

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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From: [Lions Bay Office](#)
To: [Municipal](#)
Subject: FW: Complaint Form Submission
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:19:44 PM

Full Name: Craig Speirs

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Your Feedback:

Dear Lions Bay council members and local residents,

Please be informed that we (BC citizens) would like to request that, due to Covid19, you stay in Lions Bay (other than non essential travel). We respect your community rights to prevent outsiders from entering your community (parking, hiking etc.). Please respect ours! Please stay in Lions Bay!!

This message will likely be increasingly public in the coming days.

Sincerely,

Craig Speirs
West Vancouver

From: [Lions Bay Office](#)
To: [Municipal](#)
Subject: FW: Parking for all
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 3:20:22 PM

From: Brigitta S [<mailto:> [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 6:34 AM
To: Ron McLaughlin <mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca>; Council <council@lionsbay.ca>; Peter DeJong <cao@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Parking for all

Good morning Ron, Councillors and Peter

In a time when the world is splitting apart, us against them, my views against your views and some very ugly prejudices, it make me proud to be a Canadian. But I have to say I am not proud to be a Lions Bayer right now - and this breaks my heart.

This pandemic has caused a lot of people a lot of stress in many ways, it's not a time to add more stress by making life harder for people by not allowing them to enjoy the great outdoors that belongs to all of us, and then slapping people with outrageous fines or worse towing their car in an already isolated community.

We rely on other communities - we need their amenities, we need their services and I need to get out of Lions Bay especially when these mean spirited bylaws prevail. We all have friends and family that live outside of Lions Bay, and their distaste for our elitism, nimbyism or small mindedness, whatever you want to call it, is palpable. It's a reminder to me that we only really understand prejudice when it's against us. When it's not against us, we tend to think what's the big deal, just don't go there or just don't engage, play by the rules and there will be no trouble.

But this is wrong, it's not at the core of our Canadian values. I have enjoyed hiking in overcrowded neighbouring community parking lots in the last month and maybe see a handful of people on the enormous mountain -if I am lucky - and I say that because I like people. I like talking to people, I like asking questions, I like giving a smile and I like receiving a smile. Hikers are healthy and respectful people.

Not everyone agrees of the approach that the government has taken on this pandemic, but at least for BC, we've faired pretty well. Hindsight is 20/20 and I am sure there will be a lot we realize that we could have been done better and a lot less pain we could have caused each other. I am urging you, at a time when people are trying to move forward responsibly, that we be kind and stop with all this unpleasantness. If the park or the beach is too full when you get there, then you can always choose not to go - it's a responsible decision. It's not your right to have a slice of the public domain just because you consider yourself more worthy than someone else - and this denying people ease of access is a devious way of accomplishing that.

I mean no disrespect, and I was really hoping this would all go away, but it just seems like you have a couple of jet engines that are stoking the flames as if they are the voice of the community. It's not my voice, nor the voices of my Lions Bay friends and fellow Canadians from neighbouring communities. This is a time for thoughtful leadership, not wall building.

Thanks for all the hard work you do, I know you can never please everyone.

Sincerely, Brigitta Shore

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: e-mails referred to in e-mail of May 30, 2020 about Panorama Place On-Street parking
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:00:06 PM
Attachments: [Scan_20200411.png](#)
[Scan_20200411_2.png](#)
[Scan_20200530.png](#)

From: Bill Srigley [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Neville Abbott <councillor.abbott@lionsbay.ca>; Fred Bain <councillor.bain@lionsbay.ca>; Norman Barmeier <councillor.barmeier@lionsbay.ca>; Jaime Cunliffe <councillor.cunliffe@lionsbay.ca>; Ron McLaughlin <mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca>; Lions Bay Office <office@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: e-mails referred to in e-mail of May 30, 2020 about Panorama Place On-Street parking

December 4, 2019

To: Peter Dejong, Naizam Jaffer & Mayor McLaughlin

Loss of on-street parking on Panorama Place

Recently a NEW no parking sign was installed on the property line between 192 and 202 Panorama Place. This resulted in the loss of five on-street parking spaces for the residents. Jim Dickinson (resident at [REDACTED]) inquired about the new sign and Naizam Jaffer (Public Works Manager Lions Bay) provided, via e-mail, the following comments:

“Section 10. (g) of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw, No.413.2009 states that “No person may stop or park a vehicle on any portion of a highway or public place in such as to interfere with or obstruct the normal flow of traffic””.

