

June 3, 2017

Place: Sheppards Bush soccer fields, I attended “Dogs in the Park” put on by the Town of Aurora at the northeast corner of the large soccer field, right beside the light pole at very near the NE corner. There were 6 booths and maybe 20 people standing around. Most were town staff and bylaw officers in uniform. FULL uniform.

Time: 12:38 when I roped dogs to light pole behind Canine Unit K909, time from a photo of my dogs beside K909

I roped the dogs around the light pole and walked around K909 to offer the officer free Google Maps Street View Photos of a training unit or any YR{ facility as a way to show the community the work of YRP behind the scenes. After chatting a few seconds, my dogs appeared beside my leg and sat down. From the crowd I heard a female voice screaming very loud to “control my dogs”. The voice seemed to know my name and referred in a loud voice “If you complain about the bylaws so much you should hold your dogs” or similar. I assumed it was one of the many bylaw officers there but I did not put a face to the voice. The woman went on to shout “I could give you a ticket right now” in a loud voice and I replied “Oh could you?” I said something about the dogs having been tied to the pole, got away and walked 20 feet to my side, bothering no one at all. She said something about “Oh yeah? The officer had to remove his dog because your dogs were loose. They actually were tied together and neither one goes the same direction usually. But I was certainly agreeing they had gotten loose for 5 seconds. I said “You better subpoena the K9 officer then” and she said something like “I will”.

I still was not focusing on the face, just in getting my dogs and apologizing to the officer. He saw the shouting and did take his canine into the vehicle and drove off later at 12:52 per my photo as I was still shooting the soccer turf. I never saw them again and I was there past 2pm closing.

I picked up the rope and walked away. A second voice advised me that while I was talking to K909 my dog pooped at my feet unseen, as I was concentrating on the officer and the screams. I think it scared my dog into pooping.

I picked up the poop and went looking for a trash container, it is unclear if dog poop can be left in Parks trash containers so I held it a long time. At 12:40 from my pictures, I walked the perimeter of the large soccer field and took a 36- photo every 30 feet, so it took a while to get all around it, and I stopped to talk to a soccer coach as to why they were replacing the artificial turf for \$1 million this year. I also stopped to examine a dangling padlock on the light switches, thinking that was dangerous for children.

So at 12:59 per my photos I spotted some soccer players finally using the small pitch to the southeast so I went there to take photos. I was about to ask the coach permission to take a closeup Google Maps photo when the woman appeared behind me, a Bylaws officer on each side. She said “You’re served!” and I turned to walk away as she had presented no id or badge and neither officer said a word, and she was wearing motorcycle leathers. I now know her to be Mandy Crawford, Bylaws Manager at Town of Aurora. She must have assumed I knew her by face, whereas I had only ever emailed her. After I turned away she reached into my shoulder bag/murse and inserted two pieces of paper, turned and quickly walked away.

The papers were one citation and one information sheet. I asked a question about what the ticket was for but she just kept walking, I followed and took a picture every few seconds for the walk back to the

venue. She refused to stop and never turned her head. I assumed she had something to do with Bylaws so I continued to photograph so I could look up her photo online. My photos of the woman and 2 officers are from 12:59 to 1:00 pm and she was almost at the tent again. My camera is a two second cycle so that is as fast as I can shoot at best.



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Yesterday, 1:00 PM



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The ticket was signed by Mandy Crawford, Officer number 189, Unit AB

The date was correct and the time was 12:40 which is 2 minutes after I took my photo with K909's car. But she "You're served!" me at 12:59 with no conversation or identification in the 21 minutes between tying up my dogs and her putting her hand into my bag.

It cited Aurora Animal Control Bylaw No. 5642-14 Section 11-2 "Permit dog to run at large".

She had never asked me for ID or a name even so she or the their officers knew me. I spoke at Council Wednesday night on how much money Bylaws loses by only tagging 10% of dogs in town. I have had many email dealings with bylaws over the years and the Director knows me, and I see a few names in emails, but I had never dealt face to face with this woman. I assumed the officers were briefed on my expected presence because I advocate for a safe clean dog park and the Parks department does not maintain the dog park at all.

But she wrote my nickname "Bob" not my legal name Robert. She had an incomplete street address name, no postal code and she place the violation as simply "Sheppards Bush" with no address or any specific place in a huge 245,000 sq. ft. Provincial park 2.14 KM in circumference. She had not filled in any ID numbers for me, and of course since she never asked for ID I was surprised she was prepared and had my address with her. All my official records show me rightly as Robert.

