Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages

in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Visitor Petition

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada is a tourist destination known all over the world as a city of natural beauty and serenity. There are many faces to our Garden City – not just the one that caters to tourists. It is argued that the presence of horse-drawn carriages adds "ambiance" to Victoria. Records obtained from City Hall reveal:

- Complaints of the witnessed abuse of horses who are made to work while lame to keep up with the tourist demand;
- Injuries to horses, drivers, passengers and the general public when the horses become spooked by normal urban noise and bolt out-of-control;
- In 2003, approximately 80% of bylaw enforcement issues involved the horse-drawn carriage industry, consisting in part of "petty bickering" amongst the operators;
- Non-enforcement of the Vehicles For Hire Bylaw that requires all manure be picked up by the carriage operators, resulting in horse excrement and urine pollution throughout Victoria;
- Congestion and traffic concerns due to the slow movement of the horse-drawn carriages on increasingly busy city streets;
- Carriage drivers who are unable to effectively control the horses in this stressful urban environment;
- Numerous other health, safety and appropriateness concerns.

Progressive cities across the world, including Toronto, London, Las Vegas and Paris, have banned horse-drawn carriages. There is no reason why Victoria should not follow their example and make our city a horse-free zone.

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