“The roadway is too narrow for vehicles to be parked on the low side of the street and we’ve received complaints over the last two years, in particular, **from Fire-Rescue staff**. The new sign ties into the sign at the cul-de-sac which has arrows pointing both directions”.

Stewart Nimmo of [REDACTED] and myself, Bill Srigley of [REDACTED], went to a recent council meeting to express concerns regarding the new parking restrictions. At the meeting we stated that we have lived on Panorama Place for over 22 and 37 years respectively, with no parking problems. We feel the parking restriction rationale given in the e-mail are not applicable to Panorama Place.

Panorama Place is a short, dead-end street and the “normal flow of traffic” on Panorama Place includes one or two cars an hour. We are unclear as to why a significant restriction of the parking on this street would be necessary to prevent obstruction of “normal flow of traffic”. Subsequent to the council meeting where we first raised our concerns regarding the parking restrictions and a meeting on November 18th, the Lions Bay Fire Truck, and later an ambulance, drove down Panorama Place. I watched these two vehicles drive through at normal speed and with no apparent problems or difficulties despite numerous cars and trucks parked on BOTH sides of the street at [REDACTED]. I am guessing that someone may

have requested that these vehicles do a drive by to identify any potential problems. In addition, I have watched both village fire trucks and ambulances on many occasions over 37 years drive up and down the street with NO apparent problem or difficulties.

In response to our concerns, I feel the Mayor basically washed his hands of this problem and passed our questions onto Peter Delong (CAO, Lions Bay) and Naizam Jaffer (Public Work Manager), both non-residents of Lions Bay. A few weeks later, on November 18th, Stewart and I had a meeting with Peter and Nai with the hope that we could reach an understanding that not only were the new parking restrictions not required, but they also caused significant problems for the residents of Panorama Place. Unfortunately, a consensus was not reached and the signs are still in place. Some of the concerns raised in the meeting and other points that need to be considered are described below.

1. At our meeting on November 18th, no reference was made to the fact that the fire truck and ambulance had both driven through the “problem” location and appeared to have no problem of any kind.
2. It was identified that one resident, Shelly Browne of [REDACTED], complained about cars parking too close to the entrance of her driveway which limited her ability to see oncoming cars before safely exiting the driveway. Since the time of her original complaint however, trees and shrubs at the edge of her driveway have been removed and she is now driving a large vehicle which sits about 1½ feet higher. As a result, she now has a much-improved view of the street, even with cars parked on her side of the street. At this point, I have not been made aware of any other complaints the Village has received regarding parking problems on Panorama Place. I would be very interested to read any complaints, letters or E-mails that Nai has received over the last few years.
3. There are 16 homes with direct access to Panorama Place. The Village Building Regulation requires that each home have off-street parking for two vehicles (16 X 2 = 32 feet per vehicle). Prior to the NEW parking restrictions, on-street parking on Panorama Place included 8 spots on the lower side and 14 on the upper side for a total of 22 parking spots. Three of the parking spots on the lower side of the road are actually off-street and were created by the owner of [REDACTED]. These spots were required because the driveway is VERY steep and exhaust from cars using the driveway and garage flowed directly into the bedrooms of the house. These spots are only used by the residents of [REDACTED]. With the new signage, the number of available on street parking spots drops to only 14, which is inadequate for the number of homes on the street.
4. When I moved my family to Lions Bay in 1983, the on-street parking for residents of Panorama Place was not a problem. Most homes had only one or two vehicles and were able to use their off-street parking. This is no longer the case. Households in Lions Bay, like other municipalities throughout British Columbia, no longer consist of one or

two adults plus some nondriving children. Households today often have 3 to 5 adults, all who have cars which they rely on to get to work or school. Currently on Panorama Place, are 14 ADDITIONAL family vehicles. I anticipate 2 more additional vehicles will require parking spaces by the spring when two residents, who are currently away at university, return and have vehicles they use to get to work. By this summer, on Panorama Place we will have at least 16 vehicles which will require on-street parking. As a result of the new parking restrictions, these 16 vehicles will be competing for 14 parking spots. There will be no available spots for visitors to park. If the parking restrictions were removed, residents would be able to easily park in front of their own homes and not block traffic flow or create a safety issue for pedestrians.

