hand out tickets or stopping anyone for a DB meter check that is a By-law job no fingers crossed? Traffic calming is also in order, close off Marine on the busy days signage to reroute up and over (many routes) to the parking lot west beach. Have walking, biking, a free sponsored trolley up and down for folks, put in speed humps, traffic lights, pedestrian flashing crosswalks lights as it is becoming very dangerous along Marine to enjoy a walk as well even cross the street. Marine NO U turn signs to stop the over the double solid line U turns that are constant especially hump area.

4.Traffic Idle Green on Marine busy days –WR needs more parking East Beach, free trolley. Maybe a Marine Drive Toll Booth each end to charge the rounders to pay for the infrastructure use and WR city policing costs. We do not even visit local Marine Drive restaurants as we do not understand how folks can sit and eat at restaurant patios or walk down road with all these vehicles idling and the level of noise with them. Should do a Marine Drive vehicle counter? WR has grown up now it needs some grown up plans as to service for the % tax paying residents.