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Calgary ..... 7th May, 19 37.

W. R. Reader, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Parks Department,  
City Hall,  
CALGARY, Alta.

Dear Sir,-

We received a letter from the City Clerk a few days ago giving our Society the right to wreck the old pavilion on St. George's Island. There was considerable delay in passing this resolution, and we do not think it wise to start more work than we can finish promptly. We do not, therefore, plan to start building the new concession stand immediately.

Our Concession man, Mr. Ramsay, asked us to leave one room intact, until we require the lumber, in order that he may try out a hot dog stand, which, if profitable could be included in our new Concession Building. He is making a few temporary alterations for this purpose.

We did not bother you with this, as we did not consider it of sufficient importance for one reason, and for another reason, I do not have spare time to hunt you up during your busy season.

We wish you, or someone whom it would be difficult for us to name, to send some unemployed men to continue wrecking all but the one main building of the old pavilion, which we desire left until our busy season on the Island is over.

A small load of new lumber was stolen from the Dinosaur location last night. We have not spiked things down, because we thought there was a watchman on duty.

We have ordered the wire, and will have gates put across the road where it now lies. We will pay for all material and welding, but will expect unemployed labor to assist on the construction part of the job. Is this agreeable to you?

We also wish to have a curfew bell installed on the Island, to be sounded before closing the gates. The hour for closing may be decided later.

We are planning to have some signs put up, such as, "No Fence Climbing", "No Dogs", "Reward for Theft or Destruction of Property" etc.

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Calgary.....14th June, 19 37.

W. R. Reader, Esq.,  
Parks Superintendent,  
City Hall,  
CALGARY, Alberta.

Dear Sir,-

Some time within the last twenty four hours, some destructive person seriously damaged our Chasmosaurus Dinosaur Model. This is the first one we built.

We appeal to you again to get the gates in place so that the Island may be closed. As I understand it now, it is a matter of you going ahead with it.

We also appeal to you to have unemployed labor properly fence these specimens. We have the fencing material on the grounds. We want to bring out the models we built during the winter as soon as possible, but we cannot do so until proper fencing is up to protect them.

I understand that last Sunday there was excessive crowding of cars on the Island. At a meeting of a few of our members this afternoon, it was suggested that I should again get in touch with you and see if you could use your influence for us to gain permission to charge a 10% entrance fee for automobiles on these special occasions. This would mean more room for automobiles to circulate around, and would give us a little boost from the standpoint of revenue.

Trusting you will be able to give this your early attention,

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Yours truly,

O. H. Patrick,  
President.

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Calgary.....7th May, 1937.

W. R. Reader, Esq., continued.

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We would appreciate some unemployed labor for our Dinosaur construction, if possible. So far, we have had a fully paid crew of six people, but it does seem to us that this should not continue.

We are planning to place the smaller Dinosaurs made last winter on the Island, and if you wish to take up with us the matter of where they are to be located, we shall be glad to have you do so. Unless you express a desire to do so, however, we will place them in the bushes at the west end of the Island, along the banks. We will preserve the brush wherever possible.

Trusting your angry passions are more easily soothed than mine, and that you will consider all our operations on St. George's Island as being done in a spirit of helpfulness.

Yours truly,

O. H. Patrick,  
President.

June 16, 7.

Dr. O. H. Patrick,  
President Calgary Zoological Society,  
Bay Block, Calgary.

Dear Sir:

I regret to hear that damage has been done to the Chamosaurus Dinosaur model at St. George's Island. I think, however, there is a very definite misunderstanding on your part with regard to the gates. You will probably remember, that at the joint meeting of the Zoological Society and the Parks and Playgrounds Committee held at St. George's Island, that I informed those present that there was a Bylaw in existance permitting us to close the parks at 11:00 each evening, and that the members of the Parks and Playgrounds Committee expressed the opinion that under these circumstances there was no reason why your Society could not complete the fencing of the park, and have gates erected which could be closed each night. At the time I offered to give you any assistance that I could in the way of relief labor, but certainly did not obligate my Department to complete the work.

I am again referring your request for permission to make a ten cent parking charge to the Parks and Playgrounds Committee. This is a matter of policy, and is therefore not a matter for me to decide.

Yours truly,

Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

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Calgary, 21st June, 1937.

W. R. Reader, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Parks Department,  
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir,-

I am sorry if I have made any mistake regarding the gates for the St. George's Island Park. My understanding was that if we would supply the material, you would supply the unemployed labor.

I am leaving the City this evening with my return date not set, as I have not been feeling well for over a month. I am going East seeking medical attention. What is done or left undone during my absence is up to the people here on the ground. I am going to take ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> further part until I return.

Thanking you for any courtesies which you have extended to me personally, or to the Society of which I am President,

Yours truly,

O. H. Patrick,  
President,

CALGARY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

June 22, 7.

Dr. O. H. Patrick,  
President Zoological Society,  
Bay Block, Calgary.

