

Good Morning Members of the Committee:

My name is Roy Blair and I am a member of the group labelled RECALL which stands for Residents of Edgemont Community Against Leaf Levy and I have been a resident of Edgemont in excess of 31 years.

Today I would like to draw your attention to the fact that not all canvassers that took part in soliciting signatures for the LEAF PETITION did so in an ethical and forth right manner despite what some of the PRO LEAF 'ERS have stated.

Since becoming a member of RECALL I have been made aware of many e-mails, letters and calls to members of our group wherein they were complaints of:

Not being fully informed of all pertain information that was contained, or should have been contained in the Petition:

- The levy of \$84.00 per year (contained)
- The levy could be increased at a compounded rate of 3% per year (not contained)
- The initial duration for the levy is 5 years (not contained)

This lack of information resulted in a number of complainants wanting to have their name removed from the For Petition once all of this relative information became known.

Some of the complainants said they were approached more than once following their initial rejection (not willing to sign the For Petition) despite their requests that they not be approached again.

One of these emails/ letters in particular caught my attention that made me say to myself this is not right. The letter stated the following: and I quote (Eileen's letter).

In my opinion the foregoing was not only harassment but also a form of bullying as the 3 individuals intimidated this person into signing their petition.

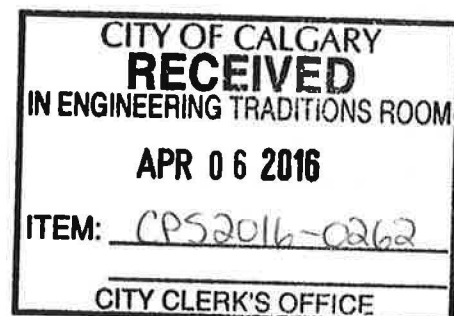
Another letter reads and I quote (read Hismat Shenuuda's letter)

These letters are but a small sampling of what the RECALL group has received complaining about the harassment by the Pro LEAF canvassers.

Should this committee approve the Leaf Program, then by extension, and contrary to the anti bullying T shirts this council was so proudly displaying only a few short weeks ago, they are indicating that they approve of the bullying tactics used in securing signatures on the For LEAF Petition and this would be hypocritical to say the least.

Copies of any or all of the fore mentioned e-mails/ letters will be made available to the members of this committee upon request.

Thank you for your attention.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

2016.02.12.

CANDESSERS CAME TO MY HOUSE

FIVE TIMES ASKING TO SIGN.

PETITION FOR HEAR. DAUGHTER

ANSWERED EVERYTIME AND

FINALLY ASKED THEM TO NOT


KNOCK ON THIS DOOR AGAIN


BECAUSE THEY WOKE UP MY 1 1/2

YEAR OLD GRANDSON & HE

WAS SCARED & CRIED. I REFUSED

TO SIGN PETITION.

  
WITNESS  
MERVIN L. HENKECHMAN.

  
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## Leaf Levy Discredit

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Eileen Wang <sunlife96@hotmail.com>

17 December 2015 at 21:54

To: "theweaver@shaw.ca" <theweaver@shaw.ca>

Hi Stephen,

We spoke over the phone the other day and you asked for a summary of my comments through e-mail so I have provided them below:

1. I saw no purpose in the initiative originally, and did not want to sign the petition
2. I was approached no less than 3 times at my door
3. The day I was pressured into signing the petition, 3 individuals showed up at my door (which was extremely intimidating and potentially threatening) and stated "that I was the last one to sign", which was apparently a lie and absolutely misleading.

Cheers,

Eileen Wang

# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:



I volunteered many hours to canvass residents of Edgemont to explain the LEAF program. Many negative statements concerning the conduct of the canvassers and merit of the program have been written.

1. When language barriers were identified, the LEAF Program administrators ensured persons with the appropriate language skills were put in touch with the identified resident.
2. The Hawkwood Community Association advised the \$50,000 annual cost was insufficient to sustain the LEAF Program. Compared to other communities surveyed it was determined that \$84,000 was not an excessive annual fee.
3. We did have concrete planters in our medians and public spaces filled with flowers when Carma Developers regarded Edgemont as its "flagship community".
4. All residents canvassed were advised of the annual cost. There was nothing secretive at all about the process as has been implied.
5. A survey revealed Edgemont is not in the top 50 of desirable communities. Perhaps the actions of people like those supporting the NO campaign has contributed to the decline of our community.
6. Using City resources has proven to be the most beneficial to other communities with a LEAF program.
7. When a resident indicated they were not interested in the LEAF program no further attempt to contact or induce their support was made.
8. The process used to initiate local improvements is democratic and one that the City has followed consistently.
9. There were open house sessions held at the Community Hall fully explaining the LEAF program. If people chose not to attend this is a fault they must bear. Throughout the community signs were placed advertising the LEAF program.

It is time to put this NO issue to rest. Just looking at our neighbouring communities you will see an obvious sense of pride which is lacking in parts of Edgemont.

Sincerely,  
Al Leach

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