5. The new parking restrictions are creating a significant problem at night and on weekends when all the residents return home. My wife works in the Village at Park Royal and a few times a week gets home after 7pm. Before the new parking restriction signs were installed, she would park her car in front of our house and, with relative ease, transfer any groceries and shopping into the house. Now, she finds herself parking four to five houses down the street and having to often make several trips, in the dark, down the street to transfer all the various parcels and packages into her **own** home. This situation is only going to get worse and will likely result in residents (and visitors and support workers) of Panorama Place having to park on **Panorama Road**, thus further limiting the available parking spots for Panorama **Road** residents. Residents may also resort to parking across the base of their driveways in order to be in close proximity to their own homes. This will potentially create a significant safety hazard, blocking the vehicles currently in the driveway and limiting access to the house by ambulance and fire service people.
6. All of us are aging in Lions Bay and several of our neighbors are reaching the point where they require regular assistance from extended family and other caregivers and support workers. The new parking restrictions are limiting caregivers and support services from parking in a reasonable proximity to the homes they are visiting and servicing. This is creating a completely unnecessary problem on a street like Panorama where there is ample room for parking on both sides of the street.
7. I have measured the available road space between the vehicles when parked on BOTH sides of the street in front of 205 & 212 Panorama Place (across from each other). The vehicles were large pickup trucks and vans. The usable road space is between 13 to 14 feet in width. This appears to be more than adequate for easy navigation.
8. Some streets in Lions Bay are “thruways” as they provide access to other streets and some streets have issues with non-residents parking in order to access the beach or hiking trails. This is not the situation on Panorama Place. I have personally sat on my

balcony in the summer-time reading for many hours and watching the non-existent traffic flow on our dead-end street. Prior to the recent construction work at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the only vehicles driving on the street during the weekdays between 10am to 5pm belonged to the local dog walker, an occasional parcel delivery service and (infrequently) a visitor or tourist. Other than the recent construction workers (a temporary situation), as I go for my daily bicycle ride to Highway 99 in the summer months, I only see one or two vehicles using Panorama Place street parking in the daylight hours.

9. The concern for the safety of pedestrians has also been raised. As previously mentioned, during the daylight hours, very few cars are parked on our street. This coincides with the time that the few pedestrians we have on Panorama are out walking, making parking restrictions unnecessary for pedestrian safety.
10. The issue of a “blind spot” and the potential for a dangerous situation if cars are travelling at an excessive speed has also been raised. This does not appear to be relevant as we have never had an issue with excessive speed on Panorama Place and the area of the “blind spot” does not fall within the area with parking restrictions.
11. In the winter months when we have snow and or freezing temperatures, most of the driveways on Panorama Place are very steep and become dangerous, if not unusable, even with snow tires. This will significantly impact the ability of the residents of Panorama Place to find parking for their cars close to their own home. In the winter after a snowfall, the village typically plows a single lane down the middle of the road. Since the snow plow is 7 to 8 feet in width, it easily fits through the minimum of 13 feet available when resident’s cars are parked on both sides of the road.
12. A final point was raised that currently there is a large construction dumpster in the driveway of [REDACTED] and that once removed, it will relieve some of the parking space issues by providing 2 additional off-street parking spots for the construction workers. This is misleading as the dumpster will not be removed until approximately April of 2020. At this point the majority of the contractors will be finished and thus not require parking. Also, the biggest impact of the new parking restrictions is the lack of parking at **night** for the residents of Panorama Place, not during the daytime when contractors require parking. Once the construction is finished and the owners move back in, they will occupy those 2 off-street parking spots. In addition, the owners have two grown children who regularly visit and who both require on-street parking. Removal of the dumpster will not alleviate parking issues for the residents of Panorama Place.

Parking challenges are not unique to Lions Bay. In an effort to find solutions to parking problems, I searched the internet for traffic and parking bylaws in different municipalities.

Bylaws from West Vancouver (Bylaw No. 4370 2004 Part 7.1.2), Burnaby (Bylaw No. 4229C 1961 Bylaw 4760/6912 13(2)f) and Vancouver (Bylaw 2849 part 17. (d)) all simply identify that people may not park in a manner that obstructs traffic. These municipalities have an even higher density of cars than Lions Bay. Residential streets in Vancouver and Burnaby typically have narrow streets, with cars parked on both sides. No parking signs are NOT employed to limit where residents can park. Despite this, traffic flow is not obstructed. The on-street parking problem in Lions Bay is only going to get worse and implementing parking restrictions will not solve the problem.