I did not attempt to make contact as she obviously was offering none. She went back to their show tent and laughed with one another. I went and sat and spoke with the Vet at his booth and took still photos of the unfamiliar woman who had reached into my bag. No officer in uniform ever spoke to me. I had spoken to a couple of nice officers who gave my dogs Aurora bandanas, one was tied on by the officer. They were very nice and friendly.

When I reviewed my photos I found her 12:40 in a photo holding a motorcycle helmet so she must have parked her bike in the lot and kept the helmet with her for some reason.

My thoughts today, June 4, a day after is that she knew of my advocacy for selling 100% of tickets, and I now believe she managed a test period at Pour Lady of Grace elementary school where they blocked over the “No Parking” signs and examined the safety aspects for the kids as every day parents park at the curb in the No Parking safety zone so their kids do not have to walk 100 yards to the safe parking areas and the pickup lane provided. I have several times led an email campaign to get bylaws to ticket them for just one day. I always included a YRP recipient in this spring's campaign,

The latest was:

On Mar-20-2017, at 11:03 AM, cpm <cpm@YRP.CA> wrote:

Hi Bob,

I've forwarded your email and concerns to one of our Sergeants in charge of the Youth Education Officer assigned to the school to look into.

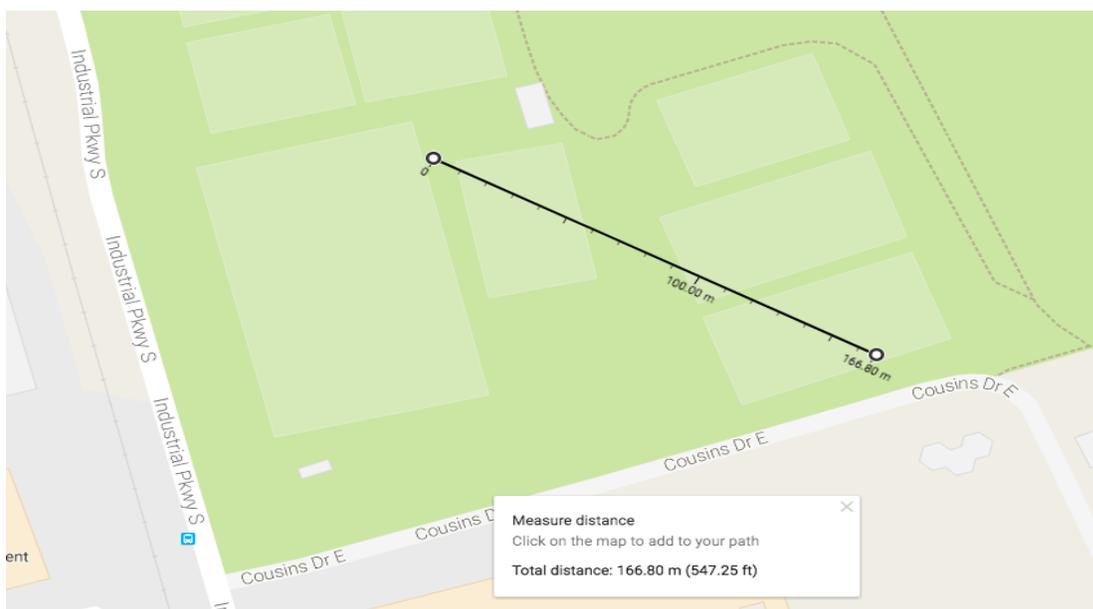
I'll let you know what they come back with.

On the matter of bylaws included in the crime map, our IT supervisor advises that since it is not a criminal matter and YRP does not have the bylaw data, it is not possible with the system that we have in place.

Thanks
Sergeant Torresan

I had documented their test, it ultimately failed and they uncovered the signs.

So I feel they were on the look out for me, saw a simple opportunity, then saw me photographing the million dollar soccer pitch and pursued me after 21 minutes to give me a ticket. They had to observe me continuously to know where I was, and then walked 167 meters away from the screaming woman as pictured:



I would like to pursue a charge appropriate to the action of violating my personal space, touching my personal items, accessing a personal object without a search warrant, failure to identify as a “Provincial Offences Officer” in any way since she was not in a uniform with an ID number on it. And failure to identify after the fact and refusing to identify herself when asked and failure to explain her reasons for a citation. The address was vague and since 21 minutes had passed since she had first yelled at me I had no way to understand where and what she was charging me with. She gave me no opportunity to ask questions and ignored me until after 2 pm. I was not about to approach a screaming woman with my two 70 pound dogs.

Signed

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