

The City's problem runs much deeper than "terrible communications"

Ms. Kovach's May 3 article entitled 'Terrible communication problem' concerning the City's lack of informing its citizens was revealing. Councilor Riel is right to point out the inexcusable lack of respect the City has shown for the local community (and its ward councilors) in its approach to the March 21st drop-in session for Bonnerworth Park.

But the problem runs much, much deeper. The Bonnerworth Park debacle demonstrates that Council views this simply as an "information" and "communications" problem. This is the worst insult possible—that the lowly residents that Council is supposed to serve must merely be better informed of "what is going on"?!

They completely miss the boat. It is a consultation problem, not a communications problem. It is a huge one, and one that the City administration alone has created. After all the flak Council and staff have received over the severely impaired Bonnerworth process, they still don't get it. Or they don't care.