I am beginning to understand how the Lions Bay residents, who live near the Lions Bay Beach and the hiking trails feel like in the summer months!!! However, where they are competing for parking with all the residents of Lions Bay as well as visitors from outside Lions Bay, I am being forced into an entirely unnecessary competition for parking spots with my own immediate neighbors.

The same parking restriction applied to every street in Lions Bay is not an effective way to ensure traffic flow and safety and does not provide ANY benefit on those streets that can easily and safely accommodate parking on both sides of the street. Each street is unique and they do not all have the same parking problems. As a result, each street will require different parking guidelines. I believe that the new parking restrictions on Panorama Place are not necessary for safety, access or traffic flow. The implementation of parking restrictions on Panorama Place has created, rather than solved parking problems, and will create more unnecessary problems in the future as our population density increases.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lions Bay Reception

From: Lions Bay Reception
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Public Works
Subject: RE: Is there a new "No Parking sign" just been installed on Panorama Rd at about 200??
Jim Dickinson of [REDACTED] just advised of a new sign - thks

Thank you Nai for replying to Jim

Susan Loutet
Administrative Assistant



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From: Public Works <works@lionsbay.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2019 6:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Lions Bay Reception <reception@lionsbay.ca>; Peter DeJong <cao@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Task Status Report: Is there a new "No Parking sign" just been installed on Panorama Rd at about 200?? Jim Dickinson of [REDACTED] just advised of a new sign - thks

Good Morning Mr. Dickinson,

I'd like all vehicles parked on the east or high side of Panorama Road and Place in order to ensure the flow of traffic is not obstructed by parked vehicles. The sign was supposed to be installed last summer as part of our revised street parking plan but was missed. The roadway is too narrow for vehicles to be parked on the low side of the street and we've received complaints over the last two years, and in particular, from Fire-Rescue staff. The new sign ties into the sign at the cul-de-sac which has arrows pointing in both directions.

Section 10. (g) of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw, No. 413, 2009 states that "No person may stop or park a vehicle on any portion of a highway or public place in such a way as to interfere with or obstruct the normal flow of traffic" and garners a fine of \$80.00.

All the best,

Naizam (Nai) Jaffer
Public Works Manager | Village of Lions Bay
Box 141, 400 Centre Road, Lions Bay, BC V0N 2E0
Public Works Yard (604) 921-9833 | www.lionsbay.ca

From: Peter DeJong
Sent: December 10, 2019 3:15 PM
To: Bill Srigley; Naizam Jaffer; Stewart Nimmo
Cc: Ron McLaughlin
Subject: RE: Loss of On-Street Parking Panorama Place

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Hi Bill:

I'm out of the office for a couple of days. I'll review this letter with Nai and get back to you on it as soon as possible, but it will likely have to be next Monday afternoon or Tuesday sometime. I'll be in touch. Thanks.

Peter DeJong, BA, LLB, CRM
Chief Administrative Officer



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From: Bill Srigley [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:25 PM
To: Peter DeJong <cao@lionsbay.ca>; Naizam Jaffer <njaffer@lionsbay.ca>; Stewart Nimmo [REDACTED]
Cc: Ron McLaughlin <mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca>
Subject: Loss of On-Street Parking Panorama Place

Peter

Per our conversation in your office last week.
Please find attached a list of **concerns and problems** that have come
To light from the installation of the No Parking Sign on Panorama Place1

I am available anytime to have another sit down to discuss the signage
with you and Nai. When a time and date has been set, I will advise Stewart
to see if he can do another Telephone Call-in?

At the meeting, could Nai please bring the E-mails and letters that he received
over the last two years with the complaints about Panorama Place.

Thanks

March 10, 2020

To: Peter DeJong

On December 4, 2019, three months and one week ago, I e-mailed you, Naizam and Ron a list of concerns and problems that have come to light from the installation of the No Parking signs on Panorama Place.

Your response on **December 10, 2019** was that you would review the letter with Nai and get back to me as soon as possible. **STILL waiting.**

At the end of December 2019 I had a short conversation in the Village Office with Nai. He advised me that one of residents on Panorama Place has a very serious medical problem that requires both the Fire and Ambulance Services to be able to reach his residence. I asked Nai who this person was and he responded that because of the Freedom of Information Act, he could not tell me. I informed Nai that I already knew about the potential need of emergency medical services for the person living at [REDACTED] Panorama Place and that their house was NOT near, nor affected by, the new signs. In response, Naizam more less through up his hands and stated that you, Peter DeJong, could handle the sign problem himself.

