

WEST KOOTENAY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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To:
Nelson City Council

August 28, 1998

Dear Councillors:

September 26 is the date of this year's international Take Back the Night observations.

This year, the West Kootenay Women's Association and the Nelson and District Women's Centre would like to hold a unique event, a rally in Lakeside Park followed by a sleepover on the adjacent field.

In conversation with Councillor Doug Jay, we have agreed not to camp in the park *per se*, but to use the adjacent land so that no precedent is set for the actual use of the park.

We would need the washrooms to be left open all night, and for there to be some flexibility around gate closure.

I have already discussed this event with Bob Henderson of the Nelson City Police, and he sees no problem with it, and is willing to make sure the local police check the perimeters of the event periodically and make sure no one who is not part of the event causes any trouble. We will take care of our own internal security.

I will talk with Janet Banks of the Nelson Police to see if she will help us to take responsibility for the security of the gate and the washrooms.

We would request permission to have one voice mike for the Rally, which would be in the early part of the evening. All music will be acoustic. We will not use any amplification or have any entertainment after 10pm, the Park closing time.

We will be working with the members of Nelson's Violence Against Women In Relationships Committee, which includes representatives from all agencies in Nelson who deal with this issue, including Aimee Beaulieu Transition House and both police forces.

We are willing to sign whatever agreement are necessary to take liability for this event at your convenience.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely
Moe Lyons
Coordinator
Nelson & District Women's Centre

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