

False Bay Parking

Lots of talk and energy has gone in to trying to rationalize the parking problems on the roads around False Bay this past month, and for years actually, while the situation gradually worsens. The congestion is now year round, and becomes ever more hazardous as our population slowly increases. At one time there was no problem finding a parking spot close to the dock when one had business to conduct on the big island, but as more and more vehicles are left to be “handy” when their owners return from weeks or months away it has become harder or even impossible to park in the area.

The Regional District is exploring the possibility of taking over jurisdiction of the right of way from the Ministry of Transport so that seizure and removal of offending vehicles may become a reality. I feel the whole issue could be resolved if people would recognize that the time for long term parking on the right of way around False Bay has passed. Part time residents have to know that their vehicles are a hazard, in the way, and a colossal problem to the full time residents and the road crew. I assume if you are leaving an insured vehicle in FB for months you also have a piece of property where that vehicle could be safely and unobtrusively stored. Get to know your neighbors and get a lift to the departing ferry and leave the parking for people who are over for a day or 2.

This is a matter of good citizenship and respect for your fellow Lasquetians, a fundamental “do unto others” issue. There is nowhere else in the province where you can park your vehicle for months by the roadside, please refrain from doing it here. If people stop long term parking along the Main and Weldon Road approaches to False Bay the roads will be safer, pedestrians and bicyclists will be less at risk, seniors will get to their medical appointments easier, and False Bay will be more beautiful.

Please stop leaving vehicles long term in the False Bay area.

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