Dear Dr. Patrick:

I am extremely sorry to hear of your indisposition, and hope that your trip to the East and the medical attention you receive there will prove entirely beneficial to you. I

I have given instructions to Webb at the island to carry out your wishes with regard to the gates, and also any necessary protection you may desire in the way of fencing around the dinosaur models. The understanding being that relief labor will be provided for the work and the Zoological Society will provide the material. I might say that Mr. Webb had these instructions immediately on receipt of your first letter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Superintendent of Parks & Recreation.

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Calgary.....9th July, 1937

W. R. Reader, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Parks Department,  
CALGARY, Alta.

Dear Sir,-

Owing to the unusual amount of loss in this City due to vandalism, probably on the part of teen aged lads, we are asking you and two other City Departments if you are willing to contribute a reward for the arrest and conviction of these destructive persons. We feel that the joint contributions of three City Departments and our Society should constitute a substantial reward, which would make it worth while for someone to go to the trouble of catching these lads.

Our idea is that we should concentrate on catching them on St. George's Island. Within the next week we will have arranged for only two outlets on the Island, both of which can be closed by gates. When any malicious act is discovered, these gates can be closed at once, and it should be easier to catch these boys on St. George's Island than in any other part of the City. We have actually seen destructive acts on the Island, but when we started after the boys, they outfooted their pursuers and escaped.

If you are willing to cooperate with us in this matter, we will submit our plan, or consider any plan you might have to offer. If there are no convictions, you will not be called upon to pay anything. As and when we have obtained a conviction, we propose to interview the Police Magistrate with regard to the penalty to be imposed.

We would circularize the public thoroughly in connection with this matter, without cost to you or undue publicity for ourselves.

Trusting we may have an early reply,

Yours truly,

O. H. Patrick,  
President.

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Calgary.....10th December, 1937.

W. R. Reader, Esq.,  
Superintendent,  
Parks Department,  
City Hall,  
CALGARY, Alberta.

Dear Sir,-

As you know, for the past ten years I have been President of the Calgary Zoological Society. During this time we have continuously worked for the improvement of St. George's Island Park. We have raised in money and kind values of more than \$50,000.00. We have aspirations to make this park not only a place of recreation, education and profit to our citizens, but a decided attraction to the tourist traffic. Our future plans include the following.-

1. Completion of the Dinosaur and Fossil Remains Garden, including the housing not only of the Dinosaur skeleton that is being erected for us by the National Museum at Ottawa, but the building to be of sufficient size to include fossil remains that we already have accumulated and leaving sufficient space to exhibit donations we hope to have made to us by private owners who would be willing to give them outright or loan them for exhibition purposes.
2. We require a proper water supply for the Island, and we believe this can be better accomplished by installing a Dutch Windmill than by attaching it to the City Waterworks System. This should be attended to this season.
3. We hope to house the natural history specimens now in storage in this City in small housings, resembling caves, grottoes, small nooks, etc. These housings would be unique, inexpensive and artistic. The information gained in connection with this form of exhibition has been gained from observations made throughout many parts of the world, and it can be made unquestionably attractive and at an expense of a small percentage of what it would cost us to house them in the ordinary way, and has the additional advantage



W. R. Reader, Esq.,

10th December, 1937.

of these small individual buildings being built as and when finances would permit.

4. In addition to the above, we would like to see erected a modern, inexpensive, unique and artistic pavilion, the construction of which need not be any more than that used for the housing of the natural history exhibits which would consist principally of a skeleton frame covered with metal lath and stuccoed, with practically no expense on the interior except what can be made from nature's abundance of trees, leaves, moss, etc.

5. It is not our desire to create much, if any larger Zoo than we have at the present time, but there are many expenses that we are put to continuously to improve our housings, and the necessary increase of attractive specimens.

The above gives you a rough outline of some of the things which we want to do on St. George's Island. It is quite impossible for us to do this without some assistance from the City, and we appeal to you as Superintendent of Parks, that we may, through your Department, present this matter to the Mayor and Commissioner and Members of the City Council in such a way as to show them that more consideration than has been given in the past should be given to the efforts of our Society in the way of creating an additional attraction for this City.

We wish you to ask for not less than \$5,000.00 to be spent by us on your approval, or on the approval of anyone they may see fit to appoint. We agree on our part to continue our efforts as we have been doing during the past ten years, and we expect to complete the Dinosaur Garden without any assistance, and to carry on our efforts in connection with the Zoo. We hope, through our efforts and your assistance, to be able to get placed in Banff an exhibit of small Dinosaur Models encased in an attractive cabinet, well lighted and placed in one of the prominent streets, suggesting that the tourist make a visit to Calgary, the Commercial City of the Foothills, telling them of the good road and short distance.

By doing this, we will have completed the first step toward one of our objectives, namely, the deflecting of tourists to this City.

I may further say to you that if we are unable to get the assistance referred to from the City, we will not be able to get the support from our citizens that we have in the past, and I do not believe that I am exaggerating when I say that the present Zoological Board will not function.

Yours truly,

*O. H. Patrick*

O. H. Patrick,  
President.