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Saturday, May 19, 1956

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DEC 31/56 9:10 17.0 feet

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Assails Mayor For Remarks

Statement on 1956 Budget Of Parks Board "Uncalled For"

Remarks made by Mayor George E. Hills April 23 when the Board of Parks Commissioners for Prince Rupert presented its 1956 budget to city council were last night dubbed "uncalled for" and "in bad taste" by a member of the board.

Commissioner Hugo Kraupner in a letter to board chairman Charles Balagno hit out at statements made by Mayor Hills in which he compared the 56 park budget to 1951 public works expenditures and expressed disapproval of a system in which he said "those who drew up the budget were not responsible for the rate levy."

"I feel that as a Parks Board we must object strongly to these

remarks to which I feel Mayor Hills was not entitled, and which in effect amounted to ridicule of the Parks Board as a whole," Mr. Kraupner said.

Mayor Hills' remarks on the board's proposed budget were made at a city council meeting before the 1956 park estimates of \$53,861 were referred to the finance committee. City allotted Parks Board \$31,500 in the 1956 city budget.

Duty to Ask for What Needed

"As a Parks Board, working without remuneration, I feel that it is our duty to ask for the amount of money which we feel is necessary each year for the development of our parks, which our fellow citizens expect of us," Mr. Kraupner said in his letter.

Mr. Kraupner's letter went on to point out that the commissioners were acting on the Parks Board because they were "vitally and enthusiastically interested in the progressive advancement of park facilities in Prince Rupert." "Mayor Hills has no business to

single out our group from any other committee preparing a budget for the city council," Mr. Kraupner said.

Commissioner Kraupner said that the board was not interested in what the city spent in 1951 for public works, but board members had been elected by Prince Rupert voters to do a good job as far as city parks are concerned.

"We are the ones that know what is needed and what we should ask for in order to make the city a better place in which to live," the letter continued.

Equal to Slur on Parks Board

"I feel that all of us are affected strongly by the remarks his worship has made. They are equal to a slur on the intelligence of us all," the letter concluded.

Speaking to the matter at a parks board meeting last night, Commissioner Kraupner said that it had not been possible for him to bring it to the board before this. The day after his mayor's remarks were published, Mr. Kraupner said, he had been attending a meeting of the Four-

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