

Subject: RE: Notification of matters to be discussed at Closed Council Meeting

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 10:55:58 -0800

From: Agnes Hilsen <ahilsen@district.north-van.bc.ca>

To: "Corrie Kost" <corrie@kost.ca>

CC: fonvca@fonvca.org

Dear Mr. Kost:

This will advise that the closed meeting agenda is reviewed very carefully to ensure that all items on the agenda comply with the criteria for discussion at a closed meeting. Notice of the meeting is given in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act and with Council's Procedure Bylaw. A resolution to close the meeting and to state the basis on which the meeting is also required. If an item is added to the agenda for discussion, it requires a resolution of Council and the item must meet the criteria for discussion at a closed meeting.

In accordance with Council's Procedure Bylaw, items dealt with at a closed meeting of Council are considered confidential until the decision is released, either by the Mayor or by resolution of Council. I will, therefore, not comment specifically on the decisions of the December 3 closed meeting, since neither the Mayor nor Council have released these.

I will advise, however, that notice of the December 3 meeting was given in accordance with the requirements. The meeting was closed on the basis that all of the items on the agenda complied with the closed meeting criteria specified in Section 242.2.

I trust that this responds to your concerns.

Yours truly,

Agnes Hilsen
Municipal Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: Corrie Kost [<mailto:corrie@kost.ca>]

Sent: December 8, 2001 12:24 PM

To: Agnes Hilsen

Cc: fonvca@fonvca.org; corrie@kost.ca

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Dear Agnes Hilsen,

It has come to my attention that a number of agenda items are being discussed at Special (closed) meetings of council which have not been posted as required by Section 223 of the Local Government Act. I also believe that a number of items are being discussed at these meetings which do not fall under the requirement that the public be excluded, ie. they are not pursuant to Section 242.2 of the Local Government Act. A specific concern is with the closed meeting that council held on December 3/2001.

I believe it is the responsibility of the presiding Clerk to ensure that the governance rules are being adhered to. I would like to be assured by your office that my concerns noted above are without foundation. Any assistance your office could provide on this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Corrie Kost