

Date: May 23,2025
To: City Of Utqiagvik
From: James Patkotak
Re: Play Grounds/Junk Vehicles

To whom this may concern;

To begin, I attended the monthly meeting of the City Council on Thursday the 22nd, representing myself or perhaps the citizens of Utqiagvik, mainly for their Health & Welfare at the playgrounds here in the 1st Class City.

During the meeting, I was given a few minutes to express my concerns, and that I would echoe through this letter to strenghthen my comments.

Play Ground Concern;

For a number of years now, I have witnessed pets, stray dogs entering the play grounds either with their owners or strays entering through an unmaintained fence. WE know that dogs go around sniffing for other pooches poop or urine on the grounds, to leave a scent for other animals to let them know (I been here).

I'm going to make this short as possible, so please read in-between lines if you can.

Junk Vehicles on Right Of Way Roads;

If any of you drivers haven't noticed, there are so many unused/junk vehicles on roads causing potential accidents to pedestrians and drivers alike here in the City.

I am aware that in order to have them removed, we would have to go through NSB's Planning Department to remove them. That takes a long time process because of "red tape" and while waiting for the right way to go about this concern, there could be horrifying accidents to drivers/pedestrians.

Possible Solutions;

Put up visible signs around the playgrounds and enforce the City Ordinance.

Let the people of Utqiagvik know that there will be efforts to clean-up and remove vehicles with City Enforcers/Police before the summer is over.

These are valid concerns and should be addressed "For The Health and Welfare" of the people. When signs are put up, try and make them indestructible.

Concerned Citizen,

James

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James', with a large, stylized loop at the end.