I was at the Village Office in the first week January 2020 where you and I had a short conversation. You advised me that you had NOT read my e-mail but would do so. You also said you would talk to the Fire Department and get back to me. **STILL WAITING!!!**

In my e-mail of December 4th, I requested to see the e-mails or letters that were received over the last two years which identified complaints about parking on Panorama Place. **STILL waiting!!**

Even with the current construction at [REDACTED] and the construction workers **parking on both sides of the street**, the Garbage and Recycling trucks, as well as many construction vehicles, are able to drive up and down the street with no trouble. Also, as stated in my December 2019 e-mail, I have watched both the Village Fire Truck and Ambulance pass through the area with large vehicles parked on both sides of the street with **NO TROUBLE**. The new parking restriction signs are NOT required on Panorama Place. Construction will be completed by the end of April on the Dickson home. They will be moving back into their home on the 1st of May and the number of residents requiring on street parking will increase.

To date I have not received any reasonable justification for the new signs, nor a valid reason to not restore the on-street parking back to the way it has been for the last trouble free 38 plus years. Restoration of the parking would involve removing the no parking sign post installed on the property line of 192 & 202 Panorama Place and replacing the No Parking sign in front of 222 Panorama Place that has two arrows with a sign with one arrow pointing into the cul-de-sac. This would solve the only parking issues that we have had on Panorama Place, issues which were only created by the new parking restrictions.

Could you please arrange the removal of the parking sign at 202 Panorama Place and the changing of the No Parking sign to one arrow at 222 Panorama Place as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

William Srigley

From: [Municipal](#)
To: [Lions Bay Office](#)
Subject: FW: Panorama Place On-Street Parking
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:25:35 PM

From: RALPH WHYTE [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Bill Srigley [REDACTED]
Cc: Ron McLaughlin <mayor.mclaughlin@lionsbay.ca>; Neville Abbott <councillor.abbott@lionsbay.ca>; Fred Bain <councillor.bain@lionsbay.ca>; Norman Barmeier <councillor.barmeier@lionsbay.ca>; Jaime Cunliffe <councillor.cunliffe@lionsbay.ca>; Peter DeJong <cao@lionsbay.ca>; Public Works <works@lionsbay.ca>; Lions Bay Office <office@lionsbay.ca>; [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Jason Davies [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Elizabeth Carson [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cindy Nimmo [REDACTED]; Stewart Nimmo [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Panorama Place On-Street Parking

Thank you Bill Srigley and Stewart Nimmo for your continuing efforts to obtain the removal of the No Parking sign at 202/212 Panorama Place and thus allow the operation of the street to revert to normal.

My wife and I have occupied our house at 182 Panorama Place since 1973. Relationships between us and the Village Administration have always been courteous and cordial but we find the reaction of the current Administration to be rude, disappointing and in many ways , offensive. Perhaps because the Mayor and Councillors were elected by acclamation they believe anything they want to do they can do without consultation or negotiation. They are ruining the very reasons why we have chosen to be here , raise our family and enjoy the location and the other residents of this usually wonderful community. Shame be upon the current Administration for their response (or lack thereof) to the concerns of the residents of Panorama Place. Their position is not in line with the mandate we believe we gave them during the election process last year. Their current position should be reviewed and the offending sign removed without further delay.

As an aside the configuration of our driveway entrance or the roadway for Panorama Place has not been altered since both were constructed back in the 1970's and never before has anyone ever mentioned a so called blind spot at this location.

Regards

Ralph Whyte
182 Panorama Place.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2020, at 11:51, Bill Srigley <bill.srigley@telus.net> wrote:

This e-mail is being sent to Mayor McLaughlin, Councillors Abbott, Bain, Barmeier, Cunliffe, PWM-Jaffer, CAO-DeJong and the Village Office. And copied to the residents of Panorama Place wanting the removal of the New No Parking sign.

On September 19, 2019 Jim Dickinson of [REDACTED] received an e-mail from Naizam, Public Works Manager, about the new No Parking Sign on the property line of 192/202 Panorama Place (please see first attached e-mail).

The action taken by the Lions Bay Public Works department installing this No Parking Sign has resulted in the loss of at least five on-street parking spaces for the residents of Panorama Place, as well as creating a nuisance and impediment to the residents of Panorama Place, which is not in the public interest.

The homeowners on Panorama Place were not consulted or advised that a new No Parking sign would be installed and that Parking in said area could result in a fine of up to \$240. Previously, the 16 homes on Panorama Place all had at least two off-street parking spaces. With the NEW NO Parking sign, 8 of the 16 homes now have NO on-street parking in front of their homes!

On-street parking is necessary for all residents as it meets a variety of needs: it is used by family, friends and guests who come to visit, delivery and service vehicles and even as a place to park our own vehicles when working in our off-street parking areas (garage/driveway). On-street parking is a necessity and as such should be ensured for All residents.

Stewart Nimmo and myself received a copy of the e-mail Mr. Jaffer sent to Mr. Dickinson on September 19, 2019. After reading the reasons given by Naizam Jaffer, we found them a little hard to believe. The e-mail listed the following reasons for the installation of the new No Parking signs.

1. The roadway is too NARROW for vehicles to be parked on the LOW side of the street
2. To ensure the FLOW of Traffic is not OBSTRUCTED by the parked vehicles.
3. We've received COMPLAINTS over the last two years and in PARTICULAR, from the **FIRE-RESCUE staff**.

Irregardless of the validity of the above rationale for the NO Parking sign, they do appear to be straightforward. However, Mr. Dickinson went to the Village Office and was able to buy parking passes for his contractors to park in front of the homes at 202 and 212 Panorama Place.

My question to the Mayor and Council is can you explain to myself and the other residents of Panorama Place now this works. The Village provides reasons (valid or not) and then promptly ignores them if a resident is prepared to pay for the privilege of parking in a NO Parking zone in front of this home.

By allowing vehicles to park in the new No Parking Zone in Front of 202/212 Panorama Place for the last nine months, the Village has just proven the Mr. Jaffer's e-mail to Mr. Dickinson **has NO Merit or Validity**.

If the "**Roadway** is too **NARROW** for vehicles to be parked on the low side of the street' as stated in Mr. Jaffer's e-mail, how can the same road not be too NARROW for the construction workers vehicles?

Panorama Place is a dead-end street. As a result, traffic flow is minimal and is no way impeded by parked vehicles. Prior to the Dickinson house renovations (soon to be completed), the only traffic flow on Panorama Place was in the morning when a few people would leave for work and then return in the evening!

We also know that the Fire Truck and Ambulance have driven down Panorama Place with construction vehicles parked on both sides of the street with NO problems. I have spoken with Andrew Oliver Lions Bay Fire Chief and he stated that they do not have any issue with vehicles parked on both sides of the street in the section from 202 to 222 Panorama Place. I believe Mr. Jaffer is well aware of this fact as he did not present that as an argument for the parking restrictions at the meeting on November 18th! If there had been any kind of problem for either vehicle it would have been stated!

Please note as well that every Friday morning two or three garbage trucks back down Panorama Place to the cul-de-sac without any problems!

At an October 2019 Lions Bay Council Meeting, Stewart Nimmo and myself voiced our concerns about the New No Parking sign installed at 192/202 Panorama Place. In response the Mayor basically washed his hands of this problem and passed our questions onto Peter DeJong, Chief Administration Officer and Naizam Jaffer, Public Works Manager.

Mr. Nimmo and I had a meeting scheduled with Peter DeJong and Naizam Jaffer for November 18, 2019 to talk about the new No Parking sign. Two days before the meeting, I suspect someone from the village requested that the Lions Bay Fire Truck and Ambulance drive through the new No Parking area in question. Presumably this was to assess whether the previous statement in Mr. Jaffer's e-mail had any **merit**. I just happened to be sitting outside on my deck reading that morning and I watched the Fire Truck drive through with NO problem of any kind. Later that afternoon the Ambulance also had no problem driving through. After the Fire Truck had driven through, I went down to the street and measured the distance between the vehicles parked in front of 205 and 212 Panorama Place at just over 13 feet wide.

At the November 18, 2019 meeting with Mr. DeJong and Mr. Jaffer no reference was made about the Fire Truck or Ambulance having any problems driving through the area. Mr. Jaffer advised Stewart Nimmo and myself that he had picked up Mr. DeJong a

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2. To ensure the FLOW of Traffic is not OBSTRUCTED by the parked vehicles.
3. We've received COMPLAINTS over the last two years and in PARTICULAR, from the **FIRE-RESCUE staff.**

Irregardless of the validity of the above rationale for the NO Parking sign, they do appear to be straightforward. However, Mr. Dickinson went to the Village Office and was able to buy parking passes for his contractors to park in front of the homes at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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