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Subject: Re: Helen
Date: December 21, 2016 at 9:11 PM
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I'll turn it into the chamber being asked to lobby the town to assign the park a budget. No need for her name. I'll not be talking about anything but the park itself. I am learning so much about human nature. Had a guy who owns a pet shop say he in no way wants to support the dog park because all he hears is about people problems there.

Bob

On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 9:04 PM Doug Clarke <doug.clarke@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bob

I am Helen's husband. Helen does get stressed out by being mentioned in the Facebook posts and emails.

As the volunteer nomination I am not sure, she may be ok with it if it generates revenue for the park. Probably best to ask her about that. Have a great night.

On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 10:58 AM, Bob Lepp <boblepp@gmail.com> wrote:

Doug Clarke,

We chatted during the cruise about Helen being stressed by my advocacy for her volunteerism. She is a private woman and I understand that. I hope by discontinuing email to her that the stress was lowered. I continue to post on Facebook in her group, but I am speaking to the 280 members or so, not specifically to her. She may not be seeing it that way though.

I created a separate group that you must explicitly join to see my posts looking for support wherever I can find it. I get a lot of feedback that I should be passive as Helen was for ten years, but that got her nowhere. At least my whining gets something moving. No one wants to admit that, but it is no coincidence that 13 years of inaction by Allan Downey ended December 8 with a load of mulch Helen had begged for.

The Town is quite disgusted with me as I tend to try to get the facts emailed direct to town people involved (Downey did not distribute Helen's contract so everyone she called had to go to him, he always said no to every request, so did all his staff after a while, I have such an email on 4-5 issues if you want proof), and a lot of them were complicit in refusing Helen any support at all. Small example, I was told in an email that Helen had to use her own money and labour to repair the gates. Blatant lie.

I doubt you know, but in 2103 Downey had Legal craft a special customized contract used only for her, while every other adopted park in town got a simple two pager posted on aurora.ca. It defines the Town can donate money to the volunteers, will provide such supplies as work gloves, and offers assistance in physical work and planning work. It also states they should get advertising and promo dollars from businesses. She was deceived when Downey inserted buried contract language prohibiting her from getting sponsorships like to \$100,000 Global Pet Foods gave for naming rights to the Newmarket off leash park. This deception still bothers me. He offered her a contract when she quit. He crafted it against her and then never gave her ONE item guaranteed by the contract.

Most critically, Downey told her orally she had to cut the grass. Another blatant lie. It is not in the contract, and no other adopted park is cut by the volunteers. Downey hates dogs so much he took it out on Helen. He wanted the park to fail so he could close it. That is the only explanation that fits with the TOTAL lack of budget for Helen, and the total lack of signage, and the almost total lack of mention in his Aurora Parks Brochure. Now in 2017 Bylaws got \$45,000 to catch more dogs, the Dead Pets Cemetery project in town got \$5,000 for their first year only of digging up old stones, Ribfest got \$25,000 to serve reheated ribs and Helen got zero dollars again for year ten.

I continue to advocate for the Canine Commons park. On occasion I mention Helen as lead volunteer, and I have even asked for support for her cause personally, and today I asked the Chamber of Commerce to recognize her volunteerism with some type of award or cash to use at the park. One resident felt I had gone too far. But the Town itself, Doug Nadorozny CAO, told me directly I had to nominate Helen for recognition with the Town volunteerism awards, so I assumed maybe the Chamber used the same policy. They got \$15K of taxpayer money to hand out, I thought Helen more deserving than many business owners in town.

Do you think she'd be offended by my nomination?

What relation are you to Helen?

Can you ask her if she would prefer I not mention her name or involvement?

Is it embarrassing her to have someone mouthy like me fighting the bureaucracy for her?

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I can easily just fight for the health of my dogs rather than put her face on it. I would work just as hard. It's fun. Like shooting fish in a barrel they have made so many mistakes with the park. But what is fun for me may be stressing her.

I tried to limit contact with her, but you tell me what to do next please.

I can easily transition to the park itself and ignore any mention of Helen forever in future. She has not called, texted or emailed on her return so I am thinking she does not want my help anymore.

Hope you can help me.

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A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him.