I can not understand why anyone would want to establish a future old growth (FOG) forest in a relatively recent clear cut. The embedded aerial map is from the RDN website, dated 2005, which is about a year after the then owner of the Foothills property (not the current developer) logged it using a clear cut technique which removed any fir or cedar trees that had market value. The location of the FOG zone is shown on this aerial. I hiked into the southern portion of the FOG zone and have included pictures showing the 10 to 15 foot tall saplings you would expect to see. Also, there are pictures of the northern areas of the FOG zone showing timber left behind by the logger and a large wetland area. Declaring this area a FOG zone would be tantamount to saying GoGo's Christmas tree farm is now a FOG zone; it doesn't make any sense. Has anyone from the District office gone up there to see what this area looks like?

This area is located in a remote, hillside park; no one is going to cut any trees in this park to build a municipal swimming pool, playground, skating rink, etc….. Also, without a completed land survey and registered covenant, this FOG zone is meaningless. "Was that tree cut 10 feet inside the FOG zone or 10 feet outside? Who is cutting trees in municipal parks?

Council needs to stop wasting taxpayers money on vanity projects that bring no value to residents. Trees located in a municipal park are not going to be cut down unless a future Council has a good reason to cut them down, and no amendment to a bylaw is going to stop them.

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