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To: MacLennan, Deborah
Subject: dog park

To Ms D. MacLennan
City of Richmond

I am writing to request permission to speak at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee meeting on Jan 25th at 4:00pm.

The issue I wish to address is the off leash dog park. Currently there are no bylaws limiting the amount of dogs one can take to the off leash parks. The only rule in place regarding control of dogs is that there must be

"EFFECTIVE CONTROL"

The off leash dog area's are a fantastic idea and citizens such as myself really enjoy watching our dogs play and have fun running about. I have spoken to some neighbours who will not use the area's because they are uncomfortable. I now know why..

While I believe the purpose of these area's is for the general public to use and enjoy what is happening is this has become a free source of entertainment for professional dog walkers. They are making a profit at our expense.

It is not uncommon to see Professional dog walkers with 5 to 7 dogs. They are all off leash and running around, my dog has been attacked and mounted by two dogs at once.

It is impossible for any one person to control 5 or 7 dogs. This is especially true when they do not own the dogs. When the dogs are called they do not listen to these dog walkers who have only limited knowledge of the dogs.

My proposal is that we create a new bylaw the limits the number of dogs per person to a maximum of 3, I believe this is more than generous and is common sense. We would need to install signs to let people know and have initial staff to implement the new bylaw.

I am a dog lover and hate to see regular dog owners stay away from such a great facility because a few irresponsible people are ruining the experience. We are so fortunate in Richmond to have a great park system and sometimes it is nessessary to create bylaws to protect them and those people who enjoy going there.

Thanks For you time.....

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A proposal for a Bronze Statue

Of the Thoroughbred Minoru

**Presented to the Parks, Recreational and
Cultural Services Committee of the City of
Richmond**

